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The above-entitled matter came on for hearing, pursuant
to Notice, at 9:00 a.m.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(9:05 a.m.)

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3 CHAIRMAN HART: I'm Christopher Hart, and it is my honor
4 to serve as chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

5 We are conducting this prehearing conference in
6 accordance with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 845.
7 I would like to introduce my fellow board member, Earl Weener. He
8 and the other members, Vice Chairman Bella Dinh-Zarr and Member
9 Robert Sumwalt will join me on the Board of Inquiry for the
10 upcoming two-day investigative hearing that this is the prehearing
11 conference for, that will occur on June 23 and 24.

12 That hearing will be part of our ongoing investigation
13 into the January 12, 2015 accident involving the Washington
14 Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Metrorail train 302 that
15 encountered heavy smoke in the tunnel between L'Enfant Plaza
16 Station and the Potomac River Bridge. An additional train that
17 was going in the same direction as Train 302 had stopped at
18 L'Enfant Plaza and was also affected by the smoke. As a result of
19 this accident, 86 people were transported from the accident scene
20 to local medical facilities; another 9 later received medical
21 treatment, and 1 passenger was fatally injured.

22 The purpose of the hearing, which will take place in
23 this boardroom on the 23rd and 24th of June, is to discuss and
24 gather additional factual information regarding the ongoing
25 investigation of this accident. The hearing will not address the

1 facts regarding all of the issues raised by the accident, but will
2 only address the facts related to the issues that are listed on
3 the agenda, which you will be discussing further at this
4 prehearing conference. Because I must leave to testify before
5 Congress in relation to another railroad accident, the
6 Philadelphia Amtrak accident, I will be turning the gavel over to
7 Robert Hall, who is the Director of the NTSB's Office of Railroad,
8 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Investigation, and he will
9 preside over this prehearing conference.

10 As you will hear, this prehearing conference is your
11 opportunity to raise any questions or concerns about the conduct
12 of the hearing, including witness testimony, exhibits and any
13 other issues that may arise. If you have any questions or
14 concerns whatsoever about the conduct of the hearing, this
15 prehearing conference is the time to raise them.

16 Before I leave this morning, I'd like to express my
17 appreciation for your participation. You've all been very, very
18 cooperative in helping us get to the bottom of this, and I
19 encourage you to take an active role both in this prehearing
20 conference and in the hearing itself on the 23rd and 24th. Your
21 participation will help all of us accomplish our common objective,
22 which is finding out what caused this accident and determining
23 what needs to be done to prevent it from happening again.

24 So, thank you. I hope your prehearing conference is very
25 productive. Robert Hall will now take over.

1 Director Hall.

2 MR. HALL: Thank you Chairman Hart. Thank you all for
3 attending this prehearing conference today.

4 All parties should have received copies of the
5 applicable NTSB regulations, a list of the exhibits, and a
6 proposed witness list.

7 As Chairman Hart stated, the prehearing conference is
8 the time for parties to bring forward any questions or concerns
9 regarding witness testimony, hearing issues, or exhibits. You may
10 raise these questions or concerns at any point during this
11 conference. Any questions you have about the issues or procedures
12 for the hearing must be raised at this prehearing conference.

13 I would like to recognize the NTSB staff supporting the
14 hearing:

15 Dr. Kristin Poland is our hearing officer.

16 Mr. Joe Panagiotou, Fire Protection Engineer, who will
17 chair our technical panel number 1;

18 Mr. Steve Blackstone, State and Local Government Affairs
19 Coordinator, who will chair technical panel number 2;

20 Mr. Mike Flanigon, Rail Investigator, who will chair
21 technical panel number 3; and

22 Ms. Georgetta Gregory, Chief of the Railroad Division,
23 who will chair technical panel number 4.

24 Also here, Ms. Barbara Czech, the Deputy Director of
25 Railroad, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Investigations;

1 Ms. Ann Gawalt and Mr. Benjamin Allen, who will provide
2 legal support;

3 Mr. Joe Gordon, who is the Investigator in Charge for
4 our investigation of the incident;

5 Ms. Beverly Drake and Ms. Rachel Gunaratnam, who will
6 operate the audio/visuals and timer; and

7 Mr. Peter Knudson, who will be handling public affairs.

8 I want to thank the parties for their cooperation with
9 the NTSB investigation today. We are conducting today's
10 prehearing conference to familiarize the parties with NTSB rules
11 and procedures for the hearing; identify witnesses and discuss
12 areas on which the witnesses will be examined; and review the
13 exhibits that will be used during the witness testimony.

14 The Board has designated the following parties to the
15 hearing. When I call your organization's name, I would like the
16 designated spokesperson to please respond with your title and
17 affiliation for the record. This designation of spokesperson will
18 continue in force until completion of the hearing. I note that
19 three of the party spokespersons are also witnesses. So also,
20 please identify who will serve in the role of party spokesperson
21 while you are on the witness panel.

22 For our first party, the Federal Transit Administration,
23 Mr. Thomas Littleton.

24 MR. LITTLETON: Mr. Thomas Littleton, I'm the
25 Associative Administrator for Transit Safety and Oversight at the

1 Federal Transit Administration. I'll be the party spokesman. I
2 was also the FTA's Investigator in Charge for this accident. And
3 when I'm a witness in Panel 4, Ms. Kimberly Burch, who is our head
4 accident investigator, will serve as our party spokesman.

5 MR. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Littleton.

6 The Tri-State Oversight Committee, Ms. Klara Baryshev.

7 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Good morning, Mr. Hall. I'm Sharmila
8 Samarasinghe. I'm actually the Vice Chair of the Tri-State
9 Oversight Committee. Klara Baryshev, who is the Chair of the
10 Tri-State Oversight Committee, is out of the office this week, and
11 she will be on the witness panel on the Panel 4; and while she is
12 being the witness for the Tri-State Oversight Committee, Mr. Tebo,
13 Joe Tebo, will be the spokesperson for the Tri-State Oversight
14 Committee.

