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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter received March 16, 2026, NCR petitioned FRA for an addendum of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained in 49 CFR part 223 (Safety Glazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Caboose). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2011-0069.

Specifically, NCR requests an amendment to the existing waiver from § 233.9, *Requirements for equipment built or rebuilt after June 30, 1980*, which, in part, requires locomotives with the specified characteristics to be equipped with certified glazing in all locomotive cab windows. That waiver granted relief from glazing requirements on steam locomotive 17 (No. 17), which is used in tourist excursion service. In its March 16, 2026 petition, NCR requested that No. 17's operation area be expanded to the Gettysburg and Northern Railroad, between Gettysburg and Mount Holly Springs, Pennsylvania, and the CSX Transportation Hanover Subdivision, from BAS 70.8 to BAS 72.0.

In addition, NCR requests reconsideration of FRA's determination of part 223's applicability to No. 17's operations. In support of this request for reconsideration, NCR stated that it has "historically been treated as a non-general system railroad" due to its

limited operation and lack of an accessible physical connection to the national rail network. It also represented that its "[t]rains operate at speeds not exceeding 15 miles per hour and primarily traverse rural territory."

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at 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 July 13, 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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA-2000-7137]

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 San Diego Trolley Incorporated (SDTI) petitioned FRA for an extension of relief from certain regulations related to its shared use property.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by July 13, 2026. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mardente, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Engineering & Technology Division, telephone: 202-493-1335, email: john.mardente@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 March 17, 2026, the SDTI petitioned FRA for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at multiple parts of 49 CFR: part 217 (Railroad Operating Rules); section 218.27 (*Workers on track other than main track*); part 219 (Control of Alcohol and Drug Use); part 220 (Railroad Communications); part 221 (Rear End Marking Device—Passenger, Commuter and Freight Trains); section 223.9 (*Requirements for equipment built or rebuilt after June 30, 1980*), 223.17,¹ and 223.15 (*Requirements for passenger cars built or rebuilt prior to July 1, 1980*); part 225 (Railroad Accidents/Incidents: Reports Classification, and Investigations); part 228 (Passenger Train Employee Hours of

¹ The stenciling requirements of § 223.17 were eliminated in a final rule that took effect on April 11, 2016. 81 FR 6775 (Feb. 9, 2016).

Service; Recordkeeping and Reporting; Sleeping Quarters); part 229 (Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards); section 231.14 (*Passenger-train cars without end platforms*); part 238 (Passenger Equipment Safety Standards); part 239 (Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness); part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers); part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors); and part 270 (System Safety Program). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2000-7137.

Specifically, the SDTI requests extended relief from the parts given above for certain Light Rail Transit System operations, which share certain track with San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad freight service. The extension would allow continued limited nighttime join operations.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2026-0701]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, S/V LA BATEAU

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 June 12, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2026-0701 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.