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**SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT CIVIC CENTER NORTH EAST STATION
ENTRANCE**

ISSUE

This report provides information regarding the injury of a contract employee on August 11, 2012 for the Metro Red Line Subway Entrance Canopy Project at Civic Center Station.

BACKGROUND

At approximately 5:20 am on Saturday, August 11, 2012, a crew of five contract employees was in the process of erecting the steel canopy structure at the Civic Center Station's northeast entrance.

The crew was continuing the fit-up of canopy struts to the main support beam of the structure. In the process of fitting the struts to the main support beam, the crew was using a 'come-a-long' cable and pulley system to place the strut for bolting. The adjustment made by the 'come-a-long' to the main support beam caused a shift of one of the temporary supports holding up the main support beam structure. This shift caused the support to have a structural failure and collapse. In the process of the collapse, an iron worker was struck by the falling steel, causing injury to the workers head, face and back. The worker was transported to USC Medical Hospital, where he was treated and remains under observation.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Immediately following the incident, the canopy project area entrance was closed off and Metro's Rail Operations Center was notified of the occurrence. Later the same morning at approximately 10:30 am, the structure was secured to the support structure by welding it in place. On Sunday, August 12, 2012 at 12:15 pm, the structure was inspected and declared structurally sound and the station entrance was re-opened at 5:20 pm.

NEXT STEPS

Metro's Construction and Corporate Safety staff will be conducting an investigation to determine the cause of the incident. In addition, the contractor has proposed a Project Safety Stand Down for the contractor and subcontractor crews involved in the steel work prior to any future canopy erection work. The contractor will provide Metro with an agenda for the Project Safety Stand Down for review and approval.