Meeting Minutes Safety and Operations Committee October 14, 2021

Committee Chair Drummer called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Present were:

Committee Members

Mr. Don Drummer, Chair

Ms. Kamilah Martin-Proctor, Vice Chair

Mr. Paul Smedberg

Mr. Thomas Bulger

Other Members

Ms. Lucinda Babers

Mr. Gregory Slater

Mr. Matt Letourneau

Ms. Sarah Kline

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Drummer moved, seconded by Mr. Bulger, to amend the agenda to add an update on the October 12 Blue Line derailment between Arlington Cemetery and Rosslyn stations and to change the order of the Information Items. The agenda was approved as amended.

Chair Drummer stated that Board member Kline recused herself from the Agency Safety Plan and Metrorail Fleet Plan and Rail Service Standards items and would rejoin the committee for the Silver Line Phase 2 Update.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Information Item

October 12, 2021 Blue Line Derailment Update

Staff briefed the committee about the facts of the October 12, 2021 Blue Line derailment that occurred between Arlington Cemetery and Rosslyn stations. Staff informed the committee that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is the primary investigating entity; therefore, WMATA staff will not comment further, nor speculate about, the cause(s) of the derailment in accordance with the party agreement and the NTSB's process.

Action Item

Approval of the Agency Safety Plan Update

Mr. Smedberg moved, seconded by Ms. Martin-Proctor to approve the updates to Metro's Agency Safety Plan (ASP), which incorporates extensive feedback from the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (WMSC) and describes how Metro will develop and implement its Safety Management System. This motion was approved unanimously.

Information Item

A. Metrorail Fleet Plan and Rail Service Standards

Staff briefed the committee on the proposed Metrorail fleet management strategy and draft rail service standards. The rail fleet plan will be brought back to the Board for approval and submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) later this year.

B. Silver Line Phase 2 Update

Staff provided the committee an update about the status of Silver Line Phase 2 issues, and progress toward hiring and training to operate the new extension.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.