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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2023-0003]

Establishment of an Emergency Relief Docket for Calendar Year 2023

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

ACTION: Notice of establishment of public docket.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the establishment of FRA's emergency relief docket (ERD) for calendar year 2023. The designated ERD for calendar year 2023 is docket number FRA-2023-0003.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further information regarding submitting petitions and/or comments to docket number FRA-2023-0003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 19, 2009, FRA published a direct final rule establishing ERDs and the procedures for handling petitions for emergency waivers of safety rules, regulations, or standards during an emergency situation or event. 74 FR 23329. That direct final rule became effective on July 20, 2009 and made minor modifications to 49 CFR 211.45 in FRA's Rules of Practice in 49 CFR part 211. Section 211.45(b) provides that each calendar year FRA will establish an ERD in the publicly accessible DOT docket system (available at www.regulations.gov). Section 211.45(b) further provides that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying by docket number the ERD for that year. FRA established the ERD and emergency waiver procedures to provide an expedited process for FRA to address the needs of the public and the railroad industry during emergency situations or events. This Notice announces the designated ERD for calendar year 2023 is docket number FRA-2023-0003.

As detailed in § 211.45, if the FRA Administrator determines an emergency event as defined in 49 CFR 211.45(a) has occurred, or that an imminent threat of such an emergency occurring exists, and public safety would benefit from providing the railroad industry with operational relief, the emergency waiver procedures of 49 CFR 211.45 will go

into effect. In such an event, the FRA Administrator will issue a statement in the ERD indicating the emergency waiver procedures are in effect and FRA will make every effort to post the statement on its website at railroads.dot.gov. Any party desiring relief from FRA regulatory requirements as a result of the emergency should submit a petition for emergency waiver under 49 CFR 211.45(e) and (f). Specific instructions for filing petitions for emergency waivers under 49 CFR 211.45 are found at 49 CFR 211.45(f). Specific instructions for filing comments in response to petitions for emergency waivers are at 49 CFR 211.45(h).

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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 www.transportation.gov/privacy. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces a public meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS).

DATES: The TRACS meeting will be held on January 31, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Requests to attend the meeting must be received no later than January 24, 2023. Requests for disability accommodations must be

received no later than January 24, 2023. Requests to verbally address the committee during the meeting must be submitted with a written copy of the remarks to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) no later than January 24, 2023. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than January 24, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom for Government. Any committee related requests should be sent by email to TRACS@dot.gov. The virtual meeting's online access link and a detailed agenda will be provided upon registration. They will also be posted on the TRACS web page at: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs> one week in advance of the meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes and other TRACS related information will also be available on the TRACS web page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph DeLorenzo, TRACS Designated Federal Officer, Associate Administrator, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, (202) 366-1783, Joseph.DeLorenzo@dot.gov; or Bridget Zamperini, TRACS Program Manager, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, TRACS@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2). TRACS is composed of 25 members representing a broad base of perspectives on transit safety necessary to discharge its responsibilities. Please see the TRACS web page for additional information at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs>.

I. Background

The U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) established TRACS in accordance with FACA to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary and FTA Administrator on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems.

II. Agenda

- Welcome Remarks and Introductions
- Overview of Virtual Meeting Platform Functions
- Review of TRACS Tasks, Subcommittees, and Subcommittee Work Plans
- Discussion of Future TRACS Activities
- Chair and Vice Chair Selection