

Operation of “track vehicles” within an LPA

Purpose:

This SAFE Notice has been provided to provide guidance on the movement and management of road-rail / track vehicle(s) within a Local Possession Authority (LPA).

The instructions provided in this SAFE Notice will only apply when a Local Possession Authority (LPA) is authorised for MTS Maintenance activities which involve the use of “track vehicles”.

Introduction:

For the purpose of this SAFE Notice:

- all road-rail / track vehicles will be classified as “track vehicles”

General instructions:

Within an LPA, all “track vehicles” must be provided with a Protection Officer (PO) to act as a Pilot as shown in MPR 710 “Piloting rail traffic”.

Managing “track vehicles” within a LPA

In exception to MWT316 – Track Vehicles, it will be permissible for the Possession Protection Officer (PPO) to request a “global” authority to pass Point Position Indicators(S) (PPI) at STOP which are within the limits of the LPA.

Protection Officers/Pilots piloting a track vehicle(s), must obtain the Possession Protection Officer’s authority to pass a Point Position Indicators(S) at STOP which are within the limits of an LPA. PPO may provide the PO approval to pass multiple PPI within an approved movement under "global" authority obtained from the Traffic Controller (TC).

If it not possible for the Traffic Controller to operate a set of points within the intended route, the Protection Officer (Pilot) must obtain permission from the Traffic Controller for the area to manually operate the points as shown in MPR743 “Manually operating hand throw electric points”.

This Safe Notice is in place from 01 July 2025 until 27 December 2025.

Regards,



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