

embodied emissions of specialized hardware and cooling equipment used to mine certain cryptocurrencies, as well as the waste generated from this equipment needing to be replaced frequently due to rapidly improving mining equipment. This also includes potential mitigating measures and technology improvements to reduce the environmental impact from hardware usage.

3. *Resources:* Information about the resources used to sustain and power digital assets. This includes the electricity that powers mining rigs and the water used to cool those operations, as well as potential mitigating measures to reduce the amount of electricity and water used. This also includes quantitative estimates of the total amounts of these resources used by particular types of digital assets, or by the digital asset ecosystem at large. This also includes information concerning whether the costs of resources used are borne equitably across society or are disproportionately borne by historically disadvantaged communities.

4. *Economics:* Information about how the energy use of digital assets is affected by the value of, demand for, and supply of particular digital assets or their underlying infrastructure. This includes the environmental and infrastructural effects from cryptocurrency miners moving to areas with cheaper electricity, as well as the incentives that exist for cryptocurrency miners to use renewable energy sources for mining. This also includes information about impacts on the electric grid and about the need for potential incremental grid investments, along with the impacts on electricity bills for customers near or in affected service territories.

5. *Past or ongoing mitigation attempts:* Information about past or ongoing attempts to mitigate negative climate impacts of digital assets. This includes voluntary industry efforts, and cryptocurrencies that are changing their consensus mechanism in order to reduce their energy usage. This also includes climate-focused and energy efficiency regulation or standards efforts by State, local, territorial, tribal, federal, or foreign governments.

6. *Potential energy or climate benefits:* Information about how digital assets can potentially yield positive energy or climate impacts. This includes potential uses of blockchain that could support monitoring or mitigating technologies to climate impacts, such as opportunities for natural asset or emissions accounting, as well as the exchanging of liabilities for greenhouse gas emissions, water, and other natural or

environmental assets. This also includes specific approaches to increase the likelihood of direct climate or emissions benefits from digital assets, or associated grid services that indirectly lead to climate or emissions benefits. Furthermore, information is sought supporting or rebutting claims made by some proponents of cryptocurrencies that the energy used by mining cryptocurrencies is a net climate positive, either because it occurs during demand lulls or because it increases demand for renewable electricity sources.

7. *Likely future developments or industry trajectories:* Information about likely future developments or industry trajectories that would have implications for the future climate impacts of digital assets. This includes expected future developments in protocols, hardware, resources, and economics. Where possible, please describe the expected timescale for likely future developments.

8. *Implications for U.S. policy:* Information about how the climate impacts of digital assets might have implications for U.S. policy. This includes implications for energy policy, including as it relates to grid management and reliability, energy efficiency incentives and standards, sources of energy supply, greenhouse gas intensity, and the transition to a net-zero emissions economy by 2050.

9. *Other information:* Any other information, not covered above, that is relevant for understanding the climate impacts of digital assets.

Dated: March 21, 2022.

**Stacy Murphy,**

*Operations Manager.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Docket No. FD 36591]**

### **Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Southern Indiana Railway, Inc.**

The Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company (LIRC), a Class III railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to enter into an asset purchase agreement (Purchase Agreement) with Southern Indiana Railway, Inc. (SIND), for LIRC to acquire and operate a rail corridor from north of the intersection of “highway 403” at Speed (SIND Speed Property) southerly to a connection with a rail line of CSX Transportation, Inc., at Watson Junction,

all in Clark County, Ind. The Purchase Agreement also covers yard tracks located on the real property of Lehigh Cement in Speed, north of SIND Speed Property (the above described assets subject to the Purchase Agreement are referred to collectively as the Line). According to LIRC, the Line is approximately 7.41 miles in length.<sup>1</sup> The verified notice states that LIRC will become the operator of the Line upon the exemption’s effective date.

LIRC certifies that the Purchase Agreement does not contain any provision that may limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier. LIRC further certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in LIRC’s becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier. Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), if a carrier’s projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million, it must, at least 60 days before the exemption becomes effective, post a notice of its intent to undertake the proposed transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, serve a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. However, LIRC’s verified notice includes a request for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirements. LIRC’s waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision. The Board will establish the effective date of the exemption in its separate decision on the waiver request.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than April 1, 2022.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36591, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board’s website. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on LIRC’s representative, Rose-Michele Nardi, Baker & Miller PLLC, Suite 300, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20037.

