

### **MBTA Safety Report**

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### **Overview**



### Summary

- Highlight the MBTA's ongoing efforts to improve safety across the system for both employees and customers
- Explain outcome and incident tracking and resulting corrective actions taken
- Share key achievements in safety promotion and address areas of concern

#### Outline

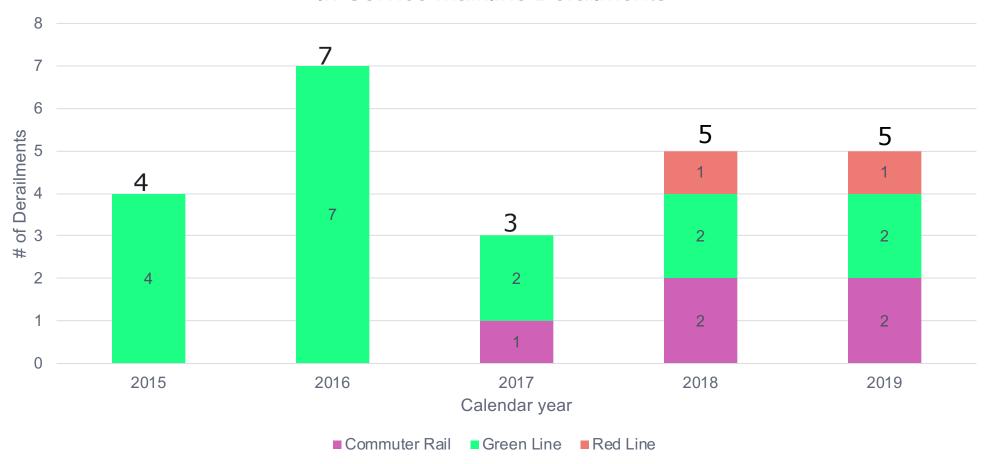
- Safety trends and auditing
- Safety Management System (SMS) and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)
- Programs and Initiatives
  - Customer-facing
  - Employee-facing









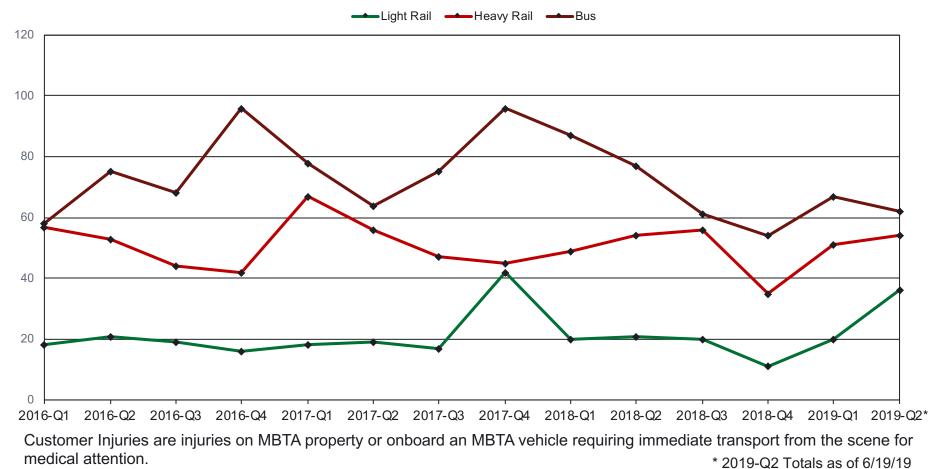






### **Customer Injury Trends**

### Customer Injuries 2016 – Present\*

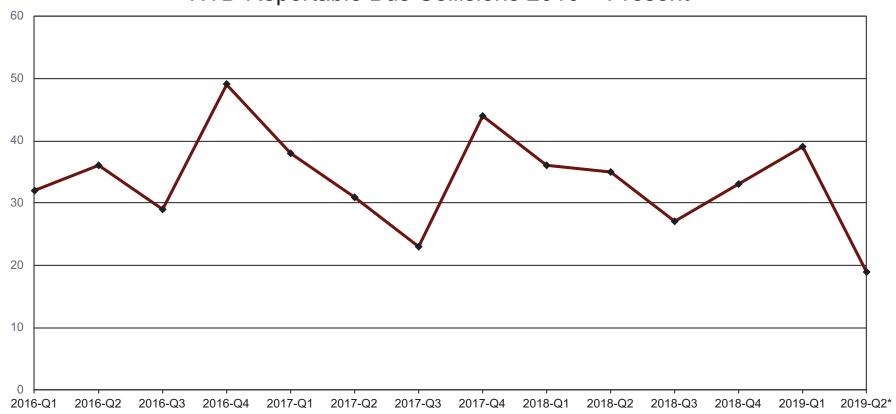






### **Bus Collision Trends**

### NTD Reportable Bus Collisions 2016 – Present\*



National Transit Database reportable collisions include a collision resulting in a fatality, serious injury, or immediate transport away from the scene for medical treatment; a collision resulting in >\$25,000 in property damage; or a collision resulting in a vehicle being towed from the scene due to disabling damage.