15 MR. HALL: Thank you very much.

16 For the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority,
17 Mr. James Dougherty.

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: Good morning. James Dougherty, Chief
19 Safety Officer for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
20 Authority, and I will serve as the spokesperson for WMATA.

21 MR. HALL: The Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 689,
22 Mr. James Madaras.

23 MR. MADARAS: Good morning, Mr. Hall. My name is
24 James Madaras. I'll be the spokesperson for ATU Local 689; I'm
25 the safety officer. And while I'm a witness on Panel 3,

1 Marlene Flemmings-McCann will be the spokesperson for ATU.

2 MR. HALL: The District of Columbia Emergency Services,
3 Mr. Christopher Geldart.

4 MR. GELDART: Good morning, sir. Chris Geldart. I'm
5 the Director of D.C.'s Homeland Security Emergency Management
6 Agency and the Interim Director of the Office of Unified
7 Communications.

8 MR. HALL: Thank you. The sixth party to the
9 investigation is not here today. That's the International
10 Association of Firefighters, Local 36.

11 The party spokesperson will be the communicator for the
12 party table, and will ask all the questions. Other party members
13 at the table should funnel their questions through the
14 spokesperson.

15 Are there any questions or comments regarding the
16 parties that have been designated?

17 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Mr. Hall, just in terms of
18 contingencies, if in case either the spokesperson or the witness
19 is for some reason unavailable on the day of the panel, what kind
20 of preparations do we have; what contingency planning do we have?

21 MR. HALL: Dr. Kristin Poland, our Hearing Officer, will
22 address that.

23 DR. POLAND: I would appreciate it if you would contact
24 me as soon as possible, and then at that point we can discuss what
25 the alternatives could be. If there's somebody that could

1 potentially take their place, certainly for a spokesperson, we
2 could have someone take their place temporarily. For a witness,
3 then of course we would have to consult with the panel chairs to
4 see what the alternatives would be. But as soon as possible,
5 please.

6 MR. HALL: Any other questions?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. HALL: The investigative hearing will convene at
9 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at the NTSB's Boardroom and
10 Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. To
11 keep on schedule, we will confine the hearing to the issues
12 defined at this prehearing conference. If necessary, as chairman
13 of the Board of Inquiry, Chairman Hart will rule on the relevance
14 of proffered testimony or exhibits later this week, and any ruling
15 will be final. Similarly, Chairman Hart will rule at the hearing
16 as well.

17 I must emphasize the fact-finding nature of the hearing.
18 NTSB investigations are, by regulation, fact-finding proceedings
19 with no adverse parties. The Board does not assign fault or blame
20 for an accident or incident. At the hearing, witnesses may not
21 speculate or analyze the facts, and questions are limited to
22 predetermined subject matter of the hearing, which is contained in
23 the hearing agenda. Questions related to fault, outside
24 litigation, or legal liability in general will not be permitted.

25 The purpose of the hearing is to examine the state of

1 WMATA's infrastructure, the emergency response efforts, the
2 organizational culture, and the oversight efforts for public
3 transportation safety.

4 I will now pause and ask if there are any questions
5 regarding the conduct of the hearing?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. HALL: Each witness will testify under oath at the
8 hearing. To maximize the time during the hearing, we will not
9 describe the witnesses' credentials at the hearing itself and,
10 instead, have pre-qualified each witness, meaning, we have
11 identified in writing the credentials and special qualifications
12 of each witness and placed that information in the public docket.
13 Each party should have received a copy of all of the hearing
14 exhibits. The exhibits in the public docket will be released for
15 public viewing the morning of the hearing.

16 The witnesses will be questioned in this order: first
17 by members of the Board's Technical Panel, followed by the
18 spokesperson for each part, and finally by the members of the
19 Board of Inquiry.

20 Due to time constraints, and as a courtesy to other
21 parties, I will ask that the parties keep questioning to 5 minutes
22 or less. We have a timer so that people can see how their time is
23 expiring; green, yellow, and red lights on the timer: yellow,
24 warning that you're close to end of time; and red, warning that
25 you're out of time.

1 We anticipate one round of questions. A second round of
2 questions will only be entertained to clarify the record or
3 address some new matter raised; any such additional questions
4 should be brief and not repeat previous questions or answers.

5 Once a witness has completed his or her testimony, it is
6 possible for the witness to be recalled for further questioning
7 later in the hearing. We ask that the witness be present for the
8 entire hearing, unless they or their party spokesman have
9 coordinated in advance with the Hearing Officer, Dr. Poland.

10 Testimony or exhibits not pertinent to the issues in
11 this investigation, or merely cumulative, will not be included.
12 Let me emphasize that the Board does not permit cross-examination
13 of witnesses in the legal sense.

14 I request that the parties and the Technical Panel
15 refrain from asking questions that: have no factual relationship
16 to the subject accident or to the prevention of similar accidents,
17 but are merely posed for dramatic value; are narrative questions,
18 more in the nature of testimony than a question; are beyond the
19 scope of the issues agreed upon; are repetitive; or are
20 irrelevant, immaterial, or argumentative.

21 I ask that if a party representative objects to any of
22 the questions at the hearing, he or she may raise their hand and
23 wait to be recognized by Chairman Hart.

24 Are there any additional questions or comments regarding
25 the witnesses or the questioning of witnesses?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. HALL: The hearing issues. The hearing will address
3 key issues of the investigation through four panels. These four
4 panels are: Panel 1, State of WMATA's Infrastructure; Panel 2,
5 Emergency Response Efforts; Panel 3, WMATA's Organizational
6 Culture; and Panel 4, the Federal Transit Administration and Tri-
7 State Oversight Committee's efforts for public transportation
8 safety. We will discuss the issue areas for each of the panels in
9 more detail later today.

10 If any party believes that this list of issues should be
11 modified, clarified, or limited, the time to make that request is
12 now, at the prehearing conference. During the hearing, we will
13 strictly adhere to the issues identified and agreed upon today.
14 Please be advised that Chairman Hart will announce these issues in
15 his opening statement at the hearing, and they are purposely broad
16 in nature.

