



## **WMSC’S SECOND TRIENNIAL AUDIT CYCLE**

### **Cumulative Three-Year Audit Report**

The Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (WMSC) Triennial Safety Audit of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metrorail system was conducted on an ongoing basis over a three-year period, from 2022 through 2025, to cover Metrorail’s compliance with all elements of its Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). This cumulative report outlines the 13\* audits completed during this cycle with links to the individual reports issued for each audit.

This report is in accordance with 49 CFR section 674.31 and the related WMSC Program Standard Section 5.E.6 (Cumulative Three-Year Audit Report). 49 CFR section 674.31 requires:

“At the conclusion of the three-year audit cycle, the SSOA shall issue a report with findings and recommendations arising from the triennial or ongoing audit, which must include, at minimum, an analysis of the effectiveness of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, recommendations for improvements, and a corrective action plan, if necessary or appropriate. The RTA must be given an opportunity to comment on the findings and recommendations.”

\*To-date, the WMSC has been unable to complete the audit of WMATA’s Fitness for Duty and Occupational Health Programs because WMATA refused to provide responsive documents to most of the document requests required for the WMSC to begin assessment of those programs as required by the WMSC Compact (section 30(e)) and federal regulation (49 CFR section 674.31). As of the issuance of this cumulative report on the WMSC’s second triennial audit cycle, WMATA has not yet provided most of the documents required to plan and complete that audit. On December 17, 2025, the WMSC received a favorable court Order following its request to enforce a subpoena issued for these initial audit documents. WMATA may appeal this Order. Once the appeal period ends, or once the appeal process concludes, if an appeal is filed, the WMSC will conduct this audit.

Each completed audit was conducted in accordance with Section 30(e) of the WMSC Compact, 49 CFR section 674.31, and the WMSC Program Standard, including the documented methods and criteria of gathering and reviewing documents, interviews, inspections, and site visits of the Metrorail system to assess Metrorail’s compliance with its Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, and with its own documented requirements and other written commitments.

Collectively, as documented in this single audit volume encompassing all audits from this triennial cycle, this work analyzed the effectiveness of Metrorail’s PTASP, required corrective action plans when necessary and appropriate, and offered recommendations for improvements. Each audit report was issued after Metrorail had an opportunity to review that report and provide feedback to the WMSC in accordance with WMSC Program Standard section 5.E.5.

The ongoing audits resulted in 78 findings requiring Metrorail corrective action plans (CAPs) and 18 recommendations that Metrorail is required to address. During the WMSC's first triennial cycle, the completed audits resulted in 167 findings and 28 recommendations. The WMSC also issued other findings requiring corrective action plans during this period outside of these audit reports relating to its other oversight authorities including inspections and investigations.

Each finding identified an area in which Metrorail was not meeting its own written requirements, did not have adequate procedures, processes, or requirements, or did not have adequate training, coordination, and supervision.

As of December 17, 2025, Metrorail completed work on 31 corrective action plans to address findings or recommendations issued in one of these audit reports. 70 CAPs remain open or in development. The WMSC will see each CAP through to its successful completion to ensure that each result in the necessary safety improvement.

<b>Audit Review Area</b>	<b>Date of Release</b>
<a href="#">Audit of Track Maintenance and Training</a>	December 14, 2022
<a href="#">Audit of Internal Safety Review Program</a>	January 4, 2023
<a href="#">Audit of Structures Program</a>	July 25, 2023
<a href="#">Audit of Roadway Maintenance Machines Program</a>	October 18, 2023
<a href="#">Audit of Automatic Train Control (ATC) and Signals Program</a>	January 18, 2024
<a href="#">Audit of Metrorail Power Systems</a>	February 7, 2024
<a href="#">Audit of Revenue Vehicles (Railcar) Program</a>	May 21, 2024
<a href="#">Audit of Roadway Worker Protection Program</a>	July 31, 2024
<a href="#">Audit of Fitness for Duty and Occupational Health Programs</a>	*Not Completed (see link)
<a href="#">Audit of Emergency Management and Life Safety Programs</a>	January 29, 2025
<a href="#">Audit of Metrorail's Control Center and Rail Operations</a>	August 27, 2025
<a href="#">Audit of Elevators and Escalators</a>	October 15, 2025
<a href="#">Audit of Communication Systems</a>	December 4, 2025