

**Minutes
Safety & Service Delivery Committee
November 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present were:

Committee Members

Mr. Robert Lauby
Ms. Keturah Harley
Mr. Jeff Marootian
Mrs. Catherine Hudgins

Other Members

Mr. Anthony Costa
Mr. Jack Evans
Mr. David Horner
Mr. Michael Goldman
Mr. Corbett Price

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 16, 2017 Safety Committee Meeting and the Customer Service, Operations and Security Committee Meeting were approved as presented.

Information Items

A. Red Line Signal Issue (J. Leader)

Joe Leader briefed the committee on current red line signal issues. Red Line disruptions stem from defects in the line's signal system similar to the one that caused the fatal 2009 train collision near Fort Totten. A recent audit and emergency testing found deteriorating insulation on the electrical cables used as part of Metro's signal system causing the cables to leak electricity in the area between the Brookland and Takoma stations. It's possible that the deteriorated cables could cause the ROCC to lose sight of a train, or could erroneously instruct a train operator to proceed at full speed, even with another train idling ahead. Therefore, Metro will shut down that segment of track to conduct a replacement of thousands of feet of cable from Friday, 12/15 through Monday, 12/18.

B. Automatic Train Operation (ATO) Update (P. Lavin)

Pat Lavin provided a briefing to the committee on WMATA's progress in evaluating the return to Automatic Train Operation (ATO). Trains are currently being operated by train operators who control train speed, acceleration, slowing and stopping, and opening/closing doors which is less efficient and contributes to an inconsistent, jerky ride for passengers. ATO will provide several benefits which will include the following: smoother ride, improved schedule adherence, red signal overrun reduction; improved power utilization; and reduction in wrong side door openings. WMATA is currently in the process of contracting an independent consultant to perform a safety analysis of returning to ATO.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.