17 In a few minutes, we will describe and agree upon the
18 specific issues that the witness will cover in their testimony as
19 noted in the witness list

20 Are there any questions regarding these broad issue
21 areas?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. HALL: Exhibits. The hearing exhibits have been
24 provided to all parties in advance of today's prehearing
25 conference. The exhibits contain redactions of all personally

1 identifiably information, as well as any confidential business
2 information that was the result of negotiations between the
3 parties and the NTSB.

4 Now, we will identify the witnesses and discuss the
5 issue areas and the applicable exhibits for the hearing.

6 Dr. Poland.

7 DR. POLAND: Thank you, Director Hall. I will briefly
8 go over the room layout, the hearing agenda, exhibits list and the
9 witness list, and then turn things over to each Technical Panel
10 chairman to talk in more detail about the panels. During the
11 hearing, the parties will be seated at these same tables.

12 With respect to the microphones, whenever the party
13 spokesperson is speaking, please be sure to move the microphone
14 close to you and switch it on by pushing the mic on/off button at
15 the base. The button will illuminate red, as you've already
16 noticed; red means on or hot. When finished speaking, please
17 press the mic on/off button again; the illumination will turn off.

18 There will also be a power strip at each table so that
19 laptops can be kept charged. There will be Wi-Fi for the parties
20 at the hearing, as there is today; unfortunately the Wi-Fi is
21 extremely limited, so we ask that you use the Wi-Fi only for
22 critical items and not for everyday email or simple web-surfing.
23 The Wi-Fi password today is all lower case, ntsbdc2014,
24 ntsbdc2014.

25 Each of the parties should have the following materials

1 in a folder on their table: the hearing agenda, panel makeup and
2 issue areas, exhibits list, witness list, boardroom layout and
3 seating charts, and in addition, there's a guidance document in
4 your folder that will further explain the investigative hearing
5 process. The document provides examples of factual questions and
6 several analytical or judgmental questions that we will likely ask
7 you to rephrase if they're phrased in a similar manner during the
8 hearing.

9 Does everyone have those materials at their table?

10 (No response.)

11 DR. POLAND: I think we're good. Okay.

12 The boardroom will be arranged similar to what you see
13 today, and as reflected in the seating charts that are in your
14 folder. The witness tables will be located on the raised platform
15 across the room from where I am seated right now. Witness name
16 plates will be put out at the beginning of each panel.

17 For the first panel I will call the witnesses to the
18 table after our investigator in charge gives his opening
19 statement, and then I will swear them in. For each of the
20 subsequent panels, we will have the witnesses already seated on
21 the dais prior to the beginning of the panel. Behind the witness
22 chairs are a row of chairs for witness representatives or for
23 counsel. Party tables, as I mentioned, will be located as they
24 are today.

25 During the hearing, as well as today, exhibits are

1 available electronically and can be displayed on the big screens
2 on each side of the Board Member seats. You may use laptops to
3 peruse exhibits that we provided you, if you choose. We will have
4 one backup copy of the exhibits on a separate computer in the
5 boardroom in case of a computer or a power problem.

6 Each part spokesperson should have electronic copies of
7 all of the exhibits. You have an exhibit list in your folder.
8 Note that the exhibits are identified by group and number. When
9 you refer to an exhibit, please use the alpha-numeric
10 identification.

11 Group A are administrative exhibits and witness
12 biographies used to prequalify witnesses. Group B are Group
13 Chairman's factual reports. Group C are exhibits related to the
14 first panel, and please note that some of the exhibits may be
15 related to more than one panel. Group D are exhibits related to
16 the second panel. Group E are exhibits related to the third
17 panel, and Group F are exhibits related to panel 4. Group G are
18 NTSB introduced interview transcripts. Group H are party
19 introduced exhibits, and Group M are reserved for other
20 miscellaneous exhibits; none have been identified thus far.

21 Also included in the folder on your table is a witness a
22 list that identifies the witness by name and the panel on which
23 they appear. Please review this list for accuracy and notify me
24 of any corrections regarding spelling, titles or affiliations.

25 Further, each folder contains an agenda. The agenda

1 describes the four panels in greater detail as well as the timing
2 of each panel.

3 Lastly, each folder contains a document listing the
4 subject of each panel, the NTSB Technical Panelists, the witnesses
5 and the issue areas to be explored. This document will provide a
6 framework for our discussions this afternoon -- this morning
7 actually.

8 At this point, I would like to start with Panel 1, and
9 ask each Technical Panel chairman to discuss their panel
10 objectives, specific issue areas, and the exhibits. Following
11 each panel discussion, we will open the floor to questions.

12 Mr. Panagiotou, would you please begin?

13 MR. PANAGIOTOU: Sure. Thank you, Chris.

14 So, Panel 1 is titled the State of WMATA's
15 Infrastructure. It basically will contain four topic areas.
16 There will be an area that discusses communication. It will look
17 at the operation and maintenance of both the D.C. Public Service
18 Radio System and the WMATA communication system. The focus will
19 be on the underground portions of these two systems, but will
20 include discussion of above-ground elements that could affect
21 communications in the below-ground area.

22 The topics we anticipate touching on include a
23 description of operation outlining how each system is designed to
24 operate, including the design service coverage areas, and details
25 of the troubleshooting and preventative maintenance and testing

1 programs used to ensure reliable below-ground radio coverage and
2 linkage with above-ground users. It will also touch on a
3 discussion of the techniques used to maintain the existing trunk
4 radio systems and the challenges involved in operating and
5 maintaining digital versus analog radio systems; the history and
6 status of the D.C. PSRS transition from the Motorola 4.1 trunk
7 radio system to the newer P25 system and any challenges that has
8 presented towards operation and maintenance.

9 We will also explore what has been done to troubleshoot
10 and correct the problems identified during the January 12 accident
11 with regards to underground communications in the stations and
12 tunnels throughout the WMATA system.

