



**TriMet Board  
Monthly Safety and Security Report  
September 2015**

**SAFETY**

**Current Activities Status**

- Drug and Alcohol Program
    - The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will conduct a review of WES Commuter Rail for compliance with FRA drug and alcohol regulations (Title 49, Parts 219 and 40) this month. There are nine WES maintenance employees who are covered by these regulations. FRA conducts these audits every three years. Pervious audits were in September 2009 and March 2012.
  
  - Continuous Improvement Team – Slips, Trips, and Falls
    - Safety, in conjunction with the Bus Operator Safety Committee, formed a Continuous Improvement Team to address Bus Transportation Slip, Trip, and Fall injuries. The Team is developing a draft Bus Transportation Footwear Policy. Additionally, the Committee is developing a module on avoiding slips, trips, and falls, for delivery during the Bus Operator recertification training and display on flat screen monitors in the Operator reporting areas.
  
  - Safety Management System (SMS)
    - A SMS Steering Committee was formed and will be meeting this month. The Steering Committee is tasked with the goals of:
      - Developing a committee charter that will define its mission.
      - Updating the current System Safety Program Plan to align with the System Safety Management approach and Federal Transit Administration guidelines and regulations once issued.
      - Developing a SMS Implementation Plan.

The Committee is comprised of the Deputy General Manager, Executive Director of Transportation, Executive Director of Maintenance, and Executive Director of Safety and Security and supported by safety management consultant, EORM.

  - Safety Management System training for Supervisors and front line employees is targeted to start in late October.
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- System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) and Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan (SEPP)
  - The SSPP and SEPP were updated to reflect the opening of the Orange Line, TriMet organizational changes, and minor rail system fact changes. As required by OAR 571 and 49 CFR Part 659, the plans were submitted to ODOT for review and approval. The plans were both approved.

- Orange Line
  - Both the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) conducted Safety and Security Readiness Review of the Portland-Milwaukie Project to assess the safety and security readiness of the Orange Line (April and July, respectively). TriMet addressed and implemented all recommendations prior to the opening of the Orange Line. Both the FTA and ODOT formally concurred with TriMet's responses and actions and closed the recommendations as being completed.
  - TriMet formally submitted to ODOT the Safety and Security Certification Final Report for the Portland-Milwaukie Project. The report certified that the Orange Line extension is safe and secure to enter revenue passenger service. The report contains the details of the safety and security certification program, including all safety and security critical civil system, and operation elements of the PMLR Project. It comprised 10,739 design, construction, and operation safety items that were required to be certified as meeting a particular safety or security requirement. Currently, 192 items remain open and require certification. These items will continue to be tracked until closed. None of the items were critical to the opening of the Orange Line.

ODOT has been monitoring the certification process as the project progressed. All safety critical items were verified as being completed by ODOT staff.

- In response to both the Certification Final Report and Safety and Security Readiness Review, ODOT formally acknowledged finding no issue with the opening of the Orange Line extension. ODOT has been working with TriMet since inception of the PMLR Project.

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## SECURITY

### **Current Activities Status**

- In advance of the Orange Line opening, a policing and security plan was developed for the special events and expected large crowds.
  - Transit Police participated in RailSafe and BusSafe missions. The missions provide high visibility operations to deter and detect criminal activity and disrupt potential terrorist pre-attack surveillance and other suspicious activity on both bus and trail transit service. The missions are conducted in close coordination with each of TriMet's jurisdictional police partners.
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