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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Events will vary in location and format, to include fully online, hybrid, and in-person activities. Short notice modification of plans may be required in response to unpredictable factors. Meetings may be stand alone or on the margins of related events, which may include, but are not limited to, the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (STSC), the UNCOPUOS Legal Subcommittee (LSC), the UNCOPUOS plenary, events organized by the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs, U.S. bilateral dialogues on space with foreign partners, Artemis Accords-related meetings and events, international space conferences and trade shows, and other engagements. There may also be additional opportunities to provide expert views related to domestic policies and U.S. positions in other international diplomatic fora. Please note the limited number of slots for non-USG participation in many events. Participants should focus on the following:

Safety: Identify key safety issues for crewed and/or uncrewed outer space operations. Discuss current attempts to address these issues and suggest new challenges that may develop as private sector space activities advance and evolve.

Responsible Practices: Examine best practices and guidelines for safeguarding the outer space environment for future exploration and use. Examples include the implementation of UN non-binding guidelines on space, including the 2019 UNCOPUOS Long-Term Sustainability (LTS) guidelines, and the Artemis Accords.

Commercial Space Activities: Discuss the challenges to an economically viable space industry and how these challenges relate to the domestic regulatory and international governance frameworks. Share recent advances within the commercial space sector and how they may develop in the future. Evaluate how an expanding commercial sector may affect equities like U.S. economic prosperity, geopolitical relationships, scientific fields like astronomy, planetary protection, orbital debris mitigation, space resource utilization, and other aspects of safe and sustainable operations in outer space. Provide perspectives on current and

emerging foreign markets for U.S. goods and services, their supply chains, and related legal and regulatory frameworks. Identify trends, barriers, and opportunities to expand U.S. commercial activity in the field of novel space activities, including through international partnerships.

Facilitating Private Sector Input: Suggest ways to enhance collaboration between the U.S. government, foreign countries, and commercial space industry in the development of international best practices and related mechanisms, including at the United Nations level.

Valda M. Vikmanis-Keller,
Director, Office of Space Affairs, U.S.
Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 751]

Materials Due To Be Submitted During the Federal Government Shutdown

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board provides notice that any material due to be submitted to the Board during the Federal government shutdown period (including comments on environmental documents) will now be due no later than February 6, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Filings (including recordations) that were submitted during the shutdown will be considered filed on February 4, 2026, provided all filing requirements have been met.

DATES: This notice is applicable February 4, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Zimmerman, (202) 245-0386. If you require accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By decision served February 2, 2026, all deadlines for the submission of pleadings, filings, comments (including environmental comments) and other material due to be submitted during the lapse in Board appropriations in effect that day were tolled. The Board is now providing notice that any material due to be submitted to the Board during the shutdown period (January 31, 2026, through February 3, 2026) will now be due no later than February 6, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

Should a party to a proceeding believe that further modification to a procedural

schedule is necessary, the party should request an extension in that case docket. Materials submitted during the shutdown should not be resubmitted. All filings (including recordations) submitted during the shutdown will be considered filed on February 4, 2026, provided all filing requirements have been met.

Decided: February 4, 2026.

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

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Request To Release Property at the Asheville Regional Airport, Fletcher, NC (AVL)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration is requesting public comment on a request by The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority on behalf of the Asheville Regional Airport, to release 84.08 acres of land identified on the current "Exhibit A" as Tracts C1, C2, and C3 at the Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) from federal obligations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be emailed to the FAA at the following email address: FAA/Memphis Airports District Office, Attn: Jamal R. Stovall, Lead Community Planner, Jamal.Stovall@faa.gov.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Lew S. Bleiweis, President and CEO, Asheville Regional Airport at the following address: 61 Terminal Drive, Suite 1, Fletcher, NC 28732.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jamal R. Stovall, Lead Community Planner, Federal Aviation Administration, Memphis Airports District Office, 2600, Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Suite 2250, Memphis, TN 38118-2482, Jamal.Stovall@faa.gov. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location, by appointment.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the request to release property for disposal at the Asheville Regional Airport (AVL), 61 Terminal

Drive, Suite 1 Fletcher, NC 28732, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2). The FAA determined that the request to release property at the Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) submitted by the Sponsor meets the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration and the release of this property does not and will not impact future aviation needs at the airport. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no sooner than thirty days after the publication of this notice.

