

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ InformationMEAD Number:
201926Resolution:
☐ Yes ☒ No**TITLE:**

Acceptance of OIG Reports

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Two OIG reports submitted to the Audits and Investigations Committee for acceptance.

PURPOSE:

The Audits and Investigations Committee acceptance of OIG's reports entitled:

1. Semiannual Report to the Board of Directors, No. 20
2. Rail Safety: Evaluation of Radio Emergency Alarms

DESCRIPTION:**Key Highlights:**

1. Semiannual Report to the Board of Directors, No. 20

During this report, OIG:

- Issued 14 reports of investigations (ROIs)
- Issued 2 audit reports
- Reviewed pricing information in contractors' proposals with a value of \$321,695 and suggested \$35,185 in net audit adjustments

2. Rail Safety: Evaluation of Radio Emergency Alarms

Situation:

- Emergency alarm buttons pushed over 6,400 times in 20-month period
- Rail Operations Control Center (ROCC) did not respond

Impact:

- Non-response during real emergency
- Communications hampered within ROCC
- Communications hampered between ROCC and users

Management's Solution:

- Disable emergency alarm button

Background and History:

Per the Bylaws of the WMATA Board of Directors, when the Audits and Investigations 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 authorizations 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:

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| There is no impact on funding. | |
| Project Manager: | Stephen Dingbaum |
| Project Department/Office: | Office of Inspector General |

TIMELINE:

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| Anticipated actions after presentation | Audits and Investigations Committee acceptance of these two OIG reports. |
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RECOMMENDATION:

Audits and Investigations Committee acceptance of these two OIG reports.