

will be limited; however, public participation on the virtual platform is welcome. Requests to attend the meeting must be received no later than March 29, 2024. Requests for reasonable accommodations or to provide public comment must be received no later than March 29th, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To participate in the event virtually, individuals are asked to pre-register here: <https://statedept.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltfuyrj4sH9XaoJXAWIOeLdX-W0yY9QY#/registration>. The agenda will be sent to all registrants and will also be posted on the PEPFAR SAB web page (<https://www.state.gov/scientific-advisory-board-pepfar/>) one week in advance of the meeting, along with instructions on how to access the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael Reid, Director of the Office of Science and Research, at [reidmj@state.gov](mailto:reidmj@state.gov) or (202) 441-1483, and Dr. Lindsey Yessick, designated Federal officer for the SAB, Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State, at [yessickl@state.gov](mailto:yessickl@state.gov) or (202) 549 8769.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The SAB is established under the general authority of the Secretary of State and the Department of State (“the Department”) as set forth in title 22 of the United States Code as amended, in particular section 2656 of that title, and consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*). The SAB serves the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator solely in an advisory capacity concerning scientific, implementation, and policy issues related to the global response to HIV/AIDS.

*Agenda:* SAB members will be discussing challenges and opportunities in HIV treatment in PEPFAR programs, PEPFAR’s program reporting requirements, the role of behavioral science in PEPFAR programs, and roll out of long-acting prevention tools and PEPFAR’s plans with respect to sustainability:

- Challenges and Opportunities in HIV treatment in PEPFAR programs
- PEPFAR’s program reporting requirements
- Behavioral Science Interventions in PEPFAR Programs
- Updates on Long-Acting Agents for Prevention
- Advancing PEPFAR’s sustainability efforts

Registered members of the public will be permitted to participate in a comment period at the end of the

meeting in accordance with the chair’s instructions.

*Public Participation:* Members of the public who wish to participate are asked to register directly at the link listed in the **ADDRESSES** section or by sending an email to Ms. Crystal Solomon at [SolomonCD@state.gov](mailto:SolomonCD@state.gov) no later than March 29th, 2024. Individuals are required to provide their name, email address, and organization. At registration, individuals are also asked to indicate any request for reasonable accommodation and/or a request to provide public comment. Time for public comment may be limited. Requests made after March 29th, 2024, will be considered but might not be able to be fulfilled.

**Lindsey R. Yessick,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2018-0041]

#### Petition for Renewal of Waiver of Compliance and Notice of Public Hearing

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of public hearing and reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On September 19, 2023, FRA published a public notice in Docket Number FRA-2018-0041 announcing that on July 1, 2023, Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (Petitioner) submitted a petition seeking renewal of a waiver. In this notice, FRA is announcing a public hearing to allow interested persons the opportunity to provide comments on the petition. FRA is also announcing it is reopening the comment period for 15 days to allow time for interested parties to submit comments on the petition or in response to views or information provided at the public hearing.

**DATES:**

(1) The comment period for the notice published September 19, 2023, at 88 FR 64515, is reopened. FRA must receive comments on the petition, or in response to views or information provided at the public hearing, by April 19, 2024. FRA will consider comments

received after that date to the extent practicable.

(2) A public hearing will be held on April 3, 2024, from 10 a.m. (ET) to 12 p.m. (ET) in Jersey City, New Jersey.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Public Hearing:* The public hearing will be held at One PATH Plaza, Jersey City, NJ 07306. For those participants wishing to make a statement at the public hearing, please contact FRA as described under the Public Participation Procedures heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

*Comments:* Comments related to Docket No. FRA-2018-0041 may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number (FRA-2018-0041). All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yu-Jiang Zhang, Staff Director—Track and Structures Division, Federal Railroad Administration, telephone: 202-493-6460, email: [yujiang.zhang@dot.gov](mailto:yujiang.zhang@dot.gov); or Veronica Chittim, Attorney Advisor, Federal Railroad Administration, telephone: 202-480-3410, email: [veronica.chittim@dot.gov](mailto:veronica.chittim@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments in response to a petition to extend relief from certain requirements of 49 CFR part 214, subpart C. Petitioner should be present at the hearing and prepared to present evidence that relief from the definition of fouling the track (49 CFR 214.7, *Definitions*) in the 11 locations using bench walls for clearing for trains are necessary and in the best interest of safety. Several Labor organizations requested that FRA hold a public hearing on PATH’s renewal petition to receive testimony from all

parties interested in and affected by this proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

Interested parties are invited to present statements and to offer information and views at the hearing. The hearing will be an informal, non-adversarial proceeding conducted by a representative FRA designates under FRA's Rules of Practice (49 CFR 211.25). Therefore, there will be no cross-examination of persons presenting statements or offering information. An FRA representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing. Interested parties will then be provided with an opportunity to make initial statements. After all initial statements are completed, those persons wishing to make a brief rebuttal will be given the opportunity to do so, in the same order in which the initial statements were made. FRA will announce any additional procedures necessary at the hearing.

There will be a court reporter to record and transcribe comments presented verbatim at the hearing. FRA will add the verbatim transcript of the discussions to the public docket in this proceeding.

#### Public Participation Procedures

Any person: (1) wishing to attend the hearing, (2) make a statement at the hearing, or (3) both, should notify FRA by contacting Mr. Timothy Presser, FRA Roadway Worker Protection (RWP)/ Roadway Maintenance Machines (RMM) Specialist, by email at [timothy.presser@dot.gov](mailto:timothy.presser@dot.gov), no later than April 1, 2024, providing the following information, as applicable:

(a) The name, affiliation or party represented, email address, and phone number of the participant.

(b) The subject(s) of the statement and/or presentation the participant wishes to make, and the amount of time requested.

(c) A copy of the oral statement and/or presentation, if available.

FRA reserves the right to limit participation in the hearing of persons who fail to follow the public participation procedures as outlined above, or additional procedures announced at the hearing. FRA also reserves the right to limit the duration of presentations, as necessary, to afford all persons the opportunity to speak, or to limit participation in the hearing of persons who exceed their allotted time or who discuss topics or issues outside the scope of the petition. Further, FRA reserves the right to limit in-person

attendance at the hearing, as space is limited; preference in attendance will be provided to persons requesting to present statements.

FRA is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or other reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact FRA RWP/RMM Specialist Mr. Timothy Presser, by email at [timothy.presser@dot.gov](mailto:timothy.presser@dot.gov), no later than April 1, 2024.

#### Reopening of Comment Period

FRA is reopening the comment period for 15 days to April 19, 2024, to allow time for interested parties to submit written comments on the proposal or in response to views or information provided at the public hearing.

#### Privacy Act

In accordance with FRA Order 1100.14G, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its disposition of waivers, exemptions, block signal applications, and other special approvals under the Federal railroad safety laws and regulations and in accordance with FRA's Rules of Practice (Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 211). DOT posts these comments, without edit, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), under docket number FRA-2018-0041, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**John Karl Alexy,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0022]

#### Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: Passage Paid (Motor); Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 3, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0022 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2024-0022 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, MARAD-2024-0022, 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 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 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

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/FRA-2018-0041-0015>; <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/FRA-2018-0041-0016>.