

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by March 29, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket number for this special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov website:* <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.
- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two (2) copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

*Note:* There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.Regulations.gov>. Comments, including any personal information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

*Confidential Business Information:* Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to give confidential treatment to information you give to the agency by taking the following steps: (1) Mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as “Confidential”; (2) send PHMSA, along with the original document, a second

copy of the original document with the CBI deleted; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Unless you are notified otherwise, PHMSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Kay McIver, DOT, PHMSA–PHP–80, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*General:* Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202–366–0113, or by email at [kay.mciver@dot.gov](mailto:kay.mciver@dot.gov).

*Technical:* Mr. Steve Nanney by telephone at 713–272–2855, or by email at [steve.nanney@dot.gov](mailto:steve.nanney@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PHMSA received a special permit request from Tejas, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, Inc., seeking a waiver from the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611(a) and (d): Change in class location: Confirmation or revision of maximum allowable operating pressure, and 49 CFR 192.619(a): Maximum allowable operating pressure: Steel or plastic pipelines. This special permit is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for one (1) pipeline segment totaling 1,929 feet (approximately 0.37 miles) of 30-inch diameter pipe on the King Ranch to Lovell Pipeline located in Chambers County, Texas. The proposed special permit will allow operation of the original Class 1 pipe in the Class 3 location.

The proposed special permit segment on the Tejas King Ranch to Lovell Pipeline has a maximum allowable operating pressure of 703 pounds per square inch gauge and was constructed in 1958.

The special permit request, proposed special permit with conditions, and Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Tejas King Ranch to Lovell Pipeline are available for review and public comments in Docket No. PHMSA–2019–0153. PHMSA invites interested persons to review and submit comments on the special permit request and DEA in the docket. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result if the special permit is granted. Comments may include relevant data.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comments closing date.

Comments received after the closing date will be evaluated, if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment it receives in making its decision to grant or deny this special permit request.

Issued in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

**Alan K. Mayberry,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary of Transportation**

**Adjustment to Rail Passenger Transportation Liability Cap**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice details the adjustment made to the rail passenger transportation liability cap as required by section 11415 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (December 4, 2015). Pursuant to the FAST Act, the rail passenger transportation liability cap is raised from \$294,278,983 to \$322,864,228.

**DATES:** This adjustment will go into effect 30 days after February 25, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding this notice, please contact Stephen O’Connor, Office of Policy and Planning, Federal Railroad Administration at [stephen.o’connor@dot.gov](mailto:stephen.o’connor@dot.gov) or (202) 493–6325.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Transportation is publishing the inflation adjusted index factors for the rail passenger transportation liability cap under 49 U.S.C. 28103(a)(2), as directed by section 11415 of the FAST Act. The index methodology ensures that the aggregate allowable awards to all rail passengers, against all defendants, for all claims, including claims for punitive damages, arising from a single accident or incident is based on current dollars and is adjusted for inflation from the \$200,000,000 cap that went into effect on December 2, 1997.

Under the FAST Act, the index is adjusted to the date of enactment of the FAST Act using the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index—All Urban Consumers.

The index was based on the liability cap established on December 2, 1997, and the last full month prior to the enactment of the FAST Act on

December 4, 2015. The FAST Act also directs the Secretary to update the liability cap every fifth year after the date of enactment. The table below

shows the Index and inflator the Federal Railroad Administration used to calculate an inflation adjusted amount of \$322,864,228.

PASSENGER LIABILITY CAP INFLATION ADJUSTED INDEX AND INFLATION FACTOR

Month	Index	Inflator	Liability cap
December 1997 .....	161.30	1.00	\$200,000,000
October 2020 .....	260.39	1.61	322,864,228

The adjustment of the rail passenger transportation liability cap to \$322,864,228 shall be effective 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 22, 2021.

**Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Department of Transportation's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program for Fiscal Year 2021**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of funding opportunity.

**SUMMARY:** The Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program provides Federal financial assistance to highway and freight projects of national or regional significance. This notice solicits applications for awards under the program's fiscal year (FY) 2021 funding, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

**DATES:** Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EST on March 19, 2021. The *Grants.gov* "Apply" function will open by February 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted through *www.Grants.gov*. Only applicants who comply with all submission requirements described in this notice and submit applications through *www.Grants.gov* will be eligible for award.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding this notice, please contact the Office of the Secretary via email at *INFRAgrants@dot.gov*, or call Paul Baumer at (202) 366-1092. A TDD is available for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing at 202-366-3993. In addition, up to the application deadline, the

Department will post answers to common questions and requests for clarifications on USDOT's website at <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/INFRAgrants>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The organization of this notice is based on an outline set in 2 CFR part 200 to ensure consistency across Federal financial assistance programs. However, that format is designed for locating specific information, not for linear reading. For readers seeking to familiarize themselves with the INFRA program, the Department encourages them to begin with Section A (Program Description), which describes the Department's goals for the INFRA program and purpose in making awards, and Section E (Application Review Information), which describes how the Department will select among eligible applications. Those two sections will provide appropriate context for the remainder of the notice: Section B (Federal Award Information) describes information about the size and nature of awards; Section C (Eligibility Information) describes eligibility requirements for applicants and projects; Section D (Application and Submission Information) describes in detail how to apply for an award; Section F (Federal Award Administration Information) describes administrative requirements that will accompany awards; and Sections G (Federal Awarding Agency Contacts) and H (Other Information) provide additional administrative information.

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**A. Program Description**

*1. Overview*

The INFRA program provides Federal financial assistance to highway and freight projects of national or regional significance. To maximize the value of FY 2021 INFRA funds for all Americans, the Department is focusing the competition on transportation infrastructure projects that support six key objectives, each of which is discussed in greater detail in section A.2:

- (1) Supporting economic vitality at the national and regional level;
- (2) Addressing climate change and environmental justice impacts;
- (3) Advancing racial equity and Reducing barriers to opportunity;
- (4) Leveraging Federal funding to attract non-Federal sources of infrastructure investment;
- (5) Deploying innovative technology, encouraging innovative approaches to project delivery, and incentivizing the use of innovative financing; and
- (6) Holding grant recipients accountable for their performance.

This notice's focus on the six key objectives does not supplant the Department's focus on safety as our top priority. Consistent with the R.O.U.T.E.S. initiative, the Department seeks rural projects that address deteriorating conditions and