

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Reaffirm System Safety Policy

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board approval of the System Safety Policy Statement.

DESCRIPTION:

The policy statement reflects the Board's mandate in regards to the overall system safety, directing all policies, procedures and processes are in place that conform with FTA regulations 49 CFR, Part 659 and ensure proper oversight and reporting is maintained and documented in accordance with eh regulation.

The policy statement adopted by the Board in Decemeber 2010 is part of the System Safety Program Plan and reflects the missions, goals and objectives of the Board in relation to the implementation, control and reporting of system safety throughout Metro. It establishes the importance of safety and is a component part of the safety culture within Metro.

The reaffirmation by the Board demonstrated their continued commitment to improving the overall safety of the employees and public.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Define current or potential funding impact, including source of reimbursable funds.	
Project Manager:	NA
Project Department/Office:	NA

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the System Safety Program Policy Statement.

SUBJECT: REAFFIRMATION OF THE WMATA SYSTEM SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

2012-10
RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors approved the WMATA System Safety Policy Statement on April 23, 1983; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors last amended the WMATA System Safety Policy Statement on December 16, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors, in response to the Federal Transit Administration's issuance of revised Title 49 CFR, Part 659, Rail Fixed Guideway Systems; State Safety Oversight, effective May 1, 2006, directed that the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer ensure that WMATA complies with the Tri-State Oversight Committee's Program Standard, Program Procedures and the WMATA System Safety Program Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Board Safety & Security Committee provides safety management oversight of WMATA activities; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Board Safety and Security Committee recognizes the positive strides taken by WMATA in improving the safety of all employees and public-at-large; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors reaffirms the attached amendment to the WMATA System Safety Policy Statement that formalizes safety management oversight of the WMATA activities by the Board Safety and Security Committee and establishes that ongoing monitoring of the following form the basis of the Board Safety and Security Committee's safety management oversight process of WMATA Bus, Rail, and MetroAccess: (1) maintenance; (2) support and construction activities; (3) operations and safety data; (4) written accident/incident reports and staff briefings regarding fatalities, serious injuries, fires, major collisions (property damage equaling or exceeding \$100,000); (5) safety matters receiving media attention; (6) National Transportation Safety Board and Tri-State Oversight Committee investigations; and (7) the Hazard Identification/Resolution Matrix; and annual internal safety audit reports; and be it further

Motioned by Mr. Downey, seconded by Mr. Acosta

Ayes: 8 - Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Downs, Mr. Downey, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Dyke, Ms. Bowser, Mr. Acosta and Mr. Barnes

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel

WMATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SYSTEM SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

(Amendment 4)

The mission of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is to operate and maintain a safe, reliable and effective transit system that enhances mobility, improves the quality of life, and stimulates economic development in the Washington metropolitan area. Safety shall be a major consideration in every stage of all WMATA activities, including planning, design, construction, testing, operations, and maintenance of the coordinated Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess Systems to ensure the highest practical level of safety for customers, employees, first responders and the general public. In this regard, WMATA shall comply with the Federal Transit Administration regulations 49 CFR, Part 659, Rail Fixed Guideway Systems; State Safety Oversight; Final Rule and applicable local, state, and federal requirements for the safety of transportation systems and related facilities.

To meet the goal of System Safety, three objectives have been established:

1. To avoid loss of life, injury of persons and damage or loss of property;
2. To instill a commitment to safety in all WMATA employees and contractor personnel; and
3. To provide for the identification and control of safety hazards, the study of safety requirements, the design, installation and fabrication of safe equipment, facilities, systems, and vehicles and a systematic approach to the analysis and surveillance of operational safety for facilities, systems, vehicles and equipment.

A comprehensive System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) has been developed and implemented to maintain WMATA's safety objectives and programs and should result in the elimination or control of safety hazards and the reduction of accident rates to facilitate continuous improvement in WMATA's safety performance; striving for zero accidents. The SSPP shall comply with Section 10 of the Tri-State Oversight Committee's (TOC) Program Standard and Procedures. The SSPP shall organize all safety activities into a coordinated and integrated effort directed toward optimizing the safety features of equipment and operation.

The SSPP shall ensure that safety standards are established and that appropriate evaluation and review are accomplished on all facets of the WMATA operations, including system design, construction, testing, system safety and security certification, operations, and maintenance. The SSPP also shall address the procedures required to ensure customer and employee safety.

It is recognized that accountability for safety rests with each Board Member and every WMATA employee, including each supervisor, manager and executive, and that each is responsible for meeting the safety requirements of their position. Individual employees must comply with the safety rules and procedures for his/her position, and supervisors,

managers and executives must enforce the safety rules, procedures, standards and programs applicable to their departments. The SSPP shall identify the activities and the responsibilities of all participants who are involved with the design, construction, testing, operation, and maintenance of the transit system.

The General Manager is charged with the responsibility of establishing annual WMATA Safety objectives for submission to the Board of Directors in June of each year. The General Manager or designee shall submit to the Board of Directors, at the end of each fiscal year, a safety report on the WMATA operational, industrial, and construction safety performance to confirm that the safety program is being sustained as a top priority and record how the actual safety performance compares with established safety objectives. Further, a quarterly report on safety performance shall be submitted to the Board of Directors to include key safety issues, a summary of significant accidents or incidents, and recommendations for safety improvement. The General Manager has designated the WMATA System Safety and Environmental Management (SAFE) Department for overall safety management for the development and implementation of the SSPP. The System Safety and Environmental Management Department, Chief Safety Officer reports directly to the General Manager.

The Board Safety and Security Committee was established to provide continual oversight to assure that all Metro facilities, systems, vehicles, equipment and operations are safe and secure for passengers, employees and the public served by Metro. The committee, comprised of the entire Board of Directors, will usually meet monthly and make recommendations for Board adoption that are focused on the direction and goals of Metro's safety, security and police operations.

The Board Safety and Security Committee will ensure that Metro is responsive to the Tri-State Oversight Committee, the Federal Transit Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board and that internal and external safety recommendations to Metro are handled expeditiously and effectively.

Metro's Chief Safety Officer and Chief of Police will report regularly to the committee on the status of safety and security programs, initiatives, incidents, metrics and the responsiveness of the agency to any safety findings and recommendations.

Adopted by the WMATA
Board of Directors
April 28, 1983
Amended on May 14, 1987
Amended on March 13, 1997
Amended on October 19, 2006
Amended on December 16, 2010