

Frank A. Frey, FRA

In 1998, Frank began his government career with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Transportation Oversight Division as a Transit Engineer. One of his main roles was the implementation of state safety oversight matters of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Subway System. He was responsible in conducting routine transit safety audits with recommended corrective action plans of the MBTA on behalf of the state, as set forth by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under 49 CFR Part 659.

Frank was charged with investigating and inspecting heavy or light rail vehicles involved in derailments, collisions, or fire damage. He was designated as the Commonwealth's lead investigator to assist the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) investigation of both MBTA's Green Line accidents in May 2008 and in May 2009.

Frank's other main role involved partnering with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Signals Specialists and Inspectors, including FRA Grade Crossing Managers. The overall objective focused to enhance safety measures at all public railroad grade crossings, as set forth in 49 CFR Part 234. Specifically, he assisted in the review and approval process for engineering design layouts of railroad grade crossing warning devices to ensure compliance pursuant to Part 8 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

After 13 years with the Commonwealth, Frank joined the Federal Railroad Administration in 2011 to become an engineer with the High-speed Rail (HSR) group. Frank's specific role is to ensure adequate safety protections are in place at grade crossings along HSR corridors. Not limited to HSR initiatives, Frank is also involved with new and innovative grade crossing signal technology, and supports the FTA in providing technical engineering advice with Light Rail crossing designs.

Frank attended Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston where he received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology. Shortly thereafter, he attended the University of Massachusetts where he earned a M.S. in Public Affairs. Married since 2006, he and his wife Sarah have a toddler son named Jason and an infant daughter named Riley. They currently reside in the Calvert County area of Maryland.

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