

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202284

Resolution:
☐ Yes ☒ No

TITLE:

Acceptance of OIG's Report

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Management Assistance Report – Review of WMATA's Improper Payments submitted to the Executive Committee for acceptance.

PURPOSE:

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

Management Assistance Report – Review of WMATA's Improper Payments

DESCRIPTION:

N/A

Key Highlights:

Situation: While WMATA has disbursement controls to prevent improper payments, ^[1] it has not established a comprehensive improper payment program. WMATA has not:

- Identified transactions susceptible to improper payments;
- Designed controls to prevent, detect and reduce improper payments; and
- Reported improper payment metrics to leadership.

Impact: WMATA is a steward of significant public resources, as its total annual disbursements (payments) for FY2019 was \$2.1 billion. A program would ensure that WMATA has a:

- defined proactive process to safeguard against future improper payments, and
- system to recover funds when improper payments occur.

Management Solution: WMATA agreed to implement a more comprehensive

improper payment program by June 30, 2022.

[1] Broadly defined, improper payments are those made for the wrong amount, to the wrong entity, or for the wrong reason.

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 report as final, and the report and corrective action plan shall be deemed approved. Acceptance of the final report constitutes the Board's authorization to post the report on the WMATA website provided the Inspector General has conferred with the General Counsel and confirmed that any private or confidential been redacted in accordance with applicable law and WMATA policy.

Discussion:

The work highlighted in this report 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 this report and management's response. The Inspector General 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 actions after presentation: Executive Committee's acceptance of this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Executive Committee accepts OIG's report.

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