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Safety and Security:

Results of an Audit Assessing Physical Security at Penn
Coach Yard

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Memorandum

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James Cook
Acting Vice President, Corporate Security & Chief of Police

From: J.J. Marzullo 
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Date: September 24, 2026

Subject: *Safety and Security: Results of an Audit Assessing Physical Security at Penn Coach Yard (OIG-A-2026-010)*

Penn Coach Yard (PCY) is an approximately 60-acre Amtrak-owned facility adjacent to 30th Street Station in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Amtrak (the company) uses the site to inspect and maintain trains and is commissioning NextGen Acela and Airo trainsets there. The company is also heavily modifying the railyard to handle future train maintenance, which includes constructing a new maintenance building and reconfiguring tracks at a projected cost of \$463 million. In 2018, we reported that physical security vulnerabilities at PCY put the company's employees and assets at risk and recommended that the company develop a comprehensive plan for addressing these vulnerabilities.¹ Accordingly, our objective for this report was to reassess the company's efforts to ensure the physical security of employees, contractors, and assets at PCY. Given the sensitive nature of the report's information, however, we are summarizing the results in this public version of the report.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Our assessment of the company's efforts to ensure the physical security of employees, contractors, and assets at PCY resulted in two recommendations. In commenting on a draft of this report, the Executive Vice President, Capital Delivery, in coordination with

¹ *Safety and Security: Longstanding Physical Security Vulnerabilities in Philadelphia Pose Risks* (OIG-A-2018-007), April 24, 2018. Our prior audit included physical security of the station and the railyard. Our current audit focuses on the railyard.

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the Vice President, Corporate Security & Chief of Police, agreed with our recommendations and described ongoing and planned actions to address them.

SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

We conducted our work from January 2026 through September 2026 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Washington, D.C.; and Chicago, Illinois. During this time, we reviewed the status of our prior recommendations, interviewed company officials, and reviewed company documents. In addition, we conducted five site visits to PCY in March and April 2026. We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objective. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objective.

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