13 We will also talk about traction power cables and a
14 description of third-rail cables on WMATA's system; and identify
15 the type and age of cables currently in service; identify the rail
16 lines they are predominantly used on; explain the differences
17 between the specs of the different cables used; cable lifecycle
18 and WMATA monitoring maintenance programs for cable integrity;
19 expected cable lifecycle versus testing or replacement;
20 maintenance cleaning programs; cable insulation testing; timeline
21 of WMATA meggering tests and decision to discontinue using those
22 tests; and the current cable replacement program that is underway.

23 We will also discuss ventilation. This will include the
24 vent fan usage and smoke management plans; what the purpose of the
25 ventilation system is; what design standards it was built to; any

1 engineering evaluations of the pre-NFPA 130 ventilation systems,
2 which include the accident location; knowledge of the ventilation
3 system capability and how that is shared internally within WMATA;
4 any pre-planned ventilation system usage during an emergency; and
5 changes made to the ventilation system usage in the wake of the
6 L'Enfant smoke incident.

7 We will also talk about tunnel water intrusion. The
8 main areas WMATA's procedures of dealing with water intrusion
9 issues in tunnels; preventative maintenance; different types of
10 inspections, frequency, funding, follow-up; strategy of dealing
11 with recurring leakage, such as observed at the arcing site; and
12 risk assessments relating to leakage based on severity and input
13 from other departments.

14 Those are the topic areas. They are rather lengthy. We
15 only have about an hour to deal with it, so clearly we won't be
16 able to expand on every single topic, but we do expect the
17 witnesses to be prepared for those issues.

18 Anything else? No? I guess that sums it up.

19 DR. POLAND: Questions for Joe?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes. Looking at the witness list, I
21 believe there was a change from Darwin Kelly to Clay Bunting, in
22 our packet, that change -- just confirming that change is made,
23 right?

24 DR. POLAND: That change was made. Is it not on your
25 witness list?

1 MR. DOUGHERTY: It is not.

2 DR. POLAND: I apologize. The change was made.

3 MR. DOUGHERTY: Thank you.

4 MR. PANAGIOTOU: So Darwin Kelly has been in place of
5 Clay Bunting?

6 DR. POLAND: Correct. So, it's -- the change has been
7 made on the last page that has the anticipated witnesses, but it
8 wasn't made on the panel makeup and issues. So, that's correct,
9 right?

10 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's correct. Thank you.

11 DR. POLAND: So instead of Darwin Kelly on Technical
12 Panel 1, it should say Clay Bunting.

13 MR. DOUGHERTY: That is correct, ma'am.

14 DR. POLAND: Yes. Thank you.

15 MS. SAMARASINGHE: -- you mentioned that the -- each
16 party has been provided with information on the exhibits on the --
17 that you guys have in each of these folders. Did you mention that
18 that was provided already or --

19 DR. POLAND: Correct. That was provided last week to
20 Clara.

21 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Okay. All right. Thank you.

22 DR. POLAND: Are there any other questions for myself
23 for the start or for Joe for Panel 1?

24 (No response.)

25 DR. POLAND: All right. Steve Blackstone, can you

1 please talk about Panel 2?

2 MR. BLACKSTONE: Sure. Thank you very much, Dr. Poland.

3 Panel 2 is going to look at the emergency response
4 immediately following the fire in the tunnel, along with a broader
5 view of emergency responses to incidents in underground rail
6 operations generally.

7 Initially, we're going to obtain a summary of what
8 happened both from the perspective of D.C. Fire and EMS and from
9 WMATA. The Survival Factors Factual Report, which I believe is
10 Exhibit B-9, contains timelines of the response provided by D.C.
11 Fire and EMS, WMATA, and D.C.'s Office of Unified Communications,
12 which will be critical elements in our discussions. I also
13 anticipate that we'll be looking at using a number of the
14 interview transcripts, which can be found in Group G. Were there
15 conditions in the tunnels that might have created potential
16 problems for the responders?

17 We plan to explore in greater depths, how communication
18 systems worked during the incident. After the first group has
19 looked the technical side, we're going to look at the operational
20 side and what role did WMATA's ROCC and D.C.'s Office of Unified
21 Communications play in the response. This will include reviewing
22 the protocols to the response to underground incidents and also
23 the training that the personnel in these offices have received.

24 We also want to address the training provided to
25 emergency responders. This will include both station-level

1 familiarization, hands-on working with the tools and equipment
2 that's provided, and also participation in larger scenario-based
3 drills and exercises.

4 In order to provide a context for what happened on that
5 day, we also have invited Montgomery County's Department of Fire
6 and Rescue Services, which has the largest amount of underground
7 rail in the system outside of D.C., to describe its experiences,
8 its protocols and its training activities. You'll notice there
9 are a number of exhibits provided by Montgomery County who will
10 provide some background information for that aspect.

11 That, I think, provides a brief description of what we
12 anticipate addressing, and will be glad to answer any questions
13 that there might be.

14 DR. POLAND: And let me just note that there's another
15 change. The panel makeup and issues list, instead of -- for
16 Technical Panel 2, instead of Deltron Harris, it should be listed
17 as Hercules Ballard from WMATA for the witness.

18 So, please, questions for Steve?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. HALL: Thank you.

21 MR. BLACKSTONE: If not, thank you very much. And at
22 this point I'll turn it over to Mike Flanigon.

23 MR. FLANIGON: Good morning. Panel 3, which will be
24 looking at WMATA's organizational culture, has the objective of
25 understanding the organizational culture, how it has changed over

1 time since the Fort Totten accident where there were findings of
2 organizational culture being a factor in that accident. And
3 lastly, how another organization, Metro-North Railroad, has had
4 experience in that area and how their organizational culture has
5 played a role in the past in an accident and how that's changed
6 since.

7 Specific issue areas are the impact of WMATA's
8 organizational culture on safety in general and potential impacts
9 or interactions regarding this particular incident; the changes
10 WMATA has made over time; and WMATA's organizational structure and
11 how that relates to communication and coordination between
12 departments within WMATA; and then as mentioned, the experience
13 that Metro North Railroad has had since their series of accidents
14 a year and a half to a couple years ago.

