

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2022–0096]****Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System**

Under part 235 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that on November 2, 2022, and December 1, 2022, Amtrak petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2022–0096.

Specifically, Amtrak requests permission to retire fixed wayside signals between Bridge Interlocking at milepost (MP) 98.2, Baltimore, Maryland, and Grove Interlocking at MP 112.4, Severn, Maryland, on Amtrak's Mid-Atlantic Division, from Main Line Philadelphia to Washington, Northeast Corridor. In its petition, Amtrak states that it plans to “convert approximately [14] miles of its cab signal with fixed automatic block signal system to a signal system having cab signals without fixed automatic block signals, operated under NORAC Rule 562.” Therefore, Amtrak determined that “the automatic block signals are not necessary and require additional maintenance.” Amtrak seeks permission to remove wayside signals at automatic block points in three locations: 1) 994 and 1014 on Track Nos. 1, 2, 3, and A Track; 2) 1031 and 1034 on Track Nos. 2 and 3; and 3) 1054, 1078, and 1102 on Track Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Amtrak adds that all locations will remain in service as block points without wayside signals.

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.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by March 20, 2023 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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BILLING CODE 4910–06–P**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket Number FRA–2003–15012]****Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance**

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on November 17, 2022, Canadian National Railway Company (CN) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 241 (United States Locational Requirements for Dispatching of United States Rail Operations). The relevant FRA Docket Number is FRA–2003–15012.

Specifically, CN requests an extension of relief pursuant to 49 CFR 241.7(c), *Fringe border dispatching*, to allow the continuation of Canadian dispatching of two locations in the United States: the portion of the Sprague Subdivision extending approximately 43.8 miles between Baudette and International Boundary, Minnesota, and the portion of the Strathroy Subdivision extending approximately 3.1 miles between Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, through the St.

Clair River Tunnel, to Port Huron, Michigan.¹ CN notes that since FRA's August 29, 2018, decision letter, CN has idled the Rail Traffic Control Center at Macmillan Yard in Concord (Toronto), Ontario. Therefore, CN is only seeking relief for the locations dispatched by the Rail Traffic Control Center in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. In support of its request, CN states that it is “unaware of any issues that have developed since 2018 regarding the current arrangement [of dispatching].”

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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¹ Both of these locations are defined in appendix A to part 241, List of Lines Being Extraterritorially Dispatched in Accordance with the Regulations Contained in 49 CFR part 241, Revised as of October 1, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2023-0003]

Establishment of an Emergency Relief Docket for Calendar Year 2023

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of establishment of public docket.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the establishment of FRA's emergency relief docket (ERD) for calendar year 2023. The designated ERD for calendar year 2023 is docket number FRA-2023-0003.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further information regarding submitting petitions and/or comments to docket number FRA-2023-0003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 19, 2009, FRA published a direct final rule establishing ERDs and the procedures for handling petitions for emergency waivers of safety rules, regulations, or standards during an emergency situation or event. 74 FR 23329. That direct final rule became effective on July 20, 2009 and made minor modifications to 49 CFR 211.45 in FRA's Rules of Practice in 49 CFR part 211. Section 211.45(b) provides that each calendar year FRA will establish an ERD in the publicly accessible DOT docket system (available at www.regulations.gov). Section 211.45(b) further provides that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying by docket number the ERD for that year. FRA established the ERD and emergency waiver procedures to provide an expedited process for FRA to address the needs of the public and the railroad industry during emergency situations or events. This Notice announces the designated ERD for calendar year 2023 is docket number FRA-2023-0003.

As detailed in § 211.45, if the FRA Administrator determines an emergency event as defined in 49 CFR 211.45(a) has occurred, or that an imminent threat of such an emergency occurring exists, and public safety would benefit from providing the railroad industry with operational relief, the emergency waiver procedures of 49 CFR 211.45 will go

into effect. In such an event, the FRA Administrator will issue a statement in the ERD indicating the emergency waiver procedures are in effect and FRA will make every effort to post the statement on its website at railroads.dot.gov. Any party desiring relief from FRA regulatory requirements as a result of the emergency should submit a petition for emergency waiver under 49 CFR 211.45(e) and (f). Specific instructions for filing petitions for emergency waivers under 49 CFR 211.45 are found at 49 CFR 211.45(f). Specific instructions for filing comments in response to petitions for emergency waivers are at 49 CFR 211.45(h).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces a public meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS).

DATES: The TRACS meeting will be held on January 31, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Requests to attend the meeting must be received no later than January 24, 2023. Requests for disability accommodations must be

received no later than January 24, 2023. Requests to verbally address the committee during the meeting must be submitted with a written copy of the remarks to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) no later than January 24, 2023. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than January 24, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom for Government. Any committee related requests should be sent by email to TRACS@dot.gov. The virtual meeting's online access link and a detailed agenda will be provided upon registration. They will also be posted on the TRACS web page at: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs> one week in advance of the meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes and other TRACS related information will also be available on the TRACS web page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph DeLorenzo, TRACS Designated Federal Officer, Associate Administrator, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, (202) 366-1783, Joseph.DeLorenzo@dot.gov; or Bridget Zamperini, TRACS Program Manager, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, TRACS@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2). TRACS is composed of 25 members representing a broad base of perspectives on transit safety necessary to discharge its responsibilities. Please see the TRACS web page for additional information at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs>.

I. Background

The U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) established TRACS in accordance with FACA to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary and FTA Administrator on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems.

II. Agenda

- Welcome Remarks and Introductions
- Overview of Virtual Meeting Platform Functions
- Review of TRACS Tasks, Subcommittees, and Subcommittee Work Plans
- Discussion of Future TRACS Activities
- Chair and Vice Chair Selection