



Railroad Safety Advisory Committee



Track Standards Working Group Update

to The 45th Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

December 8, 2011
Washington, DC



Track Standards Working Group

Track Inspection Time Study



Task No. 11-02

- Presented to RSAC on August 2, 2011;
Accepted on August 16, 2011
- Consider improvements to the Track Safety Standards, or other actions, related to the Track Inspection Time Study



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- Determine should automated track inspections be expanded to improve safety
 - Determine whether inspector training should be formally developed and standardized
 - Determine whether track remedial action should be amended
 - Determine whether different track inspection and repair priorities or methods should be required
 - Review methods to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of track inspections.
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Track Standards Working Group Track Inspection Time Study



- October 20, 2011 - Track Standards Working Group met in D.C.
 - Reviewed FRA's **Track Inspection Time Study**
 - Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA)
 - RISA Section 403 requires the DOT to conduct a study of the Track Inspection Process and submit to Congress
 - FRA conducted the study to obtain a “snapshot” of inspection process
 - Study was submitted to Congress on May 2, 2011
 - Discussed other relevant information for WG to consider
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- October 20, 2011 meeting cont.
 - Future issues
 - Continue Discussion on FRA Report process
 - FRA offered to make report contractor available to answer questions
 - Review BMWED Track Inspection Time Study Report
 - Review automated track inspection technology
 - Review other track inspection requirements, including Transport Canada proposed track inspection regulations
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- Future meetings scheduled for
 - December 20, 2011 Washington, D.C.
 - February 7, 8, 2012 TBD (Phoenix or D.C.)
 - April 26, 27, 2012 TBD (Indianapolis or Chicago)

Questions?