# **Auditing**



### DPU 2018-2020 Triennial Audit of MBTA

- In March, the DPU published their 2018 Annual Update Report
- DPU conducted over 300 targeted and random audit activities to assess compliance with the MBTA Safety Plan
- No hazards or findings requiring a Corrective Action Plan by the MBTA were identified







# FTA Final Rule 49 CFR 673 – Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

- Supersedes System Safety Program Plan requirements of 49 CFR 659
- Requires restructured safety plan and integration of SMS principles
- Will replace MBTA's currently approved and implemented Safety Transit Plan and 21 element-based safety system
- New plan must be certified by DPU on July 20, 2020
- Applies to:
  - Transit Rail
  - > Bus
  - Para-transit
- o Exempt:
  - Commuter Rail Overseen by FRA
  - > Ferry Service Overseen by US Coast Guard

#### **New Requirements:**

#### <u>SMS</u>

- Enhanced Safety Statement issued/signed by SMS Accountable Executive/GM
- SMS Executive responsible for implementation
- Employee Safety Reporting System where employees can report safety conditions to senior management without fear of retaliation/discipline
- Data collection Safety Performance Targets at a min.:
  - Fatalities
  - Injuries
  - Safety Events
  - System Reliability

#### <u>Plan</u>

- Plan must document agency's updated SMS processes
- Signed by the GM, approved by FMCB
- Certified by the DPU
- Annual internal review, update, and certification







- Builds on system safety concepts, adding:
  - More management commitment, oversight, and accountability for safety
  - Enhanced safety performance metrics and targets DATA
  - Strengthened safety culture
- The intent bring management and labor together to:
  - Collect, share, and analyze safety data more effectively
  - Identify and control risk better
  - Detect and correct safety problems earlier
  - Measure safety performance more precisely



#### Safety Management Policy

- Policy Statement
- Accountabilities and Responsibilities

#### 2. Safety Risk Management

- Hazard Identification and Analysis
- Safety Risk Evaluation and Mitigation



#### 3. Safety Assurance

- Safety Performance Monitoring and Measurement
- · Management of Change

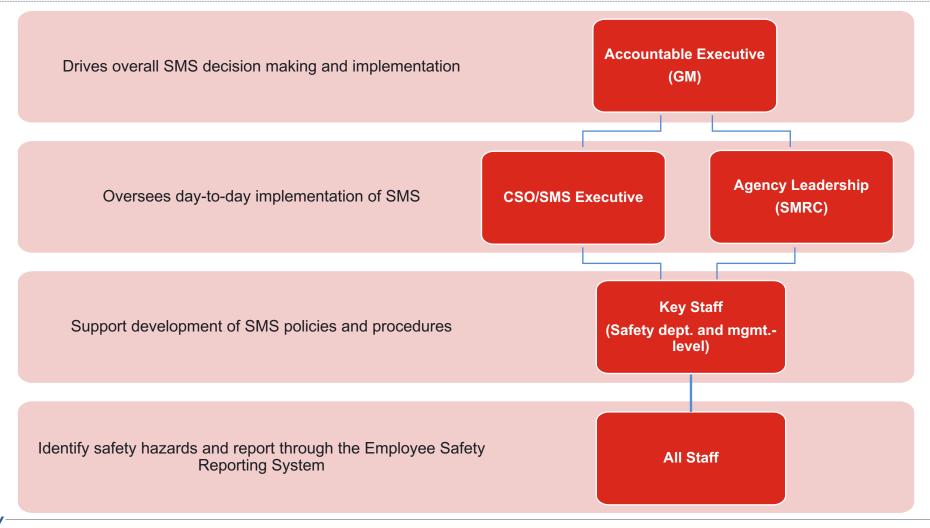
#### 4. Safety Promotion

- Safety Communication
- Competencies and Training





# **SMS** – Key Roles and Responsibilities







# Safety Department Collaboration – SMRC, Task Teams, Working Groups

# MBTA SMRC – Executive Management Review and Approval <u>Task Teams & Working Groups</u> – Program/Plan Development and Review

