

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 12892]****Determination Pursuant to Section 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961**

Pursuant to section 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (the “Act”) (22 U.S.C. 2261) and section 1–100(a)(1) of Executive Order 12163, I hereby authorize, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the use of up to \$109,000,000 made available to carry out provisions of the Act (other than the provisions of chapter 1 of part I of the Act) to provide assistance authorized by part I of the Act to support the Armenia-Azerbaijan peace deal.

This Determination and the accompanying Memorandum of Justification shall be promptly reported to the Congress. This Determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 12, 2025.

Marco Rubio,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Delegation of Authority No. 607]****Delegation of Authority—Executive Order 14163 and Presidential Proclamation 10949**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2651a), Executive Order 14163 of January 20, 2025, *Realigning the United States Refugee Admissions Program*, and Presidential Proclamation 10949 of June 4, 2025, *Restricting the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats*, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, to the extent authorized by law, the authority under section 3(c) of said Executive Order to determine that the entry of such aliens as refugees is in the national interest and does not pose a threat to the security or welfare of the United States, and under section 4(d) of said Presidential Proclamation to determine that travel by a foreign national would serve a United States national interest.

The Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Foreign Assistance, Humanitarian

Affairs, and Religious Freedom may exercise any function or authority delegated by this delegation.

This Delegation of Authority does not supersede or otherwise affect any other delegation of authority currently in effect and will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 20, 2025.

Marco Rubio,
Secretary of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**[Docket No. FD 36898]****Mt. Rainier Railroad LLC—Acquisition and Change of Operator Exemption—City of Tacoma, Department of Public Works d/b/a Tacoma Rail Mountain Division, and City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities d/b/a Tacoma Rail**

Mt. Rainier Railroad LLC (MRSR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to: (1) acquire from the City of Tacoma, Wash., Department of Public Works d/b/a Tacoma Rail Mountain Division (TRMW) and operate approximately 33.59 miles of rail line extending from milepost 32.0M at Eatonville, Wash., to milepost 65.59M at Morton, Wash. (the Line); and (2) replace the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities d/b/a Tacoma Rail (Tacoma Rail) as the common carrier service provider on the Line, thereby terminating Tacoma Rail’s common carrier status with respect to the Line.

According to the verified notice, MRSR is a subsidiary holding of the Western Forest Industries Museum (WFIM), and is not affiliated with any railroad common carriers.¹ The verified notice states that MRSR and TRMW have reached an agreement pursuant to which MRSR will purchase the Line from TRMW and, upon consummation of the transaction, assume exclusive common carrier operations over the Line in place of Tacoma Rail. The verified notice, which describes TRMW and Tacoma Rail as sister divisions of the City of Tacoma, further states that Tacoma Rail is a party to the proposed transaction and concurs with the

proposed change of common carrier operator on the Line.

MRSR certifies that it will not be contractually limited in its ability to interchange traffic with any third-party connecting carrier. MRSR further certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed \$5 million and will not result in MRSR’s becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier. Under 49 CFR 1150.32(b), a change in operator requires that notice be given to shippers. MRSR states that there are currently no shippers to notify of the transaction and explains that the Line is currently inactive and has not been used by a shipper for over a year.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is January 4, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed). MRSR states that it will consummate the transaction and offer common carrier service in place of Tacoma Rail on or after this date.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than December 26, 2025 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36898, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board’s website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on MRSR’s representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606–3208.

According to MRSR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: December 16, 2025.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Stefan Rice,
Clearance Clerk.

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¹ The verified notice states that WFIM controls the Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad, a non-common carrier tourist excursion operation.