

determined by the FAA to be related to the application in person at the Maquoketa Municipal Airport.

Issued in Kansas City, MO, on September 22, 2025.

**Rodney N. Joel,**

*Director, FAA Central Region, Airports Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0034]

#### Notice of Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public notice that Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. (PNWR) petitioned FRA for an extension of relief from certain regulations concerning inspection of track with concrete ties.

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by October 24, 2025. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Comments:* Comments related to this docket may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Daniel Baker, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Operating Practices Division, telephone: 202-308-1440, email: [daniel.baker@dot.gov](mailto:daniel.baker@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated August 7, 2025 PNWR petitioned

FRA for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 213 (Track Safety Standards). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2016-0034.

PNWR requests extended relief from 49 CFR 213.234, *Automated inspection of track constructed with concrete crossties*, which requires railroads to conduct automated inspections to identify rail set deterioration. In lieu of the regulation's requirements, PNWR seeks to continue the practices of the current waiver, including annual training to employees on identifying the signs of and handling rail seat deterioration; bi-annual on-foot track inspections; and annual light and heavy hi-rail geometry vehicle inspections. PNWR requests to continue using this relief on 20.3 miles of track constructed with concrete ties on the Oregon Electric subdivision on which DMU commuter trains operate.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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 party desires 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.

Communications received by October 24, 2025 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

#### Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of FRA's 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 inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://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/>

*privacy-notice* for the privacy notice of [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC.

**John Karl Alexy,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Withdrawal and Reissue for Notice of Funding Opportunity for Projects Located Off the Northeast Corridor for the Fiscal Year 2024 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal; reissuance of notice.

**SUMMARY:** On October 2, 2024, FRA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of funding and procedures to obtain grant funding for eligible projects located off the Northeast Corridor for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program (FSP-National). The full text of the October 2, 2024, NOFO can be found at [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) using the funding opportunity ID FR-FSP-24-003. In order to comply with subsequent Executive Orders and to incorporate additional funding, FRA is withdrawing the full text of the October 2, 2024, notice and re-issuing a notice for FSP-National. The full text of the reissued NOFO can be found using the funding opportunity ID FR-FSP-23-004. The total funding available for awards under the reissued NOFO is up to \$5,070,784,989.

**DATES:** Applications for funding under this solicitation are due no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) January 7th, 2026. Applications that are incomplete or received after 11:59 p.m. EST January 7th, 2026 will not be considered for funding. FRA reserves the right to modify this deadline. See Section 4 of the reissued NOFO for additional information on the application process.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants must submit all application materials, in their entirety, through [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). FRA is committed to ensuring that information is available in appropriate alternative formats to meet the requirements of persons who have a disability. If you

require an alternative version of files provided, please contact *FRA-NOFO-Support@dot.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information concerning this notice, grant application submission, and processing questions, please contact *FRA-NOFO-Support@dot.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In order to comply with subsequent Executive Orders and to incorporate FY 2025 annual and advanced funding, and additional FY 2022–2024 advanced funding, FRA is withdrawing the full text of the October 2, 2024 NOFO, 89 FR 80304, and re-issuing a notice for FSP-National. The full text of the reissued NOFO can be found at *www.Grants.gov* using the funding opportunity ID FR–FSP–23–004. The total funding available for awards under the reissued NOFO is up to \$5,070,784,989.

**Robert Andrew Feeley,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0764]

#### Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, M/V Sarita

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by MARAD, is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 24, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number

MARAD–2025–0764 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov*. Search the above DOT Docket Number and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include the DOT Docket Number, your name and a mailing address, an email address or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and specific DOT Docket Number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at *www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR–620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5400. Email: *smallvessels@dot.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if MARAD, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.<sup>1</sup>

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requestor's vessel and its

<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.

proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT Docket Number listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above at *https://www.regulations.gov*. Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

### Public Participation

#### *How do I submit comments?*

Please submit comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. It may take a few hours or even days for comments to be reflected on the docket. Comments must be written in English. Provide concise comments and attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

#### *Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?*

The docket online is located at *https://www.regulations.gov*, keyword search the DOT Docket Number list in the **ADDRESSES** section above or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

#### *Will my comments be made available to the public?*

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

#### *May I submit comments confidentially?*

You may request that MARAD treat your comments as commercially confidential by submitting them to *SmallVessels@dot.gov*. Include in the email subject heading “Contains Confidential Commercial Information” or “Contains CCI” and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential treatment highlighting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

If MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under