



CONFIDENTIAL CLOSE CALL KEEP REPORTING... WE ARE LISTENING!

July 2019

Metro, ATU Local 689, and IBT Local 922 take close calls seriously. Metro has approved the following safety actions to address concerns from employees who have made confidential reports directly to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). These action items are tracked internally to ensure completion and ongoing compliance.



Employee Concern: Oil Leak at Carmen Turner Facility (CTF) Bus Garage

Employees reported oil leaking from the ceiling pipes at the CTF truck bays. PLNT found that the lube room is cold during the winter season because it has an open vent to the outside and no heat supply. The cold temperature thickens the oil, making it difficult to pump. To overcome this issue, mechanics were increasing the pressure on the pumps which caused premature failures and leaks.

Actions: PLNT performed an inspection of the oil dispenser system and all line connections to identify leaks. All leaks were repaired, and the system's pressure was set to the appropriate PSI level. After reinspection on 6/21/2019, no leaks were found. To address the oil thickness during the winter months, electric heaters will be installed in the lube room.

Responsible party: Leroy Jones, PLNT

Completion Date: 12/1/19

Employee Concern: Deteriorating concrete around metal grates at Bladensburg Bus Division

Employees reported hazards associated with concrete deteriorating around the metal grates at Bladensburg Division. PLNT evaluated the concrete and determined that the type of concrete used was not suitable for the location due to the weight of the buses traveling over the area.

Actions: PLNT is currently fabricating parts and materials required to replace the damaged grating. In the interim, PLNT has installed a metal plate over area to mitigate the hazard.

Responsible party: Leroy Jones, PLNT

Completion Date: 08/1/19

