

**Minutes  
Safety & Security Committee  
September 3, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. Present were:

**Committee Members**

Mr. Michael Goldman, Chair  
Mr. Tom Bulger, Vice Chair  
Mr. William Euille  
Mr. Mortimer Downey  
Mr. Leif Dormsjo

**Other Members**

Mr. Malcolm Augustine  
Mr. Jack Evans  
Ms. Keturah Harley  
Ms. Mary Hynes  
Ms. Catherine Hudgins  
Mr. Corbett Price  
Ms. Harriet Tregoning

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of July 23, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Deputy General Manager, Operations Robert Troup, announced that effective 9/6/15, Mr. Andy Off will take over the role of Assistant General Manager for the Department of Transit Infrastructure and Engineering Services (TIES) from Acting AGM Randall Grooman.

**Information Items**

**A. Operational Investigation Report on Derailment (R. Troup/J. Dougherty)**

Mr. Troup provided the Committee with an overview of the Preliminary Incident Report on the August 6, 2015 derailment of a Blue Line train between Federal Triangle and Smithsonian stations. His overview included information about the incident review process, as well as the cause of the incident and other contributing factors. Mr. Troup also outlined the Track Geometry Vehicle (TGV) inspection process and a list of process changes that are currently being put into effect as a result of the incident.

Members of the Board and Committee raised questions about the track inspection process, employee training and procedures regarding temporary vs. permanent repairs. Members also strongly urged greater transparency regarding the release of information about this investigation and other safety matters.

Chief Safety Officer Jim Dougherty gave an update on the joint Tri-State Oversight Committee (TOC)/Metro investigation into the August 6<sup>th</sup> derailment. He indicated the investigation includes a review of contributing factors such as human error, policies and procedures, training, maintenance protocols and prior year records. He noted that the final incident report is due October 4, 2015. Once it is submitted, the TOC has 10 business days to review before it is approved. Once approved, it should be available to the public mid-October.

Members expressed major concerns with the role of the Safety Department and demanded that it take a more active role in both incident investigations and in safety oversight of day-to-day activities.

Ms. Tregoning brought up the issue of communication while on the train and what is being done to improve cell phone reception in the event of an emergency. Due to the special nature of this meeting, which was scheduled to specifically discuss the August 6 derailment, the Committee decided to revisit this issue during the next session scheduled for September 25, 2015.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.