

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202080

Resolution:
☐ Yes ☒ No

TITLE:

Acceptance of one OIG Report

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Audit report submitted to the Executive Committee for acceptance.

PURPOSE:

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

- Audit of WMATA's End-of-Service Life Operating System Software

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

- Audit of WMATA's End-of-Service Life Operating System Software

Situation: WMATA has computers running operating system software that are no longer supported by the vendor. The end of vendor support has, in some cases, ended years earlier.

Impact: When vendors stop supporting older versions of their products, those products pose significant security risks because updates are no longer available.

These “known” vulnerabilities can be more easily exploited increasing the opportunities for cyberattack and data breaches.

Management Solution: Management is in the process of implementing our 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 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 information has 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 OIG's report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Executive Committee accepts OIG's report.