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Kurt Wilkinson is the Manger of Safety Risk Assessment/Construction Safety for Tri-County Metropolitan Transit District (TriMet) in Portland, Oregon. He attended college at Montana Tech of the University of Montana in Butte, Montana and received his bachelor's degree in Occupational Safety and Health – Science and Engineering Option.

Kurt has worked for TriMet for nearly 12 years. Duties included developing safety policies and training programs, facility inspections, chaired numerous safety committees, chaired TriMet's Accident Review Committee, and oversight of sub-contractors performing work on TriMet property. On call response to accidents, providing assistance to field operations employees, guiding investigations in the field, and issuing formal reports regarding root causes and follow up actions are also part of his duties.

In 2005, Kurt transferred to Capital Project Division of TriMet. In his current position, Kurt is responsible for developing Safety and Security Management Plans, Safety and Security Certification Plans, and other safety critical documents related to major capital projects. He also reviews designs of capital construction projects and changes to the existing light rail facilities and alignments, which includes everything from station upgrades to the complete design of new light rail line extensions. Kurt also ensures safety and security requirements of TriMet's design criteria are included and certified in design and construction of capital project throughout the TriMet system.

In addition to his project review responsibilities, Kurt also performs field safety oversight of contractors ensuring they are following the safety requirements of TriMet's Capital Projects Safety Program. Auditing job sites to ensure approved work practices are being deployed in the field, performing site inspections, and teaching track access safety training are some of his field duties.

Outside of TriMet, Kurt has been an associate instructor for the Transportation Safety Institute since 2008, instructing the rail incident investigation. He is also currently on a TCRP panel that is developing criteria and deployment guidelines for safety treatments at transit rail crossings.