



WMSC Inspection Report 20250307A

ISSUED 3/10/2025

Inspection Details

Title: Observation of WMATA Track Inspection from North Bethesda to Twinbrook, Track 1

Location: Track 1 A12 (North Bethesda) to A13 (Twinbrook)

Date: 3/7/2025

Time: 7:00am to 11:30am

Unannounced

Non-Risk Based

Functional Area: Track

Overview

On Friday, March 7, 2025, WMSC Inspectors met with Track and Structures (TRST) Track Inspectors at the office in Shady Grove Yard and received their initial safety briefing for the day. Inspectors selected an inspection team to observe from the four teams scheduled to conduct track inspections that day.

The WMATA/WMSC Inspection Team was assigned to inspect four Shady Grove Yard switches (switches 149, 153, 154, and 157) and then inspect Main Line Track 1 from Shady Grove (A15) to North Bethesda (A12). The WMATA Inspection Team included a Roadway Worker-in-Charge (RWIC), one Track Inspector, and one Supervisor (as an additional Watchman/Lookout). WMSC met the Roadway Worker-in-Charge (RWIC), who provided a safety briefing for the yard switches. The WMATA inspectors along with the WMSC inspectors proceeded across the yard and inspected all four switches.

WMSC Inspectors then took a train to Twinbrook (A13) and had another job briefing on the platform with the WMATA Advanced Mobile Flagger who was assigned to that station. WMSC Inspectors then took a train to North Bethesda (A12) and began their oversight of the track inspection team working in the direction of Twinbrook (A13) on track 1. There was one Foul Time segment at the portal 662+00 to 677+00.

The WMSC team noted all WMATA employees followed all Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) procedures and WMSC Inspectors report the job briefings were well done.



After concluding the inspection, the WMSC inspectors conducted a debrief with the WMATA Supervisor in accordance with Program Standard Section 6.F.1.

Defects and Corrective Actions

WMSC Inspections identify safety issues that may be classified as defects, findings, or recommendations. Findings and recommendations are defined by Program Standard Section 5.E.2 and 5.E.3 respectively. Ordinarily, issues identified in a WMSC inspection report are classified as defects. Defects are specific safety issues of non-conformance/non-compliance that are identified and that require remedial action.

This inspection did not identify any findings or recommendations and therefore does not require a WMSC Corrective Action Plan in accordance with Program Standard Section 5.E.4.

This inspection did not identify any defects; therefore, WMATA is only required to acknowledge receipt by March 13, 2025.

Defect Observations and Determinations

During the track inspection, WMATA Inspectors noted some broken clips, but not enough, and not close enough together, to be a defect as defined in the Program Standard. There were some missing third rail coverboards, but the WMATA Inspector confirmed that all of the missing coverboards were previously identified, reported, and work orders are in progress.

Next Steps

Please respond by **Thursday, March 13, 2025**, to acknowledge receipt.