



U.S. Department
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**Federal Transit
Administration**

Executive Director

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Mr. Phillip Eng
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Dear Mr. Eng:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued Safety Directive (SD) 22-7 to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) on June 15, 2022. This directive required the MBTA to take corrective actions regarding safety concerns identified during the Safety Management Inspection (SMI), specifically related to lapsed certifications.

This SD 22-7 required MBTA to undertake required actions to address the pattern of safety incidents and three specific safety findings concerning lapsed training certifications of safety-sensitive rail personnel. Specifically, the three findings stated:

- **Finding 1:** MBTA does not ensure that operations personnel are recertified.
- **Finding 2:** MBTA does not ensure it meets operational training and recertification requirements for personnel responsible for the movement of railcars.
- **Finding 3:** MBTA does not effectively train and certify personnel responsible for the movement of railcars.

FTA closed Findings 1 and 2 on June 21, 2024, and Finding 3 on November 27, 2024.

MBTA has worked to fully address the findings of SD 22-7 and complete the associated required actions. As a result, FTA finds that MBTA has satisfied the requirements of SD 22-7; therefore, this special directive is now closed.

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Conclusion

The determination that MBTA has satisfied all the requirements related to SD 22-7 represents a tremendous amount of work, and FTA commends your efforts. If you have any questions, please contact our Safety Management Inspection Coordinator, Christian Hernandez, by phone at (213) 552-3494 or by email at Christian.Hernandez@dot.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew J. Welbes".

Matthew J. Welbes