

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden hour dollar cost equivalent ³
—Railroad submission to FRA of bridge inspection report—public version.	741 railroads	75 reports	60 minutes	75	\$5,025
237.3—Notifications to FRA of assignment of bridge responsibility and signed statement by assignee concerning bridge responsibility.	741 railroads	15 notifications + 15 signed statements.	90 minutes + 30 minutes.	30	\$2,310
237.9—Waivers—petitions	741 railroads	2 petitions	4	8	\$616
237.57—Designation of qualified individuals.	741 railroads	200 recorded designations.	15 minutes	50	\$3,850
237.73—Issuance of instructions to railroad personnel by track owner.	741 railroads	100 issued written instructions.	2	200	\$15,400
237.109—Nationwide annual bridge inspections—reports/records:	741 railroads	15,450 insp. reports/records.	15 minutes	3,863	\$258,821
—Report of deficient condition on a bridge.	741 railroads	50 reports	30 minutes	25	\$1,675
237.155—Documents & records—Establishment of RR monitoring & info. technology security systems for electronic recordkeeping.	741 railroads	5 systems	80	400	\$30,800
—Employees trained in system	741 Railroads	100 employees	8	800	\$61,600

Total Estimated Annual Responses:
16,087.

Total Estimated Annual Burden:
5,457 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$380,499.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2006–25040]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by documents dated June 14, 2018, and April 17, 2019, the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CMTY) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to modify

conditions related to a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations. Specifically, CMTY requests to eliminate temporal separation requirements and the 60 miles-per-hour (MPH) speed restrictions imposed, most recently, in a decision letter dated April 20, 2015. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2006–25040.

The CMTY commuter rail system, “Red Line,” connects downtown Austin, Texas, with Austin’s northern suburbs along 32 miles with 9 stations. Service began in 2010 with a fleet of six diesel multiple unit (DMU) rail vehicles designated “GTW Generation 1” (GTW G1) built by Stadler Rail. Since 2010, these rail vehicles have operated safely under the conditions of waivers.

In its petition, CMTY states that several technical and mechanical changes have been made to the GTW G1 vehicles. Furthermore, on January 22, 2019, changes to FRA’s Passenger Equipment Safety Standards, 49 CFR part 238, became effective. Together, the vehicle modification and updated regulation combine to make CMTY GTW G1 vehicles fully compliant with FRA crashworthiness standards, and more compliant with several items previously waived. As a result, CMTY asks FRA to remove the two waiver conditions requiring temporal separation and the 60 MPH speed restriction.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202–493–2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by July 29, 2019 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications

³ Based on the 2017 AAR publication Railroad Facts, FRA calculates the average hourly wage rate for professional/administrative staff at \$77 per hour and the average hourly wage rate of bridge workers at \$67 per hour to determine the dollar equivalent cost numbers. All hourly wage rates include 75 percent overhead costs.

and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Railroad Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2014-0124]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated December 19, 2018, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained in 49 CFR part 238, *Passenger Equipment Safety Standards*. The requested relief relates to the acquisition and operation of Tier III-compliant Next Generation High Speed Trainsets on the Northeast Corridor that FRA previously considered in this docket.

The new petition adds three new distinct requests for relief related to Amtrak's fleet of 28 High Speed Trainsets. Specifically, as detailed in the petition, Amtrak requests relief from 49 CFR 238.115 (emergency lighting), 238.131(a)(1) (side door safety system), and 238.121(c)(2) (emergency communication).

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
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Communications received by July 29, 2019 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after the comment period ends will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunity for America's Marine Highway Projects

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.
ACTION: Notice of funding opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, appropriated \$7,000,000 to the Short Sea Transportation Program, commonly referred to as the America's Marine Highway Program (AMHP). The purpose of the appropriation is to make grants available to previously designated Marine Highway Projects that support the development and expansion of documented vessels, or port and landside infrastructure. This Notice announces the availability of funding for grants and establishes selection criteria and application requirements. The U.S. Department of Transportation (Department) will award Marine Highway Grants to implement projects or components of projects previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) under AMHP. Only Marine Highway Projects the Secretary designated before the Notice of Funding Opportunity closing date are eligible for funding as described in this Notice.

DATES: Applications must be received by the Maritime Administration by 5 p.m. EDT on June 14, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Grant applications must be submitted electronically using [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) (<https://www.grants.gov>). Please be aware that you must complete the *Grants.gov* registration process before submitting your application, and that the registration process usually takes 2 to 4 weeks to complete. Applicants are strongly encouraged to make submissions in advance of the deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Jones, Office of Ports & Waterways Planning, Room W21-311, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590, phone 202-366-1123, or email Fred.Jones@dot.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during business hours. The FIRS is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each section of this Notice contains