

TABLE 2—FY 2025 AND FY 2026 LOW OR NO EMISSION PROJECT SELECTIONS—Continued
 [Note: Some projects have multiple project IDs.]

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project description	Award
TX	City of El Paso Mass Transit Department—Sun Metro.	D2026-LWNO-117	Purchase replacement buses	1,963,500
TX	City of Lubbock/Citibus	D2026-LWNO-118	Purchase replacement buses	26,250,000
TX	City of San Marcos	D2026-LWNO-119	Purchase replacement buses	1,762,476
TX	Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority	D2026-LWNO-120	Construct maintenance facility	46,280,000
TX	Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)	D2026-LWNO-121	Purchase replacement buses	7,094,000
TX	Fort Bend County	D2026-LWNO-122	Purchase replacement and expansion buses, and rehabilitate maintenance facility.	13,747,775
TX	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO).	D2026-LWNO-123	Purchase replacement buses and rehabilitate maintenance facility.	100,728,336
UT	Utah Transit Authority	D2026-LWNO-124	Purchase replacement buses	20,475,200
VA	City of Alexandria	D2026-LWNO-125	Purchase replacement buses	10,939,552
VT	Green Mountain Transit Authority	D2026-LWNO-126	Purchase replacement buses and fueling infrastructure.	2,064,459
WA	City of Everett (DBA Everett Transit)	D2026-LWNO-127	Purchase replacement buses	10,071,054
WA	Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation (DBA Pierce Transit).	D2026-LWNO-128	Purchase replacement buses	6,704,881
WA	Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation.	D2026-LWNO-129	Purchase replacement buses	13,987,608
WA	Thurston County Public Transportation Benefit Area (DBA Intercity Transit).	D2026-LWNO-130	Purchase replacement buses	17,551,815
WA	Washington State Department of Transportation obo Grant Transit Authority.	D2026-LWNO-131	Purchase replacement and expansion buses*	3,852,628
WA	Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA)	D2026-LWNO-132	Purchase replacement buses	16,717,842
WI	City of Madison	D2026-LWNO-133	Purchase replacement buses*	17,432,700
Total				1,630,282,606

* Consistent with the NOFO, FTA prioritized low-emission projects over zero-emission projects in the Low-No Program. Only low-emission elements of projects identified with an asterisk are selected.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of calendar year 2026 random drug and alcohol testing rates.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the calendar year 2026 drug and alcohol random testing rates for specific recipients of FTA financial assistance. The minimum random drug testing rate will remain at 50 percent, and the random alcohol testing rate will remain at 10 percent.

DATES: *Applicability Date:* January 1, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Iyon Rosario, Senior Drug and Alcohol Program Manager, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: 202-366-2010 or email: Iyon.Rosario@dot.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 1, 1995, FTA required large transit employers to begin drug and alcohol testing of employees performing

safety-sensitive functions, and to submit annual reports by March 15 of each year beginning in 1996, pursuant to drug and alcohol regulations adopted by FTA at 49 CFR parts 653 and 654 in February 1994. The annual report includes the number of employees who had a verified positive test for the use of prohibited drugs, and the number of employees who tested positive for the misuse of alcohol during the reported year. Small employers commenced the required testing on January 1, 1996, and began reporting the same information as the large employers beginning March 15, 1997.

FTA updated the testing rules by merging them into a new 49 CFR part 655, effective August 1, 2001 (66 FR 41996). The regulation maintained a random testing rate for prohibited drugs at 50 percent and the misuse of alcohol at 10 percent. The Administrator may lower the random testing rate to 25 percent if the violation rates drop below 1.0 percent for drug testing and 0.5 percent for alcohol testing for two consecutive years. Accordingly, in 2007, FTA reduced the random drug testing rate from 50 percent to 25 percent (72 FR 1057). In 2018, however, FTA returned the random drug testing rate to 50 percent for calendar year 2019 based on verified industry data for calendar year 2017, which showed that the rate had exceeded 1 percent (83 FR 63812).

Pursuant to 49 CFR 655.45, the Administrator's decision to determine

the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug and alcohol testing is based, in part, on the reported positive drug and alcohol violation rates for the entire public transportation industry. The information used for this determination is drawn from the Drug and Alcohol Management Information System (MIS) reports required by 49 CFR 655.72. To ensure the reliability of the data, the Administrator must consider the quality and completeness of the reported data, may obtain additional information or reports from employers, and may make appropriate modifications in calculating the industry's verified positive results and violation rates.

For calendar year 2026, the Administrator has determined that the minimum random drug testing rate for covered employees will remain at 50 percent based on a verified positive rate for prohibited drug use of 1.24 percent for calendar year 2024 and 1.23 percent for calendar year 2023. Further, the Administrator has determined that the minimum random alcohol testing rate for calendar year 2026 will remain at 10 percent, because the violation rate again was lower than 0.5 percent for calendar years 2024 and 2023. The random alcohol violation rates were 0.17 percent for 2024 and 0.18 for 2023.

Detailed reports on FTA's drug and alcohol testing data collected from transit employers may be obtained from FTA, Office of Transit Safety and

Oversight, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–2010, or at: <https://transit-safety.fta.dot.gov/DrugAndAlcohol/Publications/Default.aspx>.

Marcus J. Molinaro,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2026–0003]

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

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 February 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0003 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.¹

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

¹ 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.

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 those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). For information on DOT's compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 12121, 49 CFR 1.93(a))