

temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)²³ of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-NYSE-2024-69 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSE-2024-69. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information

that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSE-2024-69 and should be submitted on or before December 9, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁴

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20701 and #20702; NORTH CAROLINA Disaster Number NC-20007]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of North Carolina

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 3.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of North Carolina (FEMA-4827-DR), dated September 28, 2024.

Incident: Tropical Storm Helene.

DATES: Issued on November 13, 2024.

Incident Period: September 25, 2024, and continuing.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: January 7, 2025.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: June 30, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of North Carolina, dated September 28, 2024, is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to January 7, 2025.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Alejandro Contreras,

Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 818X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Marion County, Ind.

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), has filed a verified notice of exemption¹ under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 1.8-mile rail line that runs between Lat/Long (39.74752, -86.18469) and Lat/Long (39.7294, -86.20626) on its Northeast Great Lakes Division, Indianapolis Terminal Subdivision, Craven Industrial track in Marion County, Ind. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 46221 and 46251.

CSXT has certified that: (1) no local rail traffic has moved over the Line during the past two years; (2) any overhead traffic on the Line can be and has been rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending with either the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (notice of environmental and historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

¹ The verified notice was initially filed on October 28, 2024. On October 29, 2024, CSXT filed a supplement to correct a typo regarding the mileage in Exhibit A. Accordingly, the verified notice of exemption will be deemed to have been filed on October 29, 2024.

²³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

²⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,² this exemption will be effective on December 18, 2024, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues³ must be filed by November 27, 2024. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by November 29, 2024.⁴ Petitions to reopen and requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 9, 2024.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 818X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board’s website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on CSXT’s representative, Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

CSXT has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the potential effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) by November 22, 2024. The Draft EA will be available to interested persons on the Board’s website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245–0294. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245–0245. Comments on environmental

or historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the Draft EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by CSXT’s filing of a notice of consummation by November 18, 2025, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: November 13, 2024.

By the Board, Valerie O. Quinn, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Stefan Rice,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Fiscal Year 2025 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Bus Safety and Accessibility Research 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 submit applications for the Bus Safety and Accessibility Research Program for up to \$10,000,000 under the Public Transportation Innovation Program in multiple fiscal years. The strategic goal for this program is to make existing and new buses safer for their operators and vulnerable road users, and safer and more accessible for their passengers. The Bus Safety and Accessibility Research Program seeks proposals to research standard bus designs, safety innovations and systems, and bus compartments that support these safety and accessibility goals. Additionally, this NOFO will require the development of detailed design specifications and production of a prototype that is available through a retrofit on existing buses and for installation in new buses.

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the grants.gov “APPLY” function by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on January 17, 2025.

Prospective applicants should initiate the process by registering on the grants.gov website promptly to ensure completion of the application process before the submission deadline. Instructions for applying can be found on FTA’s website at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/howtoapply> and in the “FIND” module of grants.gov. The funding opportunity ID is FTA–2025–003–TRI. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria Roell, FTA Office of Research, Demonstration, and Innovation, phone (202) 366–9214, or email: maria.roell@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

SUMMARY OVERVIEW OF KEY INFORMATION: FTA BUS SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY RESEARCH COMPETITIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Issuing Agency	Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.
Program Overview	To establish a Bus Safety and Accessibility Research Program under 49 U.S.C. 5312 to research standard designs and prototypes to make existing and new buses safer for their operators and vulnerable road users, and safer and more accessible for their passengers.
Eligible Applicants	Departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government, including Federal laboratories; State and local governmental entities; providers of public transportation; private or non-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; and technical and community colleges.
Eligible Project	Engineering, design, and prototype production of a bus or bus components that improve safety of operator and VRUs and increases accessibility for passengers.
Funding Amount	\$10,000,000. Additional funds made available prior to project selection may be allocated to eligible projects.
Deadline	January 17, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.
Cost share	The maximum Federal share of project costs under this program is 80 percent.

² Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (i.e., subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

³ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption’s effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should

be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption’s effective date.

⁴ Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.