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OBJECTIVE

To determine whether required maintenance functions were being executed in accordance with the contract requirements.

BACKGROUND

A contractor is responsible for providing labor and technical expertise to operate, manage and maintain the shuttle bus system, which serves the public and employee parking lots at Dulles Airport.

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CONCLUSION

- The preventive maintenance schedule is maintained as required by the contract and in compliance with federal regulations.
- Contract requirements governing pre- and postvehicle inspections were not routinely followed.
 - Documentation was not available to show that pre- or postinspections were completed for many of the buses.
 - Maintenance items noted during daily inspections were not always addressed in the required time frame.

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FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

- Improve analysis and monitoring of pre- and post-inspection activities and better ensure early detection and correction of compliance errors.
- Enhance training and monitoring of the drivers to better ensure that drivers understand and complete all inspection activities and create and process all required inspection reports.

Three recommendations have been implemented. One recommendation, to enhance driver training on the inspection process, is in progress.