



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Investigative Hearing

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Metrorail train 302 that encountered heavy smoke in the tunnel between the L'Enfant Plaza Station and the Potomac River Bridge on January 12, 2015

GROUP	
EXHIBIT	

Agency / Organization

Title

FTA

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

State Safety Oversight

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SSOA Requirements Under Part 659

- Establish a State Program Standard
- Ensure that a rail transit agency's System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) and System Safety Plan (SSP) conforms to that standard
- Review the SSPP and SSP at least once every three years
- Investigate hazardous conditions and accidents at rail transit systems and establish corrective action plans

FTA & SSOAs

- Conduct a safety review of the SSOA at least once every three years
- Receive and review the SSOA's Annual Report detailing its oversight activities during the past year
- Partner with the SSOA to investigate hazardous conditions and accidents at rail transit systems and establish corrective action plans
- Withhold up to 5% of a state's urbanized area funds if an SSOA is not in compliance

SSOA Requirements Under MAP-21

- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) requirements for SSOAs
 - Independent Financing
 - Independent Investigation Authority
 - Independent Enforcement Authority
- Only States with rail transit systems are subject to the MAP-21 requirements for State Safety Oversight
- 28 of 30 States in good standing to complete grant applications
 - Includes TOC

State Safety Oversight Grant Program

- State Safety Oversight Grant Program
 - \$58 Million in State Safety Oversight formula program funds to date
 - States must meet MAP-21 certification requirements or have an approved Certified Work Plan to become eligible for this grant funding
 - 17 States have been awarded SSO grants
 - TOC has not received funds...coordinating with FTA Region III

Safety Rulemaking Update

MAP-21 Requirements	Target Publication or Federal Register Notice for Public Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Safety Oversight Final Rule 	Late 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Certification Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Interim Provisions • NPRM 	<i>Effective 28 May 2015</i> Late 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Testing NPRM 	Mid 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Safety Plan Guidance 	Mid to Late 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Safety Program NPRM 	Mid to Late 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Agency Safety Plan NPRM 	Mid to Late 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Asset Management NPRM 	Mid to Late 2015

NPRM = Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Questions?