



**King County  
Metro Transit Department  
Rail Division**

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## **RAIL DIRECTOR DIRECTIVE**

DATE: December 4, 2020  
FROM: Evan Inkster, Rail Division Director  
TO: All King County Rail Operations Employees  
SUBJECT: Adherence to Lockout/Tagout SMP 27.5

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Earlier this week an incident occurred involving the movement of OCS grounds within an established work zone. The events of this incident are currently under review to ensure safety for King County, Sound Transit, and contractor personnel performing work on our system. In the interim, I am reminding all personnel to follow Lockout Tagout SMP 27.5.

In addition to SMP 27.5, I am directing all King County employees not to remove, move, or adjust an installed Traction Power ground prior to authorization from the owner.

- A. If a permit is issued and the contractor is given the lock out tag out document the contractor owns that ground and it cannot be removed, moved or adjusted without consent from the permit holder and all work must stop on that circuit until the line is retested and the traction power ground is reinstalled.
- B. If a different maintenance group has locks and tags in place and has witnessed and verified the location of the traction power ground, that traction power ground cannot be removed, moved or adjusted without consent from the owner and all work must stop on that circuit until the line is retested and the traction power ground is re installed.
- C. If two teams are working on the OCS and the traction power ground is in the way of a team member and it needs to move so they can do their work, then both teams must be notified (this means all team members in that work area), all work must stop, and the traction power ground cannot be removed, moved or adjusted without consent from the team and all work must stop on that circuit until the line is retested and the traction power ground is reinstalled.

I appreciate your adherence to this directive to support safe working environments in our system.

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Evan Inkster Date: 12/4/2020  
Evan Inkster, Rail Division Director