15 As far as exhibits, we have 22 specific exhibits
16 identified for this panel, and rather than go through each one,
17 I'll just kind of go through them grouping. Several of them are
18 examples of safety committee minutes and action plans, a number of
19 exhibits related to close call reporting, a number of exhibits
20 related to employee engagement surveys, and one exhibit related to
21 previous WMATA accidents that were investigated by the NTSB. In
22 addition, we would be looking at a number of interview transcripts
23 and what people have told us regarding WMATA communication
24 organizational culture.

25 And that sums up the approach we'll take in this panel.

1 DR. POLAND: Are there any questions for Mr. Flanigon?

2 (No response.)

3 DR. POLAND: If not, Ms. Gregory, could you please
4 introduce Panel 4?

5 MS. GREGORY: Good morning. Panel 4 will explore the
6 safety oversight of rail transit as mandated in the CFR, Part 659,
7 as well as the Moving Ahead for Progress Act in the 21st Century.
8 We will examine the safety oversight efforts of WMATA by the
9 Tri-State Safety Oversight Committee, which is the designated
10 safety oversight agency. Also, we'll explore the role of the
11 Federal Transit Administration in ensuring consistent safety
12 oversight of rail transit in execution of regulations and how
13 MAP-21 will improve the safety of public transportation.

14 Comparatively, the panel will review the experiences of
15 an international organization with regulatory oversight of rail,
16 and as well as how the Federal Railroad Administration executes
17 their safety program of railroads in the United States.

18 The safety issues, as I mentioned, include state safety
19 oversight of rail transit. The TOC will, as an exhibit, will do
20 short presentation on how they go about their responsibilities of
21 oversight; the safety oversight efforts of WMATA by the oversight
22 committee, that will be covered in that presentation; the Federal
23 Transit Administration's role in ensuring consistent rail transit
24 oversight; and then we'll touch on the regulatory oversight
25 requirements and experiences of the FRA and the international

1 organization. We hope to acknowledge successes in safety
2 oversight of WMATA, as well as identify any gaps that there may be
3 in those programs.

4 The exhibits are in Group F. Currently there are 48
5 exhibits. Primarily they cover documentations of the different
6 programs, the different regulations that are in place; TOC meeting
7 minutes from their meetings, as well as some of the Board
8 presentations made to the WMATA board. The regulations, as I
9 mentioned, MAP-21, Chapter 53, will be an exhibit. Part 659 of
10 the Title 49 is an exhibit. The FTA correspondence and
11 certification work plan of the TOC to make them eligible for 80
12 percent grant funding of that program, the progress on that.

13 We did conduct six interviews, which are listed as
14 exhibits in Group F. We interviewed the executive committee of
15 the TOC as well as some staff at the Federal Transit
16 Administration.

17 That concludes my brief presentation on the objectives
18 of Panel 4.

19 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Ms. Gregory, I had a quick question.
20 You mentioned that the TOC will be providing a overview
21 presentation at the beginning. What's the amount of time allotted
22 to us to do that?

23 MS. GREGORY: About 3 minutes.

24 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Three minutes. Thank you.

25 MS. GREGORY: If there are no other questions, I'll turn

1 it back over to Dr. Poland.

2 DR. POLAND: Thank you. Are there any further questions
3 on the witnesses, the issues, or the panels?

4 Yes, please.

5 MS. SAMARASINGHE: One more quick question, Ms. Gregory.
6 Is that -- do you expect in terms of testimony or in terms of a
7 slide presentation?

8 MS. GREGORY: It is a slide presentation that is in one
9 of the exhibits that you have already.

10 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Okay. All right. Okay.

11 MR. GELDERT: Just a quick question on the issue areas
12 that are listed on the panel makeup and issues that we received in
13 our folder, specifically for Technical Panel 1, but it also
14 applies to a couple others.

15 There was a lot that was discussed from the gentleman
16 from Technical Panel 1 that will be in the issue areas that
17 there's only three bullets. Will there be a more detailed listing
18 of those things that will be covered underneath these at any point
19 in time?

20 MR. PANAGIOTOU: Bullets are the main topic areas. What
21 I was reading was further refined details about those topics. I
22 suppose we could provide that, yeah. It will probably be --
23 perhaps at the end of this week, we can refine that a little bit
24 more and we could send it out. What we'll do is, we will send a
25 more detailed topic list to each of the witnesses on our panel.

1 That way the appropriate people are sure to get it.

2 MR. GELDART: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. PANAGIOTOU: Okay. You're welcome.

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: Just a quick question, Joe, also, could
5 you send the Party Chairs that list also that you're sending the
6 witnesses?

7 MR. PANAGIOTOU: Sure.

8 MR. DOUGHERTY: And if I could ask, just if a party
9 spokesperson did have an objection, what would be the grounds to
10 base that objection on? Can you kind of -- and we can have
11 Dr. Poland or anyone just -- if there was something that we
12 objected to, what would be those grounds?

13 DR. POLAND: Director Hall, do you want to answer that
14 one? Are you passing it to Mr. Allen?

15 MR. HALL: If our counsel, Mr. Allen, could address
16 that.

17 DR. POLAND: Mr. Dougherty, do you want the grounds to
18 successfully object or just in general to object?

19 MR. DOUGHERTY: I would say successfully.

20 MR. ALLEN: Good morning. Successfully objecting to
21 exhibits, the most common thing would be if it's proprietary
22 information or SSI or things like that. This is not a judicial
23 Article 3 court, so things like relevance, we can kind of look at
24 that, but it's not as strict as it would be in a court. A lot of
25 the other objections that you would find in a judicial proceeding

1 are not relevant here. Foundation and things like that wouldn't
2 apply here. So really it's primarily trade secrets, SSI,
3 proprietary business functions, things like that, and we can
4 address those at the time.

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: Would that apply to questions also?

