



## State Safety Oversight Program

# Program Standard Revision 11 Amendment 1

Effective **Tuesday, March 23, 2021**, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) makes Amendment 1 and incorporates the following revisions to the State Safety Oversight Program Standard Revision 11 dated March 2020.

1. Page 24, Program Management PM.4 GDOT Authorized Representatives, first paragraph:

**Current:** GDOT has designated Chet Welch as the Interim SSO Program Manager. The SSO Program Manager administers the day-to-day state safety and security oversight program and reports to Carol Comer, Director of the Division of Intermodal. The Director of the Division of Intermodal reports to Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer. The Chief Engineer reports to Russel McMurry, the Commissioner.

**Revision:** *GDOT has designated Jihyun Park as the SSO Program Manager. The SSO Program Manager administers the day-to-day state safety and security oversight program and reports to Chet Welch, Rail and State Safety Oversight Program Manager, Division of Intermodal. The Rail and State Oversight Program Manager reports to Carol Comer, Director of the Division of Intermodal. The Director of the Division of Intermodal reports to Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer. The Chief Engineer reports to Russel McMurry, the Commissioner.*

2. Page 24, Program Management PM.4 GDOT Authorized Representative, Table PM 4. GDOT Contact:

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3. Page 26, Program Management PM.5.2 RTA Safety and Security Contacts

**Current**

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4. Page 112, Section 6 – Event Notification, Investigating and Reporting, Table 6.5.1.1a Event Notification Thresholds – Accidents, Note 1:

**Current:** FTA two-hour notification is not required for collisions / derailments involving property damage, unless the event results in “substantial damage”, but GDOT notification and accident investigation report requirements still apply.

**Revision:** *FTA two-hour notification is not required for collisions involving property damage, unless the event results in “substantial damage”, but GDOT notification and accident investigation report requirements still apply.*

5. Page 113, Section 6 – Event Notification, Investigating and Reporting, 6.5.1.2 Federal Transit Administration:

**Current:** The RTA will notify the FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight within two hours for events that meet the reporting thresholds specified in Section 6.5.1.1. Current requirements include:

Telephone Notification:

US Department of Transportation Crisis Management Center  
o (202) 366-1863

Email Notification:

US Department of Transportation Crisis Management Center  
o CMC-01@dot.gov

**Revision:** *The RTA will notify the FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight within two hours for events that meet the reporting thresholds specified in Section 6.5.1.1 via email provided below and copy the Department when the email is sent out. No phone notifications to FTA will be accepted, as the Department requires validation that reporting has occurred.*

Email Notification:

US Department of Transportation Crisis Management Center  
o CMC-01@dot.gov

6. Page 114, Section 6 – Event Notification, Investigating and Reporting, 6.5.2 GDOT Notification Procedures, Initial Telephone Notification:

**Current:** The RTA will provide initial notification to the cell phone of the GDOT point-of-contact within two (2) hours of a reportable event, leaving a detailed message or text. The RTA will provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Name and job title of person reporting,
- Name of the RTA,
- Event type (fatality, injuries, property damage, evacuation, derailment or other),
- Location, date and time of event,
- Initial assessment of the extent of fatalities, injuries, and
- Preliminary estimate of property damage

**Revision:** *The RTA will provide initial notification to the cell phone of the GDOT point-of-contact within two (2) hours of a reportable event, leaving a detailed message or text. The RTA will provide as much of the following information as possible:*

- *Name and job title of person reporting,*
- *Name of the RTA,*
- *Event type (fatality, injuries, property damage, evacuation, derailment or other),*
- *Location, date and time of event,*
- *Initial assessment of the extent of fatalities, injuries,*
- *Preliminary estimate of property damage, and*
- *Whether notification to FTA, FRA, NTSB – as applicable, is required.*

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SSO Program Manager, Division of Intermodal, GDOT	Date
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