The request consists of the following:

The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority (GARAA), the Sponsor of the Asheville Regional Airport, requests a release of federal obligations for properties acquired with Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding. The Sponsor wishes to release and dispose of 84.08 acres of Airport property identified on the current "Exhibit A" property map as Tracts C1, C2 & C3. The Sponsor acquired tracts C1, C2, and C3 with grants through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) 1991(3-37-0005-012-1991) and 1993 (3-37-0005-016-1993). This action is taken under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2).

Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the request, notice and other documents germane to the request in person at the Asheville Regional Airport.

Issued in Memphis, Tennessee on February 3, 2026.

Rans D. Black,

Acting Manager, Memphis Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding FHWA's finding that it is appropriate to grant a Buy America waiver to the Port of Los Angeles for procurement of fully locked coil carbon steel cables and their respective components, galvanized cylindrical sockets, galvanized spherical nuts, and galvanized fatigue resistant

adjustable open spelter socket, with non-domestic iron and steel components for incorporation into the Port of Los Angeles-Rail Mainline/Wilmington Community & Waterfront Pedestrian Grade Separation Bridge Project.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is February 7, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Robert Mooney, FHWA Office of Infrastructure, 202-897-7549, or via email at robert.mooney@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact James Esselman, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, 202-366-6181, or via email at james.esselman@dot.gov. Office hours for FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the **Federal Register** home page at: www.FederalRegister.gov and the U.S. Government Publishing Office's database at: www.GovInfo.gov.

Background

FHWA's Buy America requirements at 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 313 and 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 635.410(b)(1) provide that all steel and iron materials permanently incorporated into a project must be domestically manufactured. Under 23 U.S.C. 313(b)(2), FHWA may waive the application of its Buy America requirement for steel and iron when products are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality. This notice provides information regarding FHWA's finding that it is appropriate to grant the Port of Los Angeles a non-availability waiver for non-domestic fully locked coil carbon steel cables and their respective components.

Background on the Project: In 2024, DOT selected the Port of Los Angeles to receive a \$5,000,000 competitive grant award under DOT's Fiscal Year 2023 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program for the Port's Rail Mainline/Wilmington Community & Waterfront Pedestrian Grade Separation Bridge Project ("Project"). The estimated total project cost is \$62,620,000. The Project will construct a pedestrian bridge over two mainline freight tracks in the Port of Los Angeles, which can also accommodate emergency vehicles and connects the nearby Wilmington community with the Wilmington

Waterfront. The waiver items are proposed to be incorporated into the Project.

Background on Waiver Request: The Port of Los Angeles submitted the Buy America waiver request on December 5, 2024, after completing a nationwide search for domestic Full Lock Coil Carbon Steel Cables that meet Buy America requirements and project specifications. The Port of Los Angeles contacted numerous domestic manufacturers of steel cables, and none reported the capability of producing the specified fully locked coil carbon steel cables and associated components. In addition, on December 4, 2024, in response to the Port of Los Angeles' supplier scouting request, as required by section 70916(c) of the Build America, Buy America Act (Pub. L. 117-58), the National Institute of Standards and Technology Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, reported that it had not identified a match for a domestic manufacturer of the required materials.

In response to the Port of Los Angeles request, on August 29, 2025, FHWA posted a notice on its website, <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=182>, seeking comment on whether the proposed waiver would be appropriate. FHWA received one comment in response to the waiver notice. The commenter did not offer any specific information on the domestic availability of compliant products, nor did the commenter suggest specifications the Port of Los Angeles could take to maximize its use of goods, products, and materials produced in the United States. Based on the Port of Los Angeles' research and the lack of domestic manufacturers identified during the waiver notice period, FHWA concludes there is good cause to find that a waiver of FHWA's Buy America requirements is appropriate for the products the Port of Los Angeles identified for the Project in its waiver request.

Timing and Need for a Waiver: The Port of Los Angeles explained that corrosion of steel components was identified as a significant concern due to the bridge location in a marine environment. Therefore, the use of extreme corrosion coating is necessary to minimize corrosion over the life of the structure. Fully locked cables were specified for the structure because the outer layer of the cable consists of Z-shaped wires that provide a consistently closed surface, which protects the core against corrosion over the design life of the cable.