



**King County  
Metro Transit Department  
Rail Division**

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## **RAIL DIRECTOR DIRECTIVE**

DATE: November 17, 2020

FROM: Evan Inkster, Rail Division Director

TO: All King County Rail Division Employees

SUBJECT: Adherence to SOP 6.16 Right of Way Worker Protection on the Trackway

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King County Metro (KCM) Rail Division personnel recently encountered issues related to the establishment and management of work zones in the trackway. A recent incident highlights the need for further discussion regarding protection for right of way workers in the trackway. SOP 6.16 Right of Way Worker Protection on the Trackway (Rev. 5, 4/20/19) and the Rulebook (Effective 6/1/20) govern right of way worker protection and must be adhered to at all times.

Rail Division management have begun reviewing our policies and procedure to improve right of way worker protections. In the interim, I am directing KCM personnel to follow the immediate mitigations and strictly adhere to SOP 6.16 Right of Way Worker Protection on the Trackway.

**The immediate mitigations are:**

- Separate cones and flags must be placed by each work group delineating their work area.
- Shared cones and flags to delineate a work limit are prohibited. Employees may only remove cones and flags in accordance with SOP 6.16 requirements for their specific work area.
- Rail Supervisors supporting testing activities are required to participate in the crafts nightly coordination meeting to ensure understanding of work on the trackway for the night.

- All controllers must log work in the right of way on the communications log. The communications log must be referenced and the EIC contacted in accordance with SOP 6.16 requirements prior to allowing vehicle movement through the work area.

Thank you for working together to support the highest level of safety and service for Link Light Rail.

Signed:  Date: 11/17/2020  
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