6 MR. ALLEN: If the questions elicit information that
7 would fall into those categories, then yes.

8 MR. DOUGHERTY: Thank you.

9 DR. POLAND: And the questions brings up a good point as
10 well, because as we've mentioned it's fact-finding, and so if the
11 question is phrased in a way that's analytical or judgmental, then
12 we'll ask if you can rephrase the question. Usually there is a
13 way that you can rephrase the question to get the factual
14 information that you're looking for, and there's some examples of
15 that in the last document that's provided in your folder. So that
16 could also be some grounds for objection; if there was something
17 that was analytical, then we may stop and ask for the question to
18 be rephrased.

19 Are there any further questions?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: Sorry, just one.

21 MR. ALLEN: Another one, okay.

22 DR. POLAND: Please, this is your time.

23 MR. DOUGHERTY: Have we received everything that we
24 would expect to receive from any of the exhibits or anything other
25 than what Joe had said from the fire side? So, we don't expect

1 any more exhibits or changes or anything from this point?

2 DR. POLAND: Correct. So, last week we should have
3 received -- each of the party spokespeople should have received
4 the list of exhibits, and I sent that through Accelian website.
5 And then also, I sent a follow-up email with the exhibits list.
6 So, if you don't have those or if there's some aspect with those
7 that you need to have some correction or re-sent, please let me
8 know. I sent yesterday a follow-up email with some of the
9 additional transcripts. There were some that had only a cover
10 sheet and not the transcript itself. So those should have been
11 received and then obviously updated in your files.

12 We will, as we mentioned, send a new issues list to each
13 of the party spokespeople, and then also to the witnesses in Panel
14 1 so that they have additional information. But then obviously we
15 can be in communication up until the hearing, but that is all the
16 information. There will be no further exhibits added to our
17 docket. Those are all of the exhibits that you will see for the
18 hearing.

19 MR. DOUGHERTY: Thank you.

20 DR. POLAND: Okay. As I mentioned, this is your time to
21 ask questions, so please ask.

22 MR. MADARAS: Yeah, Kristin, I have a couple of
23 questions that are not related to specifics of the proceeding
24 other than housekeeping. I mean, when do you determine when
25 you're going to take a break? I don't see any water or anything

1 here. I mean, are we going to be supplied with water or bring our
2 own or how is that going to work?

3 DR. POLAND: There's no bread and water, no breaks. We
4 -- on the hearing agenda there should be breaks that are listed,
5 but possibly I didn't list them yet. So typically we'll have an
6 hour -- so we have our initial introductions, which is about a
7 half an hour and then there's the hour of the panel, the Technical
8 Panel that will ask the witnesses questions, and then we'll take a
9 half hour break. And then we'll go for -- I think about on the
10 first day it goes until about 12:30, and then we take an hour-and-
11 a-half lunch break. And same thing in the afternoon, we'll go for
12 about an hour and then we'll take a half-hour break, and then
13 we'll go for another hour and a half or something along those
14 lines to end it around 5:00.

15 So, there's always going to be the start at 9:00 in the
16 morning. There's going to be a mid-morning break for about 30
17 minutes. Then there will be an hour-and-a-half lunch break, an
18 afternoon break for approximately 30 minutes, and then break
19 around 5:00. We try to keep on schedule as much as possible, just
20 because everything is webcast and so we want people to be able to
21 tune into the appropriate areas when they want to.

22 On the day of the hearing, I'll also go over some of the
23 emergency exits so that when we have a larger group that they will
24 know where the emergency exits are in the room and if there's any
25 need for medical assistance. It looks like we may have adequate

1 staff to handle that here today.

2 Any other questions, Mr. Madaras? Mr. Dougherty?

3 MR. DOUGHERTY: Sorry, sir.

4 As far as procedurally here at the party tables, do we
5 sit facing the Board, do we face each other? Is there any
6 protocol that we should follow?

7 DR. POLAND: So, I guess I would encourage you to be
8 comfortable. The way that they're set up right now is just
9 because most of the speaking was done up at the head table there,
10 so obviously turn towards the head table. But you're going to be
11 here from 9 to 5. So if you're more comfortable sitting with
12 yourselves turned towards the table and working off your computer,
13 please sit how you're most comfortable. If you would like to
14 orient yourselves so you're facing the witnesses, that's fine with
15 me as well. So, please, go with what's more comfortable for you.
16 Don't feel like you have to keep the chairs in exactly the
17 positions that we put them in.

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: Okay, thank you. And as far as the
19 exhibits, everything is released at 9 a.m. on the 23rd to the
20 public? Is that when your docket is opened up?

21 DR. POLAND: That is when the docket is open, so then it
22 will be available on our website. There's access to our docket at
23 www.nts.gov, and that will be available to the public. In
24 addition, the hearing will be webcast, so those that are not here,
25 they can go to our NTSB website and view the hearing activities

1 from the comfort of their own desk if they would prefer. And as
2 you see today, we have a court reporter. We will also have a
3 court reporter for the 2-day hearing.

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: Thank you. And just one -- and media,
5 are they restricted to the media area or are they out -- can they
6 be on the floor of the conference room or any rules for them, just
7 out of curiosity?

8 DR. POLAND: There's definitely rules for them. Whether
9 they can -- they can be -- I'm turning towards Director Hall here
10 to get confirmation. They can be down on the floor, but I'll let
11 him speak to that.

12 MR. HALL: Yeah, they, they can be down on the floor,
13 but they will be contained in a specific area down on the floor,
14 as well as in the media room.

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: Will the NTSB be providing the media a
16 briefing after each panel, at the end of the day, or at the end of
17 the second day? How will they -- well, any of that, I'm sure the
18 media is going to have a lot of questions, and would that be with
19 Chairman Hart or the Board be providing interviews?

20 MR. HALL: Chairman Hart will certainly address the
21 media throughout the event, possibly at lunch and at the end of
22 the day. So that is the -- you should anticipate that.

23 MR. DOUGHERTY: Thank you, sir.

24 DR. POLAND: And I should also point out that although
25 the media may be down on the floor, they won't necessarily be

1 coming in and around the tables. They usually stay off to either
2 side, so it's not like you're going to have the media sitting at
3 your table with you. They'll stay a little bit farther away.

