

Preventing Terrorism *Begins with you*

The Transit and Rail Inspection Pilot (TRIP) Phase III

WHAT IS TRIP?

A: The Transit and Rail Inspection Pilot (TRIP) is a first-time rail security technology study conducted by the Department of Homeland Security, in cooperation with Shoreline East and several other entities. TRIP is being conducted in three phases. TRIP Phase I occurred at the New Carrollton, Maryland rail station and evaluated the use of technologies for screening rail passengers and their baggage prior to boarding a train. TRIP Phase II occurred at Union Station in Washington, DC and tested the use of screening equipment for checked baggage and cargo prior to their loading onto an Amtrak passenger train, as well as screening of unclaimed baggage and temporarily stored items inside Union Station. TRIP Phase III will occur here onboard a Shoreline East commuter rail car.

Q: What is TRIP PHASE III?

A: The goal of Phase III is to evaluate the use of existing technologies installed on a rail car to screen passengers and their baggage for explosives, while the rail car is in transit.

Q: What items are being screened for under this pilot?

A: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will be screening for explosives. Additionally, a law enforcement officer will respond to any instance in which firearms or suspected illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia are found during the screening process.

Q: How will the study be conducted?

A: Starting in July, TSA will evaluate various explosives screening processes installed onboard a Shoreline East commuter car. TSA and its partners will strive to minimize the inconvenience to passengers during the study period.

Screening will occur Monday through Friday and may occur at any time between 5:30 and 11:00 AM and between 4:00 and 9:30 PM throughout the pilot period.

During these times, TSA will screen both passengers and their bags.

You may be asked to do one or all of the following:

- 1) If you have any carry-on items, give them to a TSA screener who will put them on the conveyor belt for screening. If necessary the item may undergo additional screening.
- 2) Your ticket will be screened. This will require your ticket to be placed in a machine that will analyze it to determine if there are traces of explosives present.
- 3) You may receive secondary screening, to be performed by a TSA screener, if necessary. A private screening area will be available to you upon request.

Q: How is the Transit and Rail inspection pilot program different than passenger screening at airports?

A: This pilot program is focused on screening only for explosives, so unlike airport screening, cell phones, keys, change and other metal objects may remain with you. This will help to speed up the screening, causing less of a delay in the travel times of Shoreline East passengers.



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