

transaction is for continued rail service, IRW has indicated no plans to alter railroad properties 50 years old or older, and any abandonment would be subject to Board jurisdiction.

Effective Date. As stated above, IRW seeks an exemption with retroactive effect. Although the Board on occasion has granted authority retroactively,¹² it generally disfavors such grants.¹³ Given that IRW has failed to explain why retroactive authority is needed in this case, the Board is unable to assess the need and declines to make its authority retroactive here. The exemption will be effective on May 13, 2021, unless it is stayed.

It is ordered:

1. Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 IRW's acquisition and operation of the Line.

2. Notice of this exemption will be published in the **Federal Register**.

3. This exemption will be effective on May 13, 2021. Petitions for stay must be filed by April 23, 2021. Petitions to reopen must be filed by May 3, 2021.

Decided: April 9, 2021.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Fuchs, Oberman, Primus, and Schultz.

Tammy Lowery,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on a Request To Release Surplus Property at the Myrtle Beach International Airport, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a request from the Horry County Department of Airports to waive the requirement that 0.29 acres of surplus

¹² See, e.g., *Grand Elk R.R.—Acquis. of Incidental Trackage Rights Exemption—Norfolk S. Ry.*, FD 35187 (Sub-No. 1) et al., slip op. at 4 (STB served Nov. 20, 2017) (after having previously denied a request for retroactive authority, reopening the proceeding to make exemption retroactive in light of changed circumstances, including a state court decision that declined to rule on a contractual issue because Board previously only granted prospective authority).

¹³ See, e.g., *Elk River R.R.—Merger Exemption—Buffalo Creek R.R.*, FD 36434, slip op. at 3 (STB served Nov. 6, 2020); *Ark.—Okla. R.R.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—State of Okla.*, FD 36323, slip op. at 3 (STB served Sept. 19, 2019).

property located at the Myrtle Beach International Airport be used for aeronautical purposes. Currently, the ownership of the property provides for the protection of approach and departure Runway Protection Zones and compatible land use which would continue to be protected with deed restrictions required in the transfer of land ownership.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 17, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be emailed or mailed to the FAA at the following address: Chaim Van Prooyen, Federal Aviation Administration, Atlanta Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Ave., Ste. 220, College Park, GA 30337.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed to: Scott Van Moppes, Director of Airports, Myrtle Beach International Airport, 1100 Jetport Road, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chaim Van Prooyen, Federal Aviation Administration, Atlanta Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Ave., Ste. 220, College Park, GA 30337, *chaim.h.van.prooyen@faa.gov*. The request to release property may be reviewed, by appointment, in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA is reviewing a request to release 0.29 acres of surplus property at the Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR) under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47151(d). On December 4, 2020, the Horry County Department of Airports requested the FAA release 0.29 acres of surplus property for the Fred Nash Boulevard expansion right-of-way. The FAA has determined that the proposed property release at the Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR), as submitted by the Horry County Department of Airports, meets the procedural requirements of the FAA and release of the property does not and will not impact future aviation needs at the airport. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no sooner than thirty days after the publication of this notice. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 47107(c)(2)(B)(i) and (iii), the airport will receive fair market value for the property, which will be subsequently reinvested in another eligible airport improvement project for aviation facilities at the Myrtle Beach International Airport.

Any person may inspect, by appointment, the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, any person may, upon

appointment and request, inspect the application, notice and other documents determined by the FAA to be related to the application in person at the Myrtle Beach International Airport.

Issued in Atlanta, GA on April 13, 2021.

Larry F. Clark,

Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 appropriated \$230 million for the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) to make grants to improve facilities within, or outside of and directly related to operations of or an intermodal connection to, coastal seaports, inland river ports, and Great Lakes ports. This notice announces the availability of funding for grants under this program and establishes selection criteria and application requirements. The Act directed that at least \$205 million of the appropriated funds shall be for grants to coastal seaports or Great Lakes ports. Additionally, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 directed that not less than \$41.4 million shall be for projects at "Small Ports and Terminals" meeting certain requirements described in this NOFO. Funds for the PIDP are to be awarded as discretionary grants on a competitive basis for projects that will improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port. All PIDP grant recipients must meet all applicable Federal requirements, including the Buy American Act. The purpose of this notice is to solicit grant applications for the PIDP.

DATES: Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. E.D.T. on July 30, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted through *Grants.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this notice, please contact the PIDP staff via email at *PIDPgrants@dot.gov*, or call Peter Simons, Supervisory Transportation Specialist, Office of Port