4 And I just got passed a note down from Ms. Gregory. She
5 wanted me to mention that the FTA is planning on releasing some
6 documents on June 16th, and that she may plan, during her panel,
7 to reference those documents. Is that correct, Ms. Gregory?

8 MS. GREGORY: Yes. So we may be adding those as
9 exhibits on the 16th, when those are publicly released; they're
10 not available at this time.

11 DR. POLAND: So obviously if there was something that
12 was added to the exhibit list, then we would make sure that
13 everyone was aware of those, and I believe we would have the
14 opportunity for the parties to weigh-in on those exhibits as well
15 before we put them in the public docket. But they would be
16 publicly available at that point, you're saying, so in that sense
17 we wouldn't be necessarily be releasing them; they are already
18 publicly available?

19 MS. GREGORY: That's correct.

20 DR. POLAND: Okay. Thank you.

21 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Dr. Poland, I have a quick question.
22 Is it acceptable, not continuously, but for one in a while, if we
23 needed to take some information to the witness on our panel, is it
24 okay for us to get up and go to that person or go to the person
25 who is seated behind that person to provide some updated

1 information?

2 DR. POLAND: Typically the way that we handle that is
3 that you do that through your questioning.

4 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Okay.

5 DR. POLAND: So if there's some aspect that the witness
6 may not have covered, then you would ask a question to say, could
7 you please clarify X, Y, Z during your questioning period.
8 Typically we don't have members from the party getting up.

9 Now, of course, you could somehow message the person
10 that's sitting at the -- in their representative's seat and they
11 could lean over and mention something to the witness. But that's
12 the purpose of their representative behind them, is to be able to
13 give that information. Otherwise, I think it does get a little
14 bit cumbersome to have people getting up and down, and it's a
15 little bit challenging that way. So, I would ask that you somehow
16 message their representative or do it through the party
17 questioning period.

18 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Understood. Thanks.

19 MS. POLAND: Yeah.

20 I know you have more questions. Jim?

21 MR. DOUGHERTY: Just, since we're kind of the topic,
22 just looking if we -- you know, party people sit through the whole
23 panel, you know, but even between now, when we -- you know, I've
24 notified you who the party table folks will be, but, if need be,
25 we are able to change those out before the hearing if we so

1 desire?

2 MS. POLAND: Okay. Let me make sure I understood that.
3 So you are asking if you can change who is seated at the party
4 table for each of the different panels?

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, except for the spokesperson
6 obviously.

7 MS. POLAND: That's correct. So the spokesperson needs
8 to remain the same unless they're a witness, and then we've talked
9 about who the substitutes or the alternates will be for the
10 spokesperson during the time period that they're the witness.

11 In between panels, of course, you can substitute in and
12 out so that -- each panel has a different technical objective and
13 so you might want representatives from your party that are more
14 familiar with that specific technical objective of that panel. So
15 you can switch in and out. We just ask that you don't switch out
16 in the middle of a panel, but do it between panels. So have all
17 of the people at the party table that you want for that entire
18 panel, but don't, like, halfway through have somebody get up and
19 leave and somebody else come back, unless, of course, there's an
20 emergency.

21 MR. DOUGHERTY: And it's our choice. I mean, in other
22 words, if we had a consultant that we wanted to sit with us,
23 that's okay also?

24 DR. POLAND: Correct.

25 MR. DOUGHERTY: Thank you.

1 MR. GELDART: Along those lines, though, Dr. Poland, we
2 do have folks at this table that may need to go to something that
3 may be happening in the city. That is okay if we have a -- to
4 include myself?

5 DR. POLAND: Please. Take care of the emergencies.

6 MR. GELDART: Okay, thank you.

7 DR. POLAND: Mr. Geldart, will you need to have an
8 alternate in case you need to leave?

9 MR. GELDART: That was just going through my mind. I
10 think we will have one, if that's okay?

11 DR. POLAND: That would be perfect. So, if you don't
12 mind, either after this --

13 MR. GELDART: Sure.

14 DR. POLAND: -- conference you can let me know who that
15 might be or you can let me know at sometime in the future, just so
16 that we can keep track of that.

17 MR. GELDART: Absolutely.

18 DR. POLAND: It will also help for the court reporter as
19 well.

20 MR. GELDART: Okay, thank you.

21 DR. POLAND: Mr. Madaras?

22 MR. MADARAS: I have a quick question. If the
23 questioning of the witnesses becomes analytical and not factual,
24 who will be the one to control whether the question is a valid
25 question? Chairman Hart or will it be the Technical Panel chair?

1 DR. POLAND: The Technical Panel chair who is
2 representing the Technical Panel can certainly be the first line,
3 but it can also come to me as well if I feel like the questions
4 are becoming analytical. If neither of us intervene, then of
5 course Chairman Hart would intervene and then ask for that to be
6 rephrased. Mr. Allen, our general counsel representative, will
7 also be behind me, and so he will intervene as well, I'm sure.

8 I'm just getting some additional information. So you
9 can also raise your hand if you think that there is -- if it's not
10 your period to speak, but you think something is -- a question is
11 inappropriate or is analytical, you can raise your hand and then
12 we can address that concern as it's happening, if we don't
13 intervene but you think there's a need for intervention. Thank
14 you.

15 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Dr. Poland, one other question on
16 analytical versus factual. In terms of answering, can you give us
17 one example of how something could be perceived as judgmental
18 versus how something can be a factual answer?

19 DR. POLAND: I would guess that one way to be judgmental
20 would be a comparison, where you were saying this happened so much
21 better than a previous circumstance, as opposed to giving factual
22 information where you would say factually this is what happened in
23 this circumstance; we arrived on a scene at a certain time. You
24 could say we were much later than we normally would be to the
25 scene because of these factors. I would think that would be more

1 of a comparison, more analytical, as opposed to more factual
2 information.

