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SENT VIA EMAIL

September 28, 2022

Mr. Steve Poftak
General Manager
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

Subject: Approval of Standdown Training Action Plan

Dear Mr. Poftak,

Thank you and your team for submitting the requested Standdown Training Action Plan to explain how the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) will train employees who have not yet received the training mandated in the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Immediate Action Letter of July 28, 2022. FTA appreciates that the MBTA has trained approximately 99 percent of Rail Transportation Operations and Rail Vehicle Maintenance personnel, and that employees not trained are all on long-term out/leave or are currently being processed for discharge.

FTA approves the Standdown Training Action Plan submitted to the FTA and authorizes the MBTA to begin bi-weekly reporting on the status of training the remaining personnel. The first bi-weekly period must cover the period that ends two calendar weeks from the date of issuance of this letter. The initial bi-weekly report must cover any status changes between the termination of daily reporting and the initial start date of bi-weekly reporting.

We appreciate your efforts to enhance MBTA's safety performance. Please contact our SMI Coordinator, Erin Powell, by phone at (202) 771-8016 or by email at Erin.Powell@dot.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe P. DeLorenzo".

Joe DeLorenzo
Associate Administrator and
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