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Mr. Paul Wiedefeld General Manager/CEO Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority 600 Fifth Street NW Washington, DC 20001

RE: Use of Federal Financial Assistance for Safety Initiatives: \$20 million Reserve

Dear Mr. Wiedefeld:

I am writing in response to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) letter received on May 19, 2016, regarding the use of the \$20 million reserved for safety-related projects in my letter of March 22, 2016. As you are aware, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is focused on ensuring that federal dollars received by WMATA for its FY 2017 Capital Improvement Program are directed to support safety, including for specific infrastructure improvement projects.

WMATA has requested FTA's concurrence to allocate these funds to the SafeTrack initiative, which requires additional funding for Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 0024, Track Rehabilitation, in excess of amounts originally planned for the upcoming fiscal year.

In order to support the safety improvements that will be achieved through the SafeTrack initiative, FTA concurs with this request. Please note, under the authority in Safety Directive 16-1, FTA may re-direct unspent Federal funds if a new high priority safety requirement arises.

If you have any questions, please contact Corey Walker in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Office at (202) 219-3562 or via email at corey.walker@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Terry Garcia Crews

Regional Administrator

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