

On Wednesday, April 21, 2010 the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a hearing entitled "The Washington Metro System: Safety, Service and Stability," to examine the challenges facing the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) as it transitions under new leadership.

The Committee addressed WMATA's efforts to improve safety and service in the wake of a spate of accidents that have occurred within the Metro system over the past year; the short and long-term solutions for addressing the budget shortfall currently confronting WMATA; and the process for selecting a permanent General Manager for WMATA and establishing effective long term leadership.

To watch a webcast of the hearing, [click here](#)

The witnesses scheduled to testify included:

Panel I

Mr. Peter M. Rogoff
Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

Panel II

Mr. Richard Sarles
Interim General Manager
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Mr. Peter Benjamin

Chairman, Board of Directors
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Mr. Matt Bassett
Chairman
Tri-State Oversight Committee

Ms. Jackie Jeter
President
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 689

Mr. David Alpert
Vice-Chair
Metro Rider Advisory council

Documents and Links

[Opening Statement of Chairman Edolphus Towns](#)

[Prepared testimony of Mr. Peter Rogoff](#)

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