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In order to further improve the lines of communication and to respond to the concerns between the National VA Council and you our members, I have established a National VA Council Briefing. This NVAC Briefing will bring you the latest news and developments within DVA and provide you with the current status of issues this Council is currently addressing. I believe that this NVAC Briefing will greatly enhance the way in which we communicate and the way in which we share new information, keeping you better informed.

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**In This Briefing: OPM memorandum of Metro SafeTrack project**  
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OPM has issued a memorandum on the impact of the Metro SafeTrack project on Washington, DC, area Federal employees.

<https://www.chcoc.gov/content/impact-metro-safetrack-project-washington-dc-area-federal-employees>

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has announced it will implement a SafeTrack maintenance plan to address safety recommendations and rehabilitate the Metrorail system to improve safety and reliability. WMATA's plan will include continuous single tracking on certain segments of the rail system for several weeks, as well as shutting down segments entirely for up to several weeks. This will be in addition to intensive weeknight and weekend track work, which will include the closure of the system at midnight on weekends. The SafeTrack project will not only impact employees who regularly use the Metrorail system but could potentially cause a cascading effect on all commuters in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. For more information on WMATA's scheduled maintenance plan, see <http://www.wmata.com/rail/safetrack.cfm>.