# Modal Safety Benchmarking & Initiatives

Safety & Operations Committee









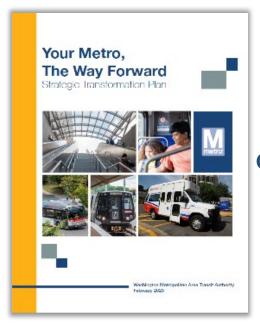


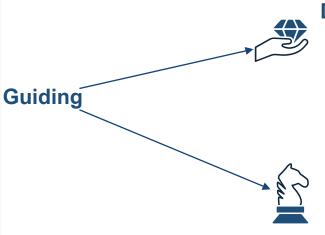












#### Day-to-day decisions

- Customer interactions
- Service schedules
- Communications

#### Long-term strategy

- Budget allocation
- Capital improvements
- Priority projects



#### Goals — Our priorities to achieve the vision



**Talented Teams** 

Regional
Opportunity and
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# Safety Performance Benchmarking

- Metro's safety performance is benchmarked against eight peer agencies:

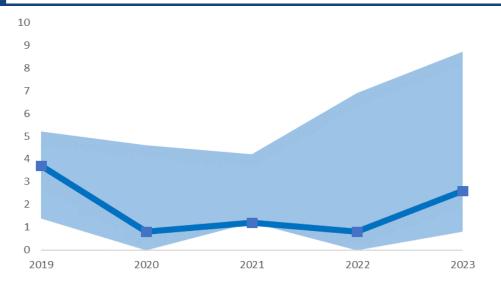
  - Boston MBTA **T**
  - Atlanta MARTA
  - San Francisco BART/MUNI **bii** Mul
  - Philadelphia SEPTA

  - New York NYCT
     New York City Transit
- Each mode's safety performance is shown as a trend over the past five years using National Transit
   Database (NTD) data, including data up to December 2023
- Rates are normalized across agencies by the number of incidents per 10 million vehicle revenue miles
- Utilize benchmarking and initiatives in the target-setting process for next year

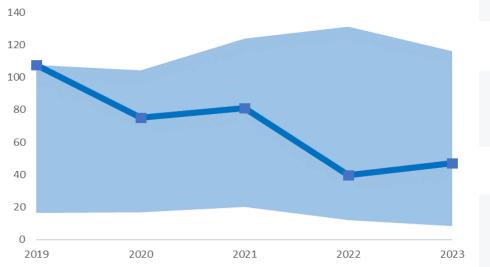


Peer agency performance range WMATA

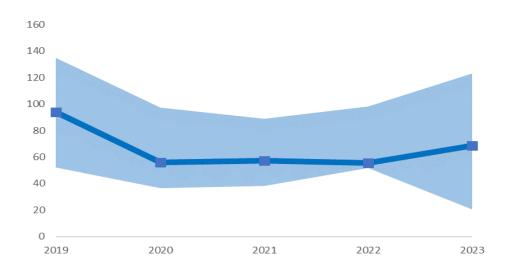
#### Bike/Pedestrian Injuries – Better than Industry



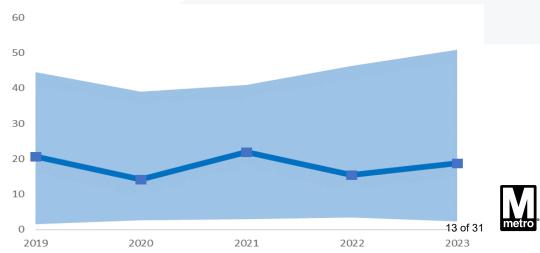
## **Collisions** – Better than Industry



#### **Customer Injuries** – Aligned with Industry



#### **Employee Injuries** – Better than Industry





# **Bus Safety Initiatives**

#### Safety Risk Management

- Safety Risk Coordinators & safety committees
- Data-driven safety blitzes
- Fixed object collision working group
- FTA-required risk reduction program

#### Enhanced Design

- Assault messaging on bus shields
- Testing fully-enclosed operator compartment

#### Changing Culture

- Enhanced use of DriveCam and cameras
- Collaborative coaching
- Frontline supervisory oversight