According to LIRC, this action is categorically excluded from

<sup>1</sup> LIRC states that this mileage number comes from *Southern Indiana Railway—Acquisition*, FD 12551 (ICC served Feb. 7, 1940). LIRC further states that its intention is to acquire SIND’s rights to the entire rail corridor described in the 1940 decision, and that, to the extent that yard and ancillary tracks are subject to 49 U.S.C. 10906, LIRC’s request for authority to acquire the Line is not intended to convert any such track into common carrier track subject to 49 U.S.C. 10901.

environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Decided: March 22, 2022.

**Brendetta Jones,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Change 19 Acres of Land From Aeronautical to Non-Aeronautical Use at Presque Isle International Airport in Presque Isle, Maine

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is being given that the FAA is considering a request from the City of Presque Isle to change 19 acres of land from Aeronautical Use to Non-Aeronautical Use for a Solar facility at Presque Isle International Airport, Presque Isle, Presque Isle, ME. A solar facility will be constructed on 19 acres of land at Presque Isle International Airport. The solar facility is being constructed on land not required for aviation use. The land has been designated for non-aeronautical use. The airport will have a land lease with the solar company that will generate a new non-aeronautical revenue source for the airport. The land lease proceeds will be deposited in the airport's operation and maintenance account.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 21, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the instructions on providing comments.

- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.

- **Mail:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W 12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- **Hand Delivery:** Deliver to mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Interested persons may inspect the request and supporting documents by contacting the FAA at the address listed

under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jorge E. Panteli, Compliance and Land Use Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration New England Region Airports Division, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803. Telephone: 781-238-7618.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on March 21, 2022.

**Julie Seltsam-Wilps,**  
Deputy Director, ANE-600.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary of Transportation

#### Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Department of Transportation's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG)

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for three funding opportunities: The National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (Mega), the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects grants program (INFRA), and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural). While applicants can choose to apply for only one grant program, this combined solicitation will allow applicants to apply for two, or all three of these funding opportunities by submitting only one application. It also aims to better enable the Department to proactively assist project sponsors in matching projects with the most appropriate grant program(s) and facilitate individual projects in potentially receiving funding from multiple grant programs. Funds for the INFRA, Mega, and Rural funding opportunities will be awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation infrastructure projects—including highway and bridge, intercity passenger rail, railway-highway grade crossing or separation, wildlife crossing, public transportation, marine highway, and freight projects, or groups of such projects—with significant national or regional impact, or to improve and

expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas.

**DATES:** Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 23, 2022. The *Grants.gov* "Apply" function will open by March 25, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted through [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). Only applicants who comply with all submission requirements described in this notice and submit applications through [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) on or before the application deadline will be eligible for award.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding this notice, please contact the Office of the Secretary via email at [MPDGrants@dot.gov](mailto:MPDGrants@dot.gov), or call Paul Baumer at (202) 366-1092. A TDD is available for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing at 202-366-3993. In addition, up to the application deadline, the U.S. Department of Transportation (Department) will post answers to common questions and requests for clarifications on the Department's website at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/mpdg-frequently-asked-questions>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The organization of this notice is based on an outline set forth in Appendix I to title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 200 to ensure consistency across Federal financial assistance programs. However, that format is designed for locating specific information, not for linear reading. For readers seeking to familiarize themselves with how the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) combined application process will work, the Department recommends starting with Section A (Program Description), which describes the Department's goals for the MPDG common application and purpose in making awards, and Section E (Application Review Information), which describes how the Department will select among eligible applications for each of the three funding opportunities. Those two sections will provide appropriate context for the remainder of the notice: Section B (Federal Award Information) describes information about the size and nature of awards; Section C (Eligibility Information) describes eligibility requirements for applicants and projects; Section D (Application and Submission Information) describes in detail how to apply for an award; Section F (Federal Award Administration Information) describes legal requirements that will accompany awards; and Sections G (Federal