Lifesaving Tips for Media Covering Rail Stories

Capital Metro offers the following safety tips for news media covering stories near our railroad tracks:

Do not stand on or near Capital Metro’s tracks while reporting, photographing or videotaping. This is dangerous, illegal and sets a poor example for the community.
Because safety is our top priority, Capital Metro has a zero-tolerance policy for trespassing within the railroad right-of-way. The right-of-way extends approximately 25-feet on each side of the tracks between Downtown and the Gracy Farms crossing. The right-of-way extends approximately 50-feet from each side of the tracks from north of Gracy Farms to Leander. Cross tracks only at designated crossings.

Capital MetroRail trains are faster and quieter than freight trains and are not required to blow horns in designated quiet zones. If you are standing on or near the tracks, you may not see, hear or feel the vibration of an approaching train.

For more information about Capital Metro’s rail safety outreach, visit capmetro.org/railsafety.

If you have questions about covering Capital Metro’s rail line or would like to schedule a rail safety presentation for your staff, please contact the Communications Department:

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