

# Memo



Date November 2, 2010 From Ted Alves

To Users of Amtrak Office of Inspector General Audit Reports Department Office of Inspector General

Subject Amtrak Inspector General Report  
No. 205-2009, Attleboro Pawtucket  
Agreement Review, September 30,  
2009

We are withdrawing the subject report. Shortly after publishing the report on September 30, 2009, we became aware of questions about the accuracy of some material in the report. As a result of these questions, we conducted an independent internal review of the report and its supporting documentation.

Our internal review concluded that the report did not meet accepted quality standards for an Inspector General work product. The review found the methodology used to determine whether (1) Amtrak improperly subsidized the MBTA for the maintenance and operation of the Attleboro Line Commuter Operations and (2) Amtrak failed to bill MBTA for increased maintenance costs associated with an increase in service frequency did not adequately consider all factors that may have impacted maintenance and operations costs. For example, the methodology used to determine the amount Amtrak should have billed MBTA for costs associated with the increase in service frequency did not adequately consider the impact of wage increases or Amtrak-directed maintenance projects on the overall maintenance and operational costs. As a result, the findings in the report can not be relied upon.

We have determined that additional work will not be undertaken to reissue the report because staff is not readily available due to other priority audits. Further, the key staff who worked on the report have left the Amtrak Office of Inspector General.

We are notifying you of the withdrawal of this report so that you do not continue to rely on its conclusions and recommendations. The report has been removed from our website. If you have any questions, please contact David R. Warren, Assistant Inspector General, Audit at 202-906-4742 or Michael Kennedy, Senior Director, Audit at 202-906-4398.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ted Alves", with a long, sweeping underline.