Safety Engineering – Infrastructure

**GLX Working Group** 

South Coast Rail Working Group

Red Line/Orange Line
Infrastructure Working
Group

Wellington Campus Coordination Working Group

Capital Asset Safety
Management Working
Group

Safety Engineering –
Systems

Red Line/Orange Line Vehicle Working Group

Green Line Vehicle
Working Group

Red Line/Orange Line Signals Improvements Working Group (planned)

Vehicle Maintenance Safety Management Working Group

E&M Safety Management Working Group Transportation Safety

Transportation Safety Management Working Group

Unified Training Safety Management Working Group

Security Safety
Management Working
Group

Bus Accident Reduction Committee

Right of Way Safety Committee

Safety Rules Compliance Program Meeting Occupational Health & Safety

OHS Steering Committee

OHS Working Groups

Code 1 Task Force

GLX Fire Life Safety
Committee

Safety Oversight & Planning

SMS Steering Committee

SMS Transition Task Team

**DPU Transition Team** 





# Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan – Plan Development

Finalize Transit Safety Plan draft SMS Transition Task Team approval

CSO review and approval

SMS Steering Committee/ SMRC review and approval

GM initial review

DPU review

GM final review and approval

FMCB review and approval

DPU Plan approval and certification

- PTASP and SMS Development
  - SMS Steering Committee and Task Team created to oversee safety plan and SMS development and implementation
  - o Safety Plan Schedule:
    - Steering Committee and SMRC review/approval September 2019
    - ➤ GM/SMS Accountable Executive review December 2019
    - DPU review January 2020
    - ➤ Back to SMRC for final approval, if required February/March 2020
    - ➤ GM and FMCB final review and approval April/May 2020
    - ➤ DPU approval and certification Regulatory Deadline July 20, 2020
  - SMS Development and Implementation multi-year phased process
    - ➤ Phased approach manageable series of steps, allocation of resources, milestones
    - Schedule and milestones





# **Workplace Safety Improvement Initiative – OSHA Program Requirement**

- 3/9/18 Governor Baker signed a bill amending MGL c 149 Sec 6 ½ to clarify employee safety requirements in public sector workplaces.
  - Law requires all public sector employers to implement methods of reducing work-related injury and illness that meet the minimum requirements provided under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.
  - Law enforced at state level by Department of Labor Standards (DLS)
- 2/1/19:
  - DLS OHS oversight became effective
  - DLS may conduct onsite inspections at MBTA facilities
- DLS standard 454 CMR 25 directly extends OSHA regulations to executive branch state agencies.







- Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Program Status:
  - OHS Safety Bulletins: Nov 2018 MBTA Safety published 26 bulletins which serve as guidance documents throughout the development/implementation process of the OSHA-compliant OHS program.
  - Job Hazard Analyses (JHAs): MBTA Safety is collaborating with various departments to complete JHAs throughout the workplace. JHAs:
    - Help identify job-related hazards
    - Assist in developing mitigations, controls, proper resource allocation
    - ➤ Form the basis for many OSHA-related programs
  - OSHA-compliant written safety programs: MBTA Safety has drafted 5 safety programs to be reviewed by OHS steering committee with a schedule for completion of remaining programs.
- MBTA Safety is incorporating best practices into the existing OHS Plan with the intent to make the revised plan available by summer 2019.





# **Workplace Safety Improvement Initiative – OHS Program Progress**

 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Program: written program approved by SMRC in May 2019; moving to full program development/implementation.

• Electrical Safety and Lock-Out/Tag-Out (LO/TO) Program: to be reviewed by the OHS Steering Committee at the next

committee meeting.

