

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Tri-State Oversight Briefing / Update

PURPOSE:

To provide a status report to the Safety & Security Committee from the Chairperson of the Tri-State Oversight Committee.

DESCRIPTION:

Continuation of open communication and reporting to the Safety & Security Committee to ensure safety issues, concerns, corrective actions and recommendations are transmitted at the highest level to Metro from the Tri-State Oversight Committee.

FUNDING IMPACT:

No impact on funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept Tri-State Oversight Committee updated briefing report.



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Tri-State Oversight Committee Briefing

Material will be provided at the Safety & Security Committee Meeting

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Quarterly Update

TOC Rail Safety Oversight



Topics of Discussion

- Introduction
- Corrective Action Plan Management
- TOC/WMATA Safety Studies & Responses
- Hazard Management / Incidents of Concern
- Safety / Security Plan Management
- Other Issues, Summary



Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Management

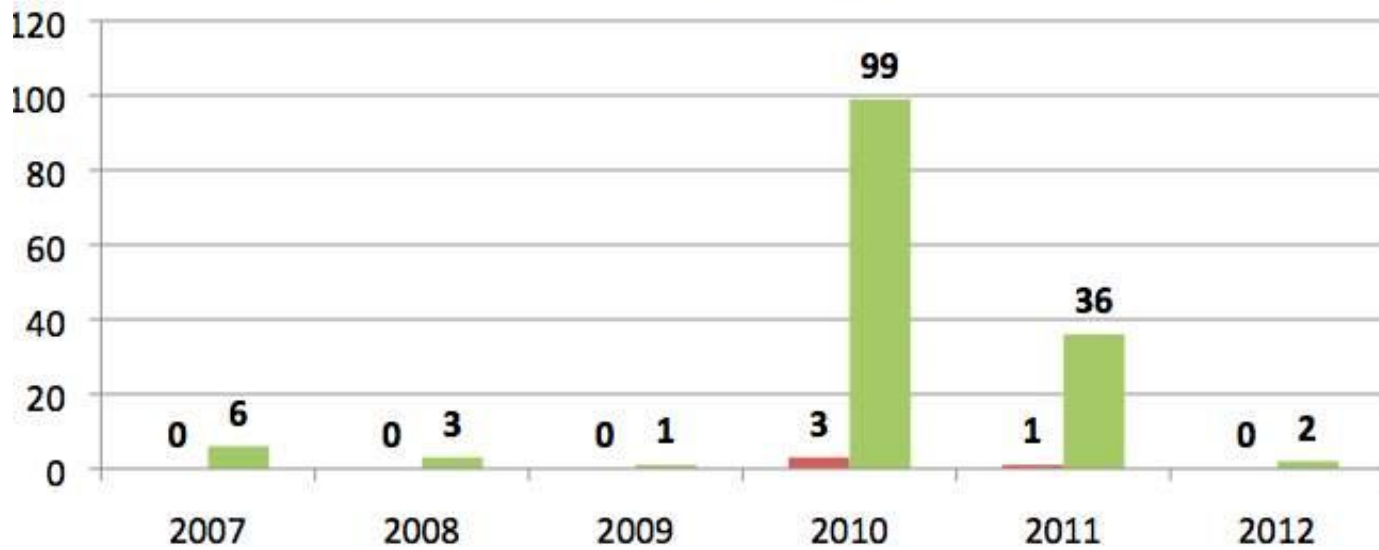
- December, January CAP progress limited
- Three December closures, one January
- TOC expressed concern at monthly meeting to WMATA leadership, galvanized response
- Improvement over last three weeks (14 thus far)
- Process needs more consistency moving forward

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Open CAPs

■ Unacceptable ■ Acceptable



(as of 2/16/2012)



Fatigue Management Response

- TOC received WMATA's written action plan for fatigue management on 2/13
- Involves further study, adapting best practices from other modes to WMATA
- TOC will formally respond, but finds the current plan acceptable



Hazard Management Audit

- TOC audited WMATA's hazard management process fall 2011
- Part of response to an FTA audit; closed the last FTA finding
- Final hazard management report issued 12/31/2011
- Found that some effective practices were not represented in plan; some planned activities were not implemented
- Primarily a document review, but included some interviews
- WMATA formally responded w/proposed CAPs on 2/13/2012



Internal Safety Audits

- Internal safety audits remain strong
- Continue to generate CAPs
- TOC requirements for schedule adherence and notification are being met
- 2011 Annual Report & Certification of Compliance received on schedule, are acceptable



Recent Incidents of Concern

- January 26th, 2012 ROCC power loss
- Friction ring/friction hub incidents
- 10-car train incidents
- Yard incidents
- Lower-order track issues such as rail breaks
- Pattern analysis is critical; resolution of “small” concerns helps mitigate and prevent larger hazards



System Safety / Security Plans

- WMATA provided a draft SSPP for TOC review; some initial delays but progress is currently positive
- No significant overhaul from 2011
- TOC will approve 2012 SSPP on receipt of signed version
- MTPD and TOC now working to review 2012 SEPP
- TOC also updating Program Standard & Procedures
- Focus has shifted from identifying workable processes, to making established ones work better



WMATA Safety Initiatives of Interest

- Confidential close-call reporting system
- Track circuit health monitoring tool
- Worker-Ahead Warning System
- Dupont Circle escalator work and entrance closure; related fire/life safety responses, drills
- ATC system safety analysis, summits
- Ongoing RWP updates, implementation



FTA Audit of TOC

- FTA closed all remaining TOC audit findings January 11th, 2012
- Included remaining WMATA recommendations
- TOC has asked NTSB to close Recommendation R-10-6
- Notable in addressing concerns of NTSB, federal officials
- Required significant work and partnership from WMATA
- TOC is preparing for next reviews with a “dry run” audit



TOC Safety Oversight for DCMP

- TOC continues to participate in safety and security certification programs for the Dulles project
- Monitoring DCMP activities (steering committee, FTA quarterlies, safety cert work groups)
- Working with stakeholders to address hazard management and threat assessments for Phases I & II
- Preparing a draft “responsibilities document” for leadership approval, will sync with WMATA, MWAA and DTP



Other TOC Activities

- New DC TOC member appointed October 2011
- Planning for “practice audit” under way
- Reviews of track safety documentation
- Supported Governors/Mayor meeting, January 2012
- Oversight of 7000-series safety certification



Summary

- General state of TOC-WMATA safety oversight relationship is strong
- CAP progress slowed in December and January, has recent momentum
- Annual safety plan reviews are mostly on schedule
- Closure of FTA findings is an important development
- Continued TOC interest in lower-order incidents
- Hazard management remains a work-in-progress

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