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Subject: State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program Audit Tracking Closeout

Dear Dr. Mayer,

This letter is to formally acknowledge the closing of all findings associated with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) State Safety Oversight (SSO) audit of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (WMSC) conducted on May 7-10, 2024.

During the audit, FTA identified one instance where the WMSC's oversight program was found to be in "Non-Compliance" with specific requirements of 49 CFR Part 674. Based on the Final Audit Report dated September 20, 2024, WMSC was required to address this one finding.

WMSC worked with FTA's Office of Safety Oversight and Compliance in the recent months to gain approval of the Correction Action by submitting documentation to demonstrate the finding was adequately addressed. As a result of WMSC's submissions, the FTA is satisfied with the WMSC Corrective Action and relevant documentation and is able to closeout the one Finding of Non-Compliance from FTA's SSO audit.

Conclusion

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in working with FTA to support this audit. Your actions to address our recommendations will contribute significantly to the goal of improved safety for rail transit passengers and employees in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area.

If you have any questions concerning the audit, or if we can be of assistance, please contact Daniel Gardella, SSO Program Manager, TSO, at Daniel.Gardella@dot.gov.



Sincerely,

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