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National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Railroad, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Investigations
Human Performance and Survival Factors Division
Washington, DC 20594

Memorandum

Date:

2 Feb 2005

To:

Ted Turpin

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Investigator-in-Charge (IIC)

From:

Richard Downs, Jr.

2/2/05 Crashworthiness Working Group / Chairperson

File Ref.:

DCA 05 MR 009

Accident:

Collision of MetroLink Train #100 with an abandoned automobile, and

subsequent collision with a parked UP Non-Revenue Train, and further collision

with MetroLink Train # 901, in Glendale, CA, on 26 January 2005

Subject:

Inventory of Evidentiary 'Red Tags' applied to MetroLink rail equipment by the

Crashworthiness Working Group in this investigation

All Tags were affixed to the artifacts by this investigator during post-recovery inspection.

Red	Affixed		Storage	
Tag#	<u>Date</u>	Item Description	Location(s)	Notes
1.	30 Jan 05	MetroLink Railcar # 625 (cab-car)	A, B	1, 2
2.	30 Jan 05	MetroLink Railcar # 623 (cab-car)	Α	2
3.	30 Jan 05	MetroLink Railcar # 148 (coach)	A	2
4.	30 Jan 05	MetroLink Railcar # 133 (coach)	Α	2
5.	30 Jan 05	MetroLink Locomotive # 873	В	
6.	30 Jan 05	MetroLink Railcar # 177 (coach)	В	
7.	30 Jan 05	MetroLink Locomotive # 886	В	
8.	30 Jan 05	MetroLink Railcar # 197 (coach)	В	

Storage Location sites:

- A. Fenced-in area of storage lot behind 833 Sonora Ave, Glendale, CA.
- B. MetroLink Central Maintenance Facility (CMF), 1555 San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, CA.

Notes:

- 1. Includes individual separated elements of railcar # 625, consisting of a damaged segment of the forward floor and sub-frame assembly, lead truck assembly and wheel sets, and associated misc. parts recovered from the accident scene, which have been placed in storage at the CMF (Location ref B).
- 2. Severely damaged and inoperable in its present condition.



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Responsive to a request by MetroLink to release evidentiary items covered under Tag numbers 5, 6, 7, and 8 (as they potentially can be repaired*, and are no longer needed in the investigation), and the relocation of certain evidentiary items covered under Tag number 1 (as described under Note 1, below) to Storage Location A, this Inventory is hereby revised as follows:

Red Tag#			Storage <u>Location</u>	Notes	
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^{*}MetroLink advises if hidden damage is discovered during the preparation of the equipment for return to service, documentation of the damage will be provided to the investigation.



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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD RELEASE OF WRECKAGE

ACCIDENT/INCIDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER DCA05MR009

PART I - RELEASE OF WRECKAGE

REGISTERED OWNER (name a Metrolink (Southern Cali 700 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017	fornìa Regional Railroad) Suite 2600	REGISTRATION OR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER Railroad Equipment (4) Cab Cars #623 and #625 Coach Cars #123 and #148 MAKE		
MODEL	DATE OF ACCIDENT/IN January 26, 2005	ENT LOCATION Glendale, California		
The National Transportation Safety Board has & has not & completed its investigation of the wreckage described above. All wreckage except that listed on the reverse side is hereby released to the registered owner, or owner's representative, for appropriate disposition. (If no parts are retained, insert NONE.)				
SIGNATURE OF NTSB REPRESENTATIVE		E DATE		

Investigator-In-Charge September 27, 2005

(This section may be signed by a person, not the owner or owner's representative, who has knowledge of the disposition of the wreckage and its parts. Such signature does not place a responsibility for disposition of the wreckage upon that person.)

- I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE:
- & Receipt of the above described wreckage.
- $\mathop{\boldsymbol{\bowtie}}$ Removal of the parts, if any, listed on the reverse side of this form.

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REMARKS:

Wreckage received by Chief of Police of the City of Glendale as shown by People's Request for Order to Retain Custody of Evidence dated September 27, 2005.

Order is Attached.

NTSB FORM 6120.15 (Rev. Sep-05)

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ORDER

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GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFORE, the Chief of Police of the City of Glendale is ordered to receive from the National Transportation and Safety Board the Metrolink coach cars #133 and #148 and cab cars #623 and #625 currently stored at 833 Sonora Avenue, Glendale, California into his custody, and to retain these cars in the same condition in which they are received, in his custody during the pendency of the criminal proceedings in the case of People v. Juan Manuel Alvarez. BA277752, until said proceedings are completed or until further order of this Court.

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Dated:

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WILLIAM B. DOUNDERS

The Honorable William R. Pounders the of the Superior Court Court and for the country of Los Angeles.

Attest:

John A. Clarke, Executive Officer and County Clerk of the Superior Court, State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

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Deputy County Clerk

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