

abandonment, this discontinuance does not require an environmental review. See 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(5), 1105.8(b).

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than July 6, 2023, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner.¹ Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by April 7, 2023, indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to Docket No. AB 1239 (Sub-No. 3X) and 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 the City's representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-3208. Replies to the petition are due by April 17, 2023.

Persons seeking further information concerning discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment and discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis at (202) 245-0294. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

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

Decided: March 21, 2023.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Raina White,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2023-0020]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice

that on February 13, 2023, the Regional Transportation District RTDC N Line and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1001 jointly petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2023-0020.

Specifically, petitioners request relief as part of their proposed implementation of and participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. Petitioners seek to shield reporting employees and the railroad from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in §§ 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (f)(1)-(2); and 242.407. The C³RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C³RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding.

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 parties desire 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 May 30, 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), 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 www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2023-0017]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on February 10, 2023, D & I Railroad Company (DAIR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2023-0017.

Specifically, DAIR requests relief as part of its proposed implementation of and participation in FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. DAIR seeks to shield reporting employees and the railroad from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in §§ 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (f)(1)-(2); and 242.407. The C³RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C³RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding.

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

¹ The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire 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 May 30, 2023 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 Transit Administration

FY 2023 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit 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 \$8,935,753 in competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit)

Program. As required by Federal public transportation law, funds will be awarded competitively for any purpose eligible under FTA's Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, including planning, capital, and operating assistance for Tribal public transit services in rural areas. FTA may award additional funding that is made available to the program prior to the announcement of project selections.

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the [GRANTS.GOV](https://www.grants.gov) "APPLY" function by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time June 26, 2023. Any applicant intending to apply should initiate the process of registering on the [GRANTS.GOV](https://www.grants.gov) site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the submission deadline.

ADDRESSES: 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](https://www.grants.gov). The funding opportunity ID is FTA-2023-010-TPM-Tribal. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elan Flippin, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-3800 or email TribalTransit@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

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A. Program Description

Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(2)(A)) authorizes FTA to award competitive grants "under such terms and conditions as may be established by the Secretary" to Indian Tribes for any purpose eligible under FTA's Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, 49 U.S.C. 5311, including planning, capital, and operating assistance. Tribes may apply for this funding directly.

The Tribal Transit Program (Federal Assistance Listing: 20.509) supports FTA's strategic goals and objectives through investments that (1) enhance safety, (2) renew our transit systems; (3) reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the public transportation sector, (4) improve equity, and (5) connect communities. This program also supports the President's Building a Better America initiative to mobilize American ingenuity to build a modern

infrastructure and an equitable, clean energy future. Investments made in tribal communities through this program will also advance the Department of Transportation's Justice40 Initiative, created by Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 FR 7619). For purposes of Justice40, all Tribal areas are considered to be disadvantaged communities. In addition, FTA seeks to fund projects under the Tribal Transit Program that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector, incorporate evidence-based climate resilience measures and features, reduce the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions from the project materials, and avoid adverse environmental impacts to air or water quality, wetlands, and endangered species, and address the disproportionate negative environmental impacts of transportation on disadvantaged communities, consistent with Executive Order 14008.

Furthermore, the Tribal Transit Program and this NOFO will advance the goals of Executive Order 13985 on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government (86 FR 7009).

Competitive funds distributed to Indian Tribes under the Tribal Transit Program do not replace or reduce funds that Indian Tribes receive from states through FTA's Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program (Section 5311 Program). Specific project eligibility under this competitive allocation is described in Section C of this notice.

B. Federal Award Information

Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5338(a)(2)(F) and (49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1)(A)), as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58, the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" or "BIL")) authorizes, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328) appropriates \$8,935,753 in FY 2023 for competitive grants under the Tribal Transit Program. Additional funds made available prior to project selection may be allocated to eligible projects.

FTA will set a \$25,000 cap on planning grant awards, and FTA has discretion to cap capital and operating awards. There is no minimum or maximum grant award amount for operating and capital projects. Planning projects do not have a minimum grant award amount but will not receive an award of more than \$25,000.

In FY 2022, the program received applications for 47 eligible projects requesting a total of \$18,060,946.