

Diplomacy and Public Affairs reserves the right to select the U.S. private sector partner for Expo 2020 Dubai and to approve all elements of the Pavilion and project. Decisions made based on proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be made in the sole discretion

of the Under Secretary for Public

Diplomacy and Public Affairs and will be final.

I. Steven Goldstein,

Under Secretary of State, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State.

Annex: Theme Statement (max 2 pages)

Title	Title of the exhibition
Exhibition Goals	The overall goals of the exhibition and the key messages that the Pavilion aims to communicate to the visitors.
Thematic Concept	A clear and comprehensive presentation of how the exhibition content relates to the theme and subthemes of Expo 2020 Dubai.
Content Descriptions	A well-described statement for the exhibition content based on the theme and subthemes: What are the main messages that the exhibition will convey to the visitors? How will the visitors experience and interact with the content? What will the visitors take away when they leave the pavilion?
Educational Program	A conceptual description of the educational programs and opportunities that will be offered to the visitors as part of the exhibition.
Architecture and Design	A preliminary overview of the design of the pavilion and exhibition areas indicating how the chosen theme and topics are creatively integrated into the space. Participants should also indicate how they plan to showcase America's unique identity, culture, and diversity in the design.
Operations	A preliminary description of how the theme and chosen subthemes are integrated into the pavilion operations.
List of Materials	A preliminary list of the types of materials that will be used in the exhibition (such as objects, artifacts, and media).
Retail	A summary of the plan regarding the products (both culinary and commercial) that the proposer will promote during the event. Proposers should clearly indicate how the retail activity captures and incorporates the theme and subthemes
Legacy Use	Description of the pavilion's legacy use and its incorporation into pavilion partners' regional presence and engagement strategies.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2002-11809]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on January 29, 2018, the North County Transit District (NCTD) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of its existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained. FRA assigned the petition docket number FRA-2002-11809.

In its petition, NCTD seeks to extend the relief granted in its existing shared use waiver, which was originally granted by FRA's Railroad Safety Board (Board) on May 1, 2003; modified in 2006; and extended and modified in 2013. This shared use waiver applies to operation of the SPRINTER rail fixed guideway transit system between Oceanside, California, and Escondido, CA over the BNSF Railway's (BNSF) Escondido Subdivision. SPRINTER operates for 22 miles with temporal separation from the Pacific Sun Railroad which is contracted by BNSF. The

exclusive passenger period is from 3:45 a.m. until 9:45 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 3:45 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) Friday through Saturday.

NCTD continues to seek relief from 49 CFR part 210, *Railroad Noise Emission Compliance Regulations*; part 217, *Railroad Operating Rules*; part 219, *Control of Alcohol and Drug Use*; part 221, *Rear End Marking Device-Passenger, Commuter, and Freight Trains*; sections 223.9(c), 223.9(d), 223.15(c), and 223.17 of the *Safety Glazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Cabooses*; part 228, *Hours of Service of Railroad Employees; Recordkeeping and Reporting; Sleeping Quarters*, where applicable for operators only; part 231, *Railroad Safety Appliance Standards*; part 238, *Passenger Equipment Safety Standards*; part 239, *Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness*; part 240, *Locomotive Engineer Certification*. NCTD continues to seek partial relief from 49 CFR part 225, *Railroad Accidents/Incidents: Reports Classification, and Investigations*, except with regard to reporting train and highway-rail grade crossing accidents to FRA, as employee injuries may be reported under Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules; and relief from part 229, *Railroad locomotive safety*

standards, except from sections 229.125(a)–(f).

In its petition, NCTD states there have been no deficiencies with its operation since the last approval in 2013 and that NCTD, Pacific Sun Railroad, and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) have continually interfaced with FRA Regional staff to monitor safety.

CPUC is the State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA) providing equivalent safety oversight in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in FTA regulations at 49 CFR part 659, *Rail Fixed Guideway State Safety Oversight*, in CPUC General Order 164-D, *Rules and regulations Governing State Safety Oversight of Rail Fixed Guideway Systems*, and in CPUC General Order 143-B, *Design, Construction and Operation of Light Rail Transit Systems*.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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 by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by April 2, 2018 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/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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Robert C. Lauby,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2018-0015]

Notice of Application for Approval To Discontinue or Modify a Railroad Signal System

Under part 235 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this provides the public notice that on January 21, 2018, Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2018-0015.

Applicant: Norfolk Southern Corporation, Mr. B. L. Sykes, Chief Engineer C&S Engineering, 1200 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30309.

NS seeks to discontinue the existing signal location at milepost (MP) SC-127.5 on the Charleston District, Piedmont Division, at the west end of Andrews Yard, Columbia, SC. The existing positive signal, MP SC127.5, will be retired from service. A new crossover will be installed from the SC mainline to the yard track lead to allow trains to enter and exit the yard from multiple tracks. The existing westbound automatic signal located at MP SC-128.1 will become a positive signal and govern movements out of the yard per NS rules. The existing eastbound automatic signal at MP SC 128.0 will be removed from service.

NS states the reason for the proposed change is to increase efficiency of yard operations at the expanded west end of the yard and expedite train movements in and out of the yard.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Information Collection Renewal; Submission for OMB Review; Investment Securities

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal