Minutes Safety & Security Committee June 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 12:11pm. Present were:

Ms. Carol Carmody, Chair Mr. Christian Dorsey

Mr. Michael Goldman

Mr. Robert Lauby

Mr. David Strickland

Other Members

Mr. Malcolm Augustine

Mr. Anthony Costa

Mr. Jack Evans

Ms. Catherine Hudgins

Ms. Kathy Porter

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Information Items

A. Report on NTSB Accident Report L'Enfant Plaza Station (P. Lavin)

CSO Pat Lavin provided the Committee with an overview of NTSB findings on the L'Enfant Plaza smoke incident in January 2015. The NTSB determined that the probable cause was "a prolonged short circuit that consumed power system components" resulting from the transit agency's "ineffective inspection and maintenance practices". The investigation identified 43 findings and 31 recommendations were adopted of which 24 were to WMATA. NTSB found deficiencies in the following areas: inspection and maintenance procedures; oversight and management; tunnel and railcar ventilation procedures; emergency response; and WMATA's initial response to the smoke. Based on the findings, detailed corrective action plans are being developed to be submitted to NTSB for approval by August 20, 2016.

B. Update on McPherson Square Incident (P. Lavin)

CSO Pat Lavin updated the Committee on the McPherson Square fire incident. On March 14, 2016, a burned rail feeder cable caused disruption of service on the Orange, Silver and Blue lines. The fire resulted in single-tracking and delays throughout the day. The investigation has been extended for 90 days and is still ongoing. A holistic view of the incident is being taken which involves looking at processes and procedures, quality assurance, maintenance and overall design of the traction power system to identify flaws and determine the best course of action going forward.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.