



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?
