



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

# **2017 SSO Training Workshop**

## **Proposed General Directive 17-1 Stop Signal Overruns**

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# Proposed GD 17-1

## Presentation Overview

- Background
- Current status
- Next steps

# Background – Safety Advisory 16-1

- Safety Advisory 16-1
  - Issued April 7, 2016
  - Key Findings
    - Lack of industry standard practices, definitions, and requirements to protect against stop signal overruns.
    - Need for a new General Directive

# Background – General Directives

- Authorized per 49 CFR 670
- Public Transportation Safety Program Rule
  - Final Rule effective September 12, 2016

# Background – General Directives

- 49 CFR 670.25 General Directives
  - Unsafe conditions/practices exist, with risk of death, injury or property damage
  - Notice of proposed General Directive published in Federal Register
  - 60 day comment period
  - Response to comments and Final General Directive

# Proposed GD 17-I

Published in the Federal Register on January 17, 2017

Proposed General Directive 17-I would require **Rail Transit Agencies** to:

- Complete a safety risk evaluation of the potential consequences of hazards related to stop signal overruns within 90 days of issuance of a final General Directive
- Evaluate the current safety performance monitoring activities in place to assess the effectiveness of stop signal overrun mitigations within 90 days of issuance of a final General Directive
- Develop a corrective action plan within 150 days of issuance of a final General Directive

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Proposed General Directive 17-I would require **State Safety Oversight Agencies** to:

- Participate in the safety risk evaluation conducted by the rail transit agency
- Review and approve the evaluation within 60 days after its completion
- Review and approve the corrective action plan within 60 days of its receipt
- Report the status of the corrective action plan to FTA, as part of the SSO Program Annual Report to FTA

# Proposed GD 17-1

- Docket comment period closed March 20, 2017
  - [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

155 total comments received from:

- 10 State Safety Oversight Agencies
- 13 Rail Transit Agencies
- APTA
- Amalgamated Transit Union
- 5 Individuals



# Proposed GD 17-I

- Inventory of comments – major themes
  - Finish & share SA 16-I findings report
  - Increase the timelines for conducting the work
  - Provide clear definitions and terminology
  - Address and clarify inconsistencies
  - Provide sample templates
  - Provide grant funds

# Proposed GD 17-I

- Next Steps:
  - Analyze comments
  - Draft responses to comments
  - Revise proposed GD 17-I
  - Review and approval process
  - Issue Final GD 17-I

# Questions?

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