3 MS. SAMARASINGHE: So I'm thinking in terms of --
4 Ms. Gregory, I'm thinking in terms of the Panel 4, which is the
5 TOC, FDA, FRA and British Transport. Most of the --

6 DR. POLAND: I know it's awkward. You can pick it up
7 probably.

8 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Most of the questions in our mind
9 seem to be policy related, which can turn out to be somewhat
10 colored by judgmental answers. So, we just want to make sure we
11 phrase the answers in an appropriate manner where we're not going
12 to be asked to phrase it again to sound factual. So, if you can
13 give us a few tips on how to do that? Because, unlike WMATA,
14 where much of it is going to be factual information in the purer
15 sense, ours might be, what did you do at this point in time versus
16 what do you do at this point in time and what's the delta? And
17 that -- the delta discussion might be bordering on judgmental.

18 MS. GREGORY: The questions will be, as you mentioned,
19 geared mostly towards your policy --

20 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Right.

21 MS. GREGORY: -- not specific incidents. Where the
22 issue areas on this panel are more generic to how you conduct
23 the safety oversight of WMATA and if there are any gaps in your
24 program. And in reality, this particular accident the TOC is a
25 party to the investigation, so -- it won't be accusatory. It'll

1 simply be your policy and how you do the oversight.

2 If there's -- you know, we're particularly interested in
3 the execution of the program; how you are gearing up to be MAP-21
4 compliant; how you are resolving the issues in being successful in
5 your grant for the state safety oversight; how the different
6 committees work together; how the executive committee interacts
7 with the TOC staff; and how the TOC interacts with the WMATA
8 board.

9 DR. POLAND: Please, go ahead.

10 MR. GELDART: If that one's done, then just a question
11 for the witnesses on the panels. Documentation, they're allowed
12 to bring reference material, things like that, to have in front of
13 them that are not within the exhibit list, other notes or things
14 they may need to?

15 DR. POLAND: Of course.

16 MR. GELDART: Okay.

17 MR. HALL: Note that if a witness refers to a document
18 that is not in the exhibits, we will likely ask that that document
19 be submitted and added to the exhibits post-hearing.

20 MS. GREGORY: It should also be noted that each witness
21 is welcome to have somebody sit behind them and assist. They
22 won't be able to answer the questions, but you will be able to
23 converse with them.

24 MS. SAMARASINGHE: Who's going to be navigating for each
25 panel? Who's going to be navigating through the exhibits and

1 calling up exhibits? Say, for instance, if the TOC witness wants
2 a certain exhibit called up on to the screen, how is that enabled?

3 DR. POLAND: So if it's something that's known ahead of
4 time, they can come and talk to me or they can talk to Rachel, who
5 will be taking care of all the audio/visuals, in the back corner,
6 and say I plan to bring up Exhibit G-42 during my answers to the
7 questions.

8 The other way to do that is, during their questions they
9 can say, well, to be able to answer that question can you please
10 bring up Exhibit G-6, and then we can bring up that exhibit and
11 examine it on the screens. Obviously if we know in advance that
12 we're going to bring something up, we can have it loaded and
13 queued and ready to go. It just takes a little bit longer for
14 Rachel to be able to bring it up if she doesn't know in advance.

15 And I guess I should also mention that some of the panel
16 chairs may prepare some of the exhibits if there's a specific page
17 or something from the exhibit that they want to bring up. They
18 may prepare a PowerPoint slide so that we're not navigating
19 through 100 pages to look at an exhibit; it would just be one
20 PowerPoint slide focusing on a single page or a single item in the
21 exhibit. So if there is something along those lines that you want
22 to bring up, you can tell us in advance and we can prepare that
23 area so that it's readable to those folks that are in the room and
24 also that are going to be reading the webcast, as opposed to just
25 seeing a page of the document, which may be less readable.

1 So, we're getting close to the end, so I'm going to give
2 you another opportunity to ask the questions that you may have
3 lingering before I turn it back over to Director Hall.

4 Director Hall, this concludes the Technical Panel review
5 of the issues, the exhibits, the witnesses for the WMATA
6 investigative hearing. This also includes my statement. Thank
7 you.

8 MR. HALL: Thank you, Dr. Poland. I'm going to ask you
9 all one more time, are there any additional comments about the
10 exhibits or any recommendations for additional exhibits?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. HALL: Also, are there any additional comments about
13 the witnesses or any recommendations for additional witnesses?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. HALL: The hearing transcript and the exhibits will
16 be entered into the record and will become part of the NTSB's
17 public docket, along with other records of this WMATA
18 investigation. The transcripts of the hearings are scheduled to
19 be available within 7 days of completion of the hearing. The NTSB
20 will provide a copy of the transcript to each party to the hearing
21 and to the witnesses to review for accuracy. Any corrections to
22 the transcripts must be sent to the Hearing Officer, Dr. Kristin
23 Poland, within 20 days following the close of the hearing, in this
24 case, by Friday, July 24th, 2015. Any new documents or
25 information identified during the hearing that a party or witness

1 agrees to furnish to the NTSB should also be sent to the Hearing
2 Officer by July 24th, 2015.

3 Following the hearing, Dr. Poland will designate a date
4 by which submissions related to the proposed findings, probable
5 cause and safety recommendations, as defined in Title 49 Code of
6 Federal Regulations, Section 845.27, must be submitted.

7 The hearing will be webcast live and be posted on the
8 NTSB website, where it will remain for several months after the
9 hearing.

10 Please note that on the day of the hearing, everyone
11 will need to pass through security and get settled prior to
12 9:00 a.m., the hearing start time. Please give yourself enough
13 time to locate your party table and be seated prior to the start
14 of the hearing.

15 Between now and the hearing, please direct any questions
16 to Dr. Poland. Let me also note that Dr. Poland will be out of
17 the country from June 6th through June 13th, so if there's an
18 urgent matter, please contact Joe Gordon, the IIC for the WMATA
19 investigation, during that time.

20 Member Weener, did you have anything you wanted to say?

21 (No audible response.)

22 MR. HALL: Okay, thank you.

23 This brings us to the completion of the prehearing
24 conference. Thank you for your comments and participation today.

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1 We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, June 23rd,
2 2015, at 9:00 a.m. Thank you all.

3 (Whereupon, at 10:00 a.m., the pre-hearing conference
4 was adjourned.)

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