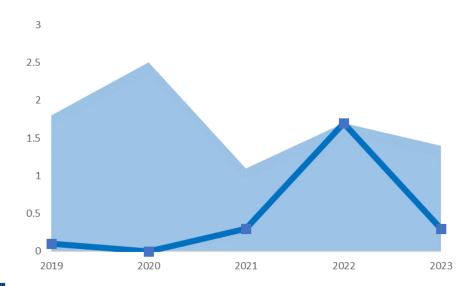




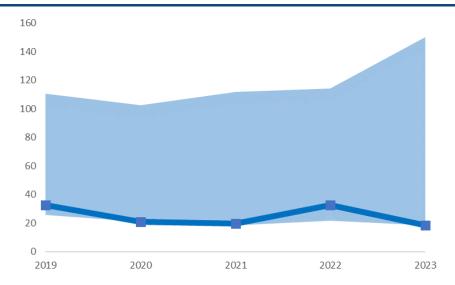
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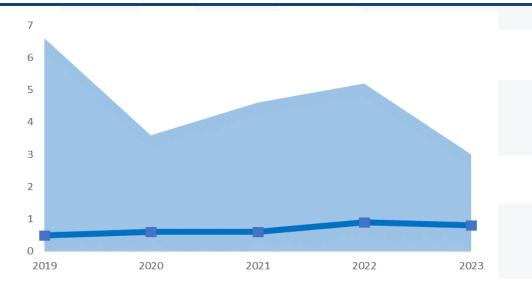
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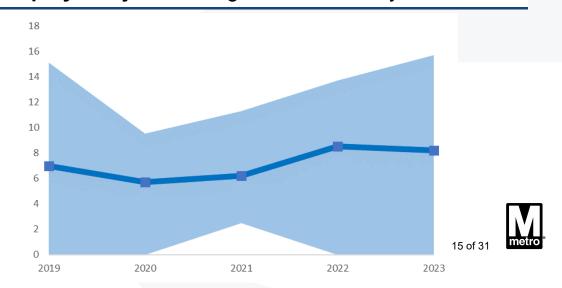
#### Customer Injuries – Industry Leader



### 2 **Derailments** – Better than Industry



#### 4 Employee Injuries – Aligned with Industry



## Rail Safety Initiatives

#### Safety Risk Management

- Safety Risk Coordinators & committees
- Data-driven safety campaigns
- Metro Integrated Command & Communications
   Center

#### Customer Engagement

- 2024 safety marketing campaign
- Targeted messaging e.g., escalators
- Station Managers out of kiosk

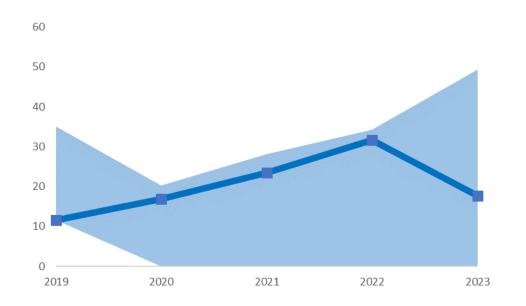
#### Innovative Programs

- Enhanced railcar inspections
- Proactive station overrun response
- Point and Call training program

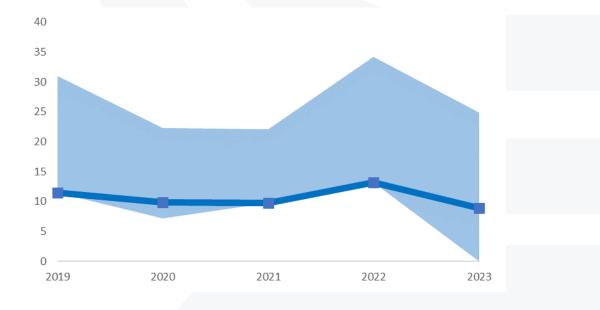


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#### 1 Collisions – Aligned with Industry



### 2 Customer Injuries – Better than Industry



## MetroAccess Safety Initiatives

#### Safety Risk Management

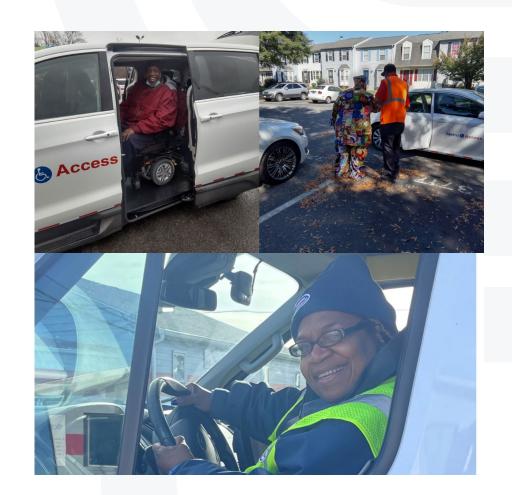
- Data-driven campaigns e.g., braking practices
- Increased wheelchair securement certification

#### Innovation

- Cognitive game to test driver alertness
- Driver Attention Warning System
- 'Mobile Eye' for collision avoidance

#### Culture Change

"Locked into Safety" campaign



# Rail Safety Program Updates

Safety & Operations Committee



















# Service Excellence, a strategic goal from Your Metro, the Way Forward

Focus today



#### Service excellence

Deliver safe, reliable, convenient, equitable, accessible, and enjoyable service for customers.



