

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

## Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:  
202014

Resolution:  
☐ Yes ☒ No

### TITLE:

Acceptance of OIG Reports

### PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

One semiannual report and two audit reports submitted to the Executive Committee for acceptance

### PURPOSE:

The Executive Committee's acceptance of OIG's reports entitled:

1. Semiannual Report to the Board of Directors, No. 22
2. Audit of WMATA's Separated Employees' Unearned Annual Leave Overpayments
3. Audit of WMATA's Security Over Publicly Accessible Web Applications

### DESCRIPTION:

#### Key Highlights:

#### 1. Semiannual Report to the Board of Directors, No. 22

During this report, OIG:

- Issued 6 reports of investigations (ROIs)
- Issued 2 audit reports
- Reviewed pricing information in contractors' proposals with values of \$12,692,387 and suggested \$944,829 in net audit adjustments

#### 2. Audit of WMATA's Separated Employees' Unearned Annual Leave Overpayments

Situation:

- Paid unearned annual leave to 429 non-represented employees, a total of over 37,000 hours, upon separating from the Authority
- Unearned annual leave overpayments totaled over \$1.9 million in a 24-month period

Impact:

- Paying for unearned annual leave is considered a benefit
- Policy is unclear

Management's Solution: To implement the recommendation

### **3. Audit of WMATA's Security Over Publicly Accessible Web Applications**

Situation:

- WMATA manages 17 publicly accessible web applications (e.g., SmarTrip)
- Per Verizon, web applications represent 35% of data breaches

Impact:

- A data breach could have a detrimental impact on WMATA's mission, operations, and critical infrastructure

Management's Solution: To implement the recommendations

#### **Background and History:**

When the Executive Committee determines there is no conflict remaining between the IG's findings and recommendations and management's response, it will accept the reports as final, and the reports and corrective action plans shall be deemed approved. Acceptance of the final reports constitute the Board's authorization to post the reports on the WMATA website provided the IG has conferred with the General Counsel and confirmed that any private or confidential information has been redacted in accordance with applicable law and WMATA policy.

#### **Discussion:**

The work highlighted in these reports demonstrates OIG's commitment to promoting accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness in WMATA's programs and operations and keeping the Board of Directors fully and currently informed about deficiencies in WMATA's activities, as well as the necessity for and progress of corrective actions.

There were no conflicts between the IG's findings and recommendations listed in these reports and management's response. The IG has conferred with the General Counsel and confirmed that any private or confidential information has been removed/redacted in accordance with applicable law and WMATA policy.

#### **FUNDING IMPACT:**

There is no impact on funding.

**TIMELINE:**

Anticipated action after presentation: Executive Committee's acceptance of these OIG reports.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Executive Committee's acceptance of these OIG reports.