

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before July 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2018-0434 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Robeson, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, (202) 267-4712.

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Dale Bouffiau,

Deputy Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2018-0434.

Petitioner: Tarrant County College.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: 61.160(c)(3)(i).

Description of Relief Sought: The petitioner is requesting an exemption to allow specific current students and graduates of the petitioner to be eligible to obtain their Restricted Airline Transport Pilot certificates who have otherwise met the requirements of 14 CFR part 61.160(c), with the exception of (3)(i). Section 61.160(c)(3)(i) states that the required ground training must be completed as part of an approved part 141 curriculum at the institution of higher education. For the students and graduates who would be covered by this exemption, they completed their part 141 Instrument Ground and/or Commercial Ground course requirements under the FAA approved part 141 Air Agency Certificate of U.S. Aviation Academy, the petitioner's contractor.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Release From Federal Grant Assurance Obligations for San Luis Obispo Airport (SBP), San Luis Obispo, California**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request to release airport land.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to rule and invites public comments on the application for a release of 27,443 square feet (approximately 0.63 acres) of airport property at San Luis Obispo Airport, San Luis Obispo, California from all conditions contained in the Grant Assurances. This land is not needed for airport purposes. The property consists of land that is vacant, unimproved, and landlocked. It is separated from the airport operations area by a public highway. The land sat idle and unused for over 25 years. The property would be sold at an appraised fair market value to the adjacent

property owner. Proceeds would be deposited in the airport account, thereby serving the interests of civil aviation.

DATES: Comments must be received on the proposed land release request from federal obligations on or before July 27, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments on the request may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Katherine Kennedy, Federal Aviation Administration, San Francisco Airports District Office, Federal Register Comment, 1000 Marina Boulevard, Suite 220, Brisbane, CA 94005-1835, telephone (650) 827-7611, facsimile (650) 817-7634. In addition, one copy of the comment submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered Mr. Philip M. D'Acri, Real Property Manager, County of San Luis Obispo Central Services Department, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408, telephone (805) 781-5206, facsimile (805) 781-1364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21), Public Law 106-181 (Apr. 5, 2000; 114 Stat. 61), this notice must be published in the **Federal Register** 30 days before the Secretary may waive any condition imposed on a federally obligated airport by surplus property conveyance deeds or grant agreements.

Following is a brief overview of the request:

The County of San Luis Obispo, California, the owner and operator of the San Luis Obispo Airport, requested a release from grant assurance obligations for approximately 27,443 square feet (approximately 0.63 acres) of airport property. The property was acquired with local funds in 1991 for runway approach protection. However, in 2007, the Runway 7-25 threshold was shifted to the west side of Runway 11-29. After this shift, the property was no longer necessary for approach protection.

Due to the property's landlocked location and current condition, it has not been used for aeronautical purposes. A major highway (HWY 227) separates the property from the rest of the airport. Because the property lacks direct ingress and egress, attempts to lease the property have been unsuccessful. This non-contiguous property continues to remain unused and unimproved. This portion of land is not suitable for future airport development and is identified on the airport's FAA-approved Airport Layout Plan for future disposal. Release and sale of the land would not negatively impact airport operations.

The sales price would be based on an appraised market value. Sale proceeds would be deposited in the airport account to be solely expended for the capital and operating costs of the San Luis Obispo Airport, thereby serving the interests of civil aviation.

Issued in Brisbane, California, on June 21, 2018.

Patrick Magnotta,

Acting Manager, San Francisco Airports District Office, Western-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2001-10660]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on May 29, 2018, BNSF Railway (BNSF) 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 218. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2001-10660.

FRA granted BNSF a waiver of certain provisions of 49 CFR part 218 on May 6, 2002. Subsequently, FRA extended the waiver in 2007 and 2012. BNSF is currently petitioning for a renewal of this waiver for relief from the requirements in 49 CFR 218.22(c)(5). Specifically, BNSF seeks to permit train crew members, yard crew members, and utility employees to remove and replace batteries in two-way end-of-train (EOT) devices, while the EOT device is in place on the rear of the train to which the individual has been assigned, without establishing any blue signal protection.

In its petition, BNSF states such relief would provide several safety benefits. First, BNSF contends the safety of train service employees and utility employees will be enhanced by reducing the time such employees are performing a safety sensitive task by eighty percent. Second, train service employees and utility employees will lift and handle significantly lighter loads. The "Smartpack" batteries currently used by BNSF weigh 10.1 pounds or less as opposed to a PULSE EOT device unit weighing 32-34 pounds.

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 August 13, 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 www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Robert C. Lauby,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunity for America's Marine Highway Projects

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of funding opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, signed by the President on March 23, 2018, appropriated \$7,000,000 to the Short Sea Transportation Program, commonly referred to as the America's Marine Highway Program (AMHP). The purpose of the appropriation is to make grants to previously designated Marine Highway Projects that support the development and expansion of documented vessels, or of port and landside infrastructure. This notice announces the availability of funding for grants and establishes selection criteria and application requirements.

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (Department) will award Marine Highway Grants to implement projects or components of projects previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) under AMHP. Only Marine Highway projects designated by the Secretary are eligible for funding as described in this notice.

DATES: Applications must be received by the Maritime Administration by 5 p.m. EDT on October 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Grant applications must be submitted electronically using [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) (<https://www.grants.gov>). Please be aware that you must complete the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) registration process before submitting your application, and that the registration process usually takes 2 to 4 weeks to complete. Applicants are strongly encouraged to make submissions in advance of the deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this Notice, please contact Tori Collins, Office of Ports & Waterways Planning, Room W21-315, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590, phone 202-366-0795 or email Tori.Collins@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each section of this Notice contains information and instructions relevant to the application process for these Marine Highway Grants, and all applicants should read this Notice in its entirety so that they have the information they need to submit eligible and competitive applications. Applications received after