

**Minutes
Safety & Security Committee
July 28, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. Present were:

Committee Members

Ms. Carol Carmody, Chair
Mr. Leif Dormsjo, Vice Chair
Mr. Michael Goldman
Mr. Robert Lauby

Other Members

Mr. Malcolm Augustine
Mr. Tom Bulgur
Mr. Anthony Costa
Ms. Catherine Hudgins
Ms. Kathy Porter
Mr. Paul Smedberg

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Information Items

A. Update on Safety Culture and Bus Engineering/Mirrors (B. Sherlock)

Brian Sherlock, ATU Local 69, presented an update of the hazards associated with the current WMATA bus design. The two main issues identified are pillars that are too wide and mirror size and placement which significantly increase blind spots. It is recommended that WMATA adopt European standards which would entail moving the mirrors and installing a safer, narrower pillar to minimize blind spots.

B. Safety 2nd Quarter Report (P. Lavin)

CSO Pat Lavin provided the Committee with an update on SAFE 2nd Quarter 2016. The Employee Injury Rate was 5.35 per 200,000 hours worked, with a target of 4.5. The Customer Injury Rate was 2.06 customer injuries per one million passenger trips, with a target of 1.75. The main injury types for the Quarter were Motor Vehicle Collisions (37 injuries); Struck By/Against (29 injuries); Stress (22 injuries); and Slip/Trip/Falls (19 injuries). The three key injury rate drivers are Ergonomics, Non-Preventable Collisions and Crime Related Incidents. Some things that are being implemented to help reduce future injuries include additional training to identified job-specific hazards, training bus operators to improve their berthing locations if possible, and SAFEWATCH which provides additional MTPD and Bus Operations support for Bus Operators that work late at night.

C. Update on Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) Program (P. Lavin)

CSO Pat Lavin gave the Committee a progress report on the RWP Program. As of June 2016, all RWP card holders are compliant; months ahead of the September 2016 deadline. A revised RWP SOP was implemented in July that ensures the priority and compliance of the RWP Program and is anticipated to reduce the number of noncompliant employees by the following directives: Out of Compliance badges are to be destroyed; those without badges will not be permitted on Roadway; testing procedures are modified to reflect stricter consequences of failing; and an increase in consequences will be implemented.

D. Update on Red Signal Violations (P. Lavin)

CSO Pat Lavin briefed the Committee on red signal overruns and actions to mitigate them. From calendar year 2012 through the second week of July 2016, there have been 66 red signal violations. In the past, WMATA has offered re-training, notices to operators, safety blitzes, stand-downs and new signage on operator consoles but the number of red signal overruns had not statistically decreased. Because of this, a study was commissioned which resulted in a number of recommendations. These recommendations, and others received as part of our oversight agency's inspection and audits, are currently being implemented. All corrective actions are expected to be completed by first quarter of 2017.

E. Update on NTSB Recommendations from L'Enfant Incident (P. Lavin)

CSO Pat Lavin provided an update on NTSB recommendations from the L'Enfant Plaza smoke incident. There are 24 recommendations that Metro is currently in the process of working on addressing in order to meet the deadline for submission to NTSB on August 23, 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.