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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caleb Rogers, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Motive Power & Equipment Division, telephone: 202-493-6322, email: [caleb.rogers@dot.gov](mailto:caleb.rogers@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter received January 14, 2026 MSTP petitioned FRA for an extension of a special approval pursuant to 49 CFR part 215 (Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards), and a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained in parts 215 and 224 (Reflectorization of Rail Freight Rolling Stock). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2021-0074.

Specifically, MSTP requests to extend the previous special approval pursuant to § 215.203, *Restricted cars*, in this docket for 3 cabooses (MSTP 2838, MSTP 2839, and MSTP A909) that are more than 50 years from the date of original construction. MSTP also seeks extended relief from § 215.303, *Stenciling of restricted cars*, and the reflectorization requirements of part 224.<sup>1</sup> MSTP states that the cars will not operate in freight service and will be used for photography or filmmaking.

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

<sup>1</sup> FRA recently published a Final Rule, *Reflectorization of Rail Freight Rolling Stock; Codifying Existing Waivers*, which, in part, codified waivers for reflectorization on freight rolling stock used exclusively in tourist operations. See 91 FR 3375 (Jan. 27, 2026).

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 April 1, 2026 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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**John Karl Alexy**,  
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,  
Chief Safety Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0030]

#### 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 the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) petitioned FRA for an extension of relief from certain regulations concerning daily and after trip tests and periodic tests.

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by April 1, 2026. 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.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Johnson, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Signal, Train Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 406-210-3608, email: [scott.j.johnson@dot.gov](mailto:scott.j.johnson@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 December 30, 2025, ASLRRA, on behalf of Allegheny Valley Railroad (AVR), petitioned FRA for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 236 (Rules, Standards, and Instructions Governing the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Signal and Train Control Systems, Devices, and Appliances). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2020-0030.

ASLRRA requests extended relief from 49 CFR 236.586, *Daily or after trip test*, to eliminate the performance of those tests. Further, ASLRRA requests extended relief to increase the time between periodic tests from not more than 92 days to not more than 184 days per § 236.588, *Periodic test*. In its petition, ASLRRA stated that it will “work with AVR to gather data on any equipment failures or procedural changes in the future.”

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,

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**John Karl Alexy,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### FY 2026 Competitive Funding Opportunity: All Stations Accessibility Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice of funding opportunity (NOFO).

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$686 million in competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 All Stations Accessibility Program.

**DATES:** Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the [GRANTS.GOV](http://GRANTS.GOV) "APPLY" function by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time May 1, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Email Thomas Wilson, Office of Program Management, at [thomas.wilson@dot.gov](mailto:thomas.wilson@dot.gov) or (202) 366-2053.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The full text of the Notice of Funding

Opportunity (NOFO) can be found on FTA's website at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices> and in the "FIND" module of [GRANTS.GOV](http://GRANTS.GOV). The funding opportunity ID is FTA-2026-001-TPM-ASAP. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

**Matthew J. Welbes,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2026-0302]

#### Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, M/V SKYBOAT 1

**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 April 1, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2026-0302 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](http://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](mailto: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 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

<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.