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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2018-0006]

#### Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this

document provides the public notice that on October 18, 2022, Northern Plains Railroad (NPR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 229.47, *Emergency brake valve*. The relevant FRA Docket Number is FRA-2018-0006.

Specifically, NPR requests to extend its existing relief from the requirement that an emergency brake pipe valve be installed adjacent to the rear door of a locomotive for five EMD SD60F locomotives (Numbers 5513, 5517, 5518, 5525, and 5535). The five locomotives are of the same car body type and are not equipped with an emergency brake valve at the rear exit door. Each of the units have rear walkways and switch style steps, thus allowing the engineer to see the person riding on the back and are equipped with radio communication. These units will be used in road service and will be paired together. In support of its request, NPR states that it has “no history of vandalism.”

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Transit Standards Development

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

**ACTION:** Notice of funding opportunity (NOFO).

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for up to \$3,000,000 under the Technical Assistance and Workforce Development Program for proposals to develop voluntary standards and standards-related best practices, guidance, and tools in safety, and other areas that improve public transportation by directly engaging and working with transit stakeholders.

**DATES:** Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the [GRANTS.GOV](http://GRANTS.GOV) “APPLY” function by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on January 23, 2023.

Prospective applicants should initiate the process by registering on the [GRANTS.GOV](http://GRANTS.GOV) website promptly to ensure completion of the application process before the submission deadline. Instructions for applying can be found on FTA’s website at <http://www.transit.dot.gov/howtoapply> and in the “FIND” module of [GRANTS.GOV](http://GRANTS.GOV). The funding opportunity ID is FTA-2023-004-TRI. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raj Wagley, FTA Office of Research, Demonstration, and Innovation, phone: (202) 366-5386, or email: [raj.wagley@dot.gov](mailto:raj.wagley@dot.gov).

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