#### Talented teams

Attract, develop, and retain top talent where individuals feel valued, supported, and proud of their contribution.



#### Regional opportunity & partnership

Design transit service to move more people and equitably connect a growing region.



#### **Sustainability**

Manage resources responsibly to achieve a sustainable operating, capital, and environmental model.



#### **Objectives of Service Excellence**

Safety & security | Ensure all customers and employees feel safe and secure using and delivering services

**Reliability** | Provide dependable service that the community trusts

**Convenience** | Deliver frequent and accessible service that modernizes and enhances the customer experience



#### Rail Program Safety Updates

# Agenda



Rail Car Maintenance Audit



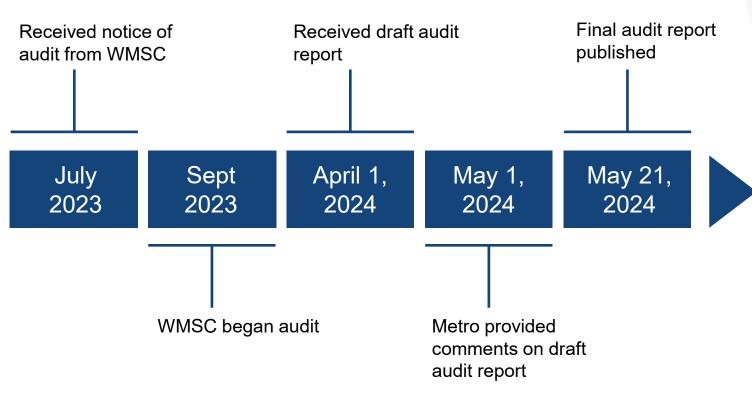
**Train Operator Certification** 



Rail Automation Updates



## Rail Car Maintenance Audit



#### **Report Findings**

- 7 findings; 3 recommendations
- Many findings are already being addressed by Metro through various initiatives which were discussed during the audit

#### **Ongoing Auditing Practice Concerns**

- Overbroad language of findings; lack of specific metrics for closure of Corrective Action Plans
- Lack of evidence and specific details in support of findings and recommendations beyond interviews with "multiple personnel"
- Metro's complete comments are not included in the final report

# Train Operator Certification Update

Program transition to Safety & Readiness will incorporate process improvements



#### **Actions Taken**

- Received WMSC order February 28, 2024
- Certification record review
- Increased resources and expanded quality control
- All active staff with certifications have undergone recertification



## **Quality Control**

- Established comprehensive work instructions
- Ongoing independent review of all certification records



## **Program Transition**

- New program aligns with industry standards
- Robust quality control and electronic forms
- Extensive Stakeholder Engagement to Promote Inclusion and Accessibility



# **Automatic Door Operations Update**

- Automatic door operations began on the Red Line in December 2023 and there have been no safety critical errors (wrong-side door openings, doors opening off platform, etc.) to date with over 1.2 million door openings
- All reliability metrics have been met or exceeded since December 2023. Additionally, improvements in schedule adherence (OTP) experienced since implementation on the Red Line
- Automatic door training and certification are nearly completed on all Metrorail lines
- Final Safety Certification Reviews will take place over the next week
- Anticipated systemwide launch post-July 4<sup>th</sup>



#### Rail Safety Program Updates

## Automatic Train Operations Update

#### **Preparation**



- Pilot training and simulator sessions were conducted
- Tabletop Scenario Exercises and Training Scenario Demonstrations occurred in May 2024
- Metro's leadership team attended the demonstrations which took place overnight across the Red Line

## **Training & Certification**



- Metro will continue coordinating with stakeholders and revising training based on feedback
- Interim Safety Certification package to support training and certification on the Red Line planned for submittal to WMSC end of June (training to take place over the summer)

### **Next Steps**



- Safety Certification Submittal to WMSC of Operational Readiness planned for early fall to enable revised scheduling and staffing
- Expecting Red line ATO to launch in December 2024