OHS Program	Estimated Program Publication Date
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Quarter 2 – 2019
Electrical Safety	Quarter 3/4 – 2019
Lockout/Tagout	
Confined Space	
Hot Work	
Respiratory Protection	Quarter 1 – 2020
Fire/Life Safety and Emergency Egress	
Hearing Conservation	
Bloodborne Pathogens	Quarter 2 – 2020
Fall Protection	
Chemical Hazardous Communication	





# **Workplace Safety Improvement Initiative – Capital Improvement Inspections**

- MBTA Safety works with the OHS Steering Committee to initiate and implement OHS Capital Improvement Projects
- Safety, management, and labor have been conducting comprehensive facility inspections to determine highpriority safety-related Capital Improvement projects
- MBTA Safety Capital Improvement Grant funds used to date:
  - Fall Protection
  - Outdoor Lighting
  - Hose Reel Upgrades
  - Steam Washer Cabinets
  - Garage Exhaust/Tail Pipe Hoses
  - Steel Grate Replacement
  - Steel Plate Elimination
  - Vehicle Maintenance Facility Asphalt

- Bus Garage Structural Assessments
- Quincy Bus Garage Structural Repair
- Bus Maintenance Facility Bird Netting
- Motor Up-Enders
- Grab Iron Bars
- Torrent Parts Cleaners
- Vertical Panel Saw
- Shop Floor Smoothing

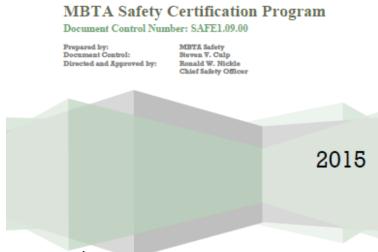




# **Safety Certification**

- Safety Certification Program authored by MBTA Safety
  - o Approved by SMRC and MBTA Depts.
  - Adopted by DPU
- Audited twice since 2015 with no findings
- Includes Infrastructure, Vehicles, & Systems
- Includes all projects, not just FTA mandated
- MBTA Safety Certification Program recognized by APTA as an Industry Best Practice
- Safety Certification Systems, Infrastructure, and Vehicles
  - Ensures safety concerns and hazards are adequately addressed prior to revenue service
  - Process begins during the design/planning phase
  - A working group comprised of the MBTA Project Team (PM, RE), Design Consultant, Contractor, and Safety Department rep
    oversee the accomplishment of the safety objectives for each project development phase
  - Safety critical items (certifiable items list or CIL) are identified through Preliminary Hazard Analyses (PHA) and Threat and Vulnerability Assessments (TVA)
  - o Process continues throughout the construction/procurement/integration phases and is completed prior to operational use
  - MBTA Safety participates in all phases of the Certification process
  - CSO certifies
- Example Projects: PTC; GLX; New Green, Red and Orange Line Vehicles; Test Tracks; South Coast Rail







### **Commuter Rail Safety**

As safety oversight for the commuter rail, MBTA Safety:

- Monitors Keolis' compliance with federal regulations, the Commuter Rail Operating Agreement, MBTA safety program requirements, and industry best practices
- Collaborates with MBTA Railroad Operations and Keolis to identify, resolve, and track safety issues
- Responds to and investigates emergency events and hazardous conditions
- Works closely with representatives from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Keolis, and various
   MBTA departments to ensure the resolution of identified safety issues











#### **Safety Hotline**

- Employees can report safety conditions and/or hazards directly to the MBTA Safety department
- Reports can be made anonymous/confidential
- Safety Department tracks safety concerns and monitors any corrective actions

#### **General Manager Safety Excellence Awards**

- First Annual Award ceremony held on January 22, 2019 to recognize employees that demonstrated safety excellence or provided safety input to effect a positive change in 2018
- Managers across the MBTA submitted nominees
- From the nominations, 34 employees were selected for commendation with an additional 21 honorable mentions
- Planning for the 2019 ceremony is currently underway







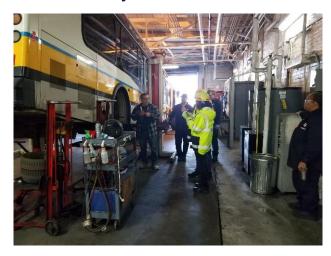






### MBTA Safety collaborates to conduct safety training, including:

- Federally approved safety courses with Transportation Safety Institute (TSI)
- Right of Way (ROW) Training at Cabot with Subway Ops Training
- New Hire Training with Human Resources
- Bus Operator Safety Training with Bus Ops Training
- In-field training for Operations, E&M, and Construction Contractors
- Safety Flashes













### Community Outreach

- MBTA Safety collaborates with Keolis, Transit Police, MassDOT, Mass Department of Health, FRA, Samaritans Inc., and Operation Lifesaver to conduct **public outreach and raise safety awareness**
- In an effort to reduce trespasser strikes, MBTA created a Rail Collision Reduction Committee, with stakeholders and subject matter experts on the national, state, and local level working collaboratively to study the issue





