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Mr. Paul Wiedefeld
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Subject: Final Approval of Safety Directive 16-4 Corrective Action Plans

Dear Mr. Wiedefeld:

On October 7, 2016, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) received 12 Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in response to Safety Directive 16-4. The FTA issued this Safety Directive on August 8, 2016, alongside the Track Integrity Investigation Final Report, and mandated that WMATA complete 12 required actions within the Metrorail system to address a number of systemic track integrity deficiencies.

After additional review, on November 2, 2016, the FTA WMATA Safety Oversight Office (FWSO) requested further changes to two WMATA CAPs:

- **FTA-16-4-T2:** time allocated for track inspection, and
- **FTA-16-4-T7:** prioritizing track maintenance.

The WMATA also initiated a corresponding change to another CAP, FTA-16-4-T3, related to adequacy of resources and technically qualified personnel to complete inspection and repair of special trackwork. WMATA transmitted these revised CAPs to FWSO on December 6, 2016.

With these changes, FWSO has determined that WMATA's total corrective action package for the 12 required actions specified in Safety Directive 16-4 meets our expectations and is therefore approved.

Thank you for your commitment to addressing our concerns and improving track integrity at Metrorail. We look forward to working with your team as they address these findings and required actions. Please contact me at (202) 366-5303 or via email at Angela.Dluger@dot.gov with any questions.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Safety Directive 16-4 Corrective Action Plan Tracking Matrix

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