

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and the applicable docket number. The relevant PTC docket numbers for the host railroads that filed a joint RFA to their PTCSPs are cited above and in the Supplementary Information section of this notice. For convenience, all active PTC dockets are hyperlinked on FRA's website at <https://railroads.dot.gov/research-development/program-areas/train-control/ptc/railroads-ptc-dockets>. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gabe Neal, Staff Director, Signal, Train Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 816-516-7168, email: [Gabe.Neal@dot.gov](mailto:Gabe.Neal@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In general, Title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 20157(h) requires FRA to certify that a host railroad's PTC system complies with title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart I, before the technology may be operated in revenue service. Before making certain changes to an FRA-certified PTC system or the associated FRA-approved PTCSP, a host railroad must submit, and obtain FRA's approval of, an RFA to its PTCSP under 49 CFR 236.1021.

Under 49 CFR 236.1021(e), FRA's regulations provide that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** and invite public comment in accordance with 49 CFR part 211, if an RFA includes a request for approval of a material modification of a signal or train control system. Accordingly, this notice informs the public that the twenty host railroads' recent, joint RFA to their PTCSPs is available in their respective public PTC dockets. This notice provides an opportunity for public comment.

On November 3, 2023, the following twenty host railroads jointly submitted an RFA to their respective PTCSPs for their Interoperable Electronic Train Management Systems (I-ETMS): Alaska Railroad; The Belt Railway Company of Chicago; BNSF Railway; Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain); Canadian National Railway; Canadian Pacific Railway; Consolidated Rail Corporation; CSX Transportation, Inc.; Kansas City Southern Railway; Kansas City Terminal Railway; National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); New Mexico Rail Runner Express; Norfolk Southern Railway; North County Transit District; Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra); Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District;

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority; Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink); Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis; and Union Pacific Railroad. This RFA includes on-board software changes to the HMI which require amendments to PTC training for train crews. Their joint RFA is available in Docket Numbers FRA-2010-0028, -0029, -0039, -0042, -0043, -0045, -0048, -0049, -0051, -0054, -0056, -0057, -0058, -0059, -0060, -0061, -0062, -0064, -0065, and -0070.

Interested parties are invited to comment on this RFA by submitting written comments or data. During FRA's review of these railroads' joint RFA, FRA will consider any comments or data submitted within the timeline specified in this notice and to the extent practicable, without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to PTC systems. See 49 CFR 236.1021; see also 49 CFR 236.1011(e). Under 49 CFR 236.1021, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny these railroads' joint RFA to their PTCSPs at FRA's sole discretion.

#### Privacy Act Notice

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://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 <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). To facilitate comment tracking, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Carolyn R. Hayward-Williams,**

*Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration announces a meeting of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Board of Visitors (Board).

**DATES:** December 11, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST.

Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than December 4, 2023. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by November 30, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held through a virtual forum. Virtual meeting access information will be available on the USMMA Board of Visitors web page and social media channels no later than December 4, 2023. General information about the Board is available on the USMMA web page at <https://www.usmma.edu/about/leadership/board-visitors>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Board's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact, Mary Grice, 202-366-4264 or [mary.grice@dot.gov](mailto:mary.grice@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Board is a Federal Advisory Committee originally established as a Congressional Board by section 51312 of title 46, United States Code "to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the United States Merchant Marine Academy." The Board was originally chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) on October 24, 2017.

##### II. Agenda

The meeting agenda will cover, but is not limited to, the following proposed topics:

1. Welcome remarks and Board maintenance items (elections, Charter, etc.);

2. Update on the six priorities from the USMMA Strategic Plan (including educational and athletic programs, Institutional Culture, Sea Year, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program status, and Academy infrastructure progress);

3. Update on the state of the Regiment of Midshipmen; and

4. Public comment period (not to exceed 10 minutes).

##### III. Public Participation

This meeting is open to the public and will be held through a virtual forum. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to

providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Board. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than December 4, 2023.

Only written statements will be considered by the Board; no member of the public will be allowed to present questions or speak during the meeting unless requested to do so by a member of the Board.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51312; 5 U.S.C. 552b; 5 U.S.C. App. 2; 41 CFR parts 102–3.140 through 102–3.165)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator,  
**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.**,  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID Number: DOT–OST–2018–0068]

#### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB Agency Request for Reinstatement of Previously Approved Collections: Traveling by Air With Service Animals—U.S. Department of Transportation Service Animal Air Transportation Form and U.S. Department of Transportation Service Animal Relief Attestation Form

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (Department or DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, this notice announces DOT’s intention to reinstate an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 2105–0576, “U.S. Department of Transportation Service Animal Air Transportation Form,” and to seek comment on formatting and clarifying amendments to this form. The Department also seeks to reinstate its “U.S. Department of Transportation Service Animal Relief Attestation Form”; no amendments have been made to this form. The subject information

collections are related to a requirement in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that permits airlines to collect service animal documentation from passengers with a disability traveling by air with a service animal.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments should be submitted by January 12, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may file comments identified by the docket number DOT–OST–2018–0068 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. (You may access comments received for this notice at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching docket DOT–OST–2018–0068.)
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, West Building Ground Floor Room, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001;
- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

*Instructions:* You must include the agency name and docket number DOT–OST–2018–0068 at the beginning of your comment. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received in any of DOT’s dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maegan Johnson or Livaughn Chapman, Jr., Office of Aviation Consumer Protection, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, Telephone Number (202) 366–9342 (voice), (202) 366–7152 (fax); [maegan.johnson@dot.gov](mailto:maegan.johnson@dot.gov) or [livaughn.chapman@dot.gov](mailto:livaughn.chapman@dot.gov) (email). Arrangements to receive this document in an alternative format may be made by contacting the above-named individuals.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 2105–0576.  
*Title:* Traveling by Air with Service Animals.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement of information collections.

*Background:* The U.S. Department of Transportation (Department or DOT) published a final rule to amend the Department’s Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) regulation on the transport of service animals by air in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2020 (85 FR 79742). 14 CFR 382.75 allows airlines to require passengers traveling with service animals to provide carriers with the following two forms of documentation developed by the Department as a condition of travel. The first form published in the rule, the U.S. Department of Transportation Service Animal Air Transportation Form (“Behavior and Health Attestation Form”), is designed to ensure and inform airlines of the service animal’s good health, disability-related training, and good behavior; to educate passengers traveling with service animals on how service animals in air transportation are expected to behave; and to inform passengers traveling with service animals of the consequences of service animal misbehavior. The second form published in the rule, the U.S. Department of Transportation Service Animal Relief Attestation Form (“Relief Attestation Form”), may only be required by the airlines when a passenger is traveling with service animals on a flight segment scheduled to take 8 hours or more. The purpose of this form is to provide assurances to airlines that the service animal will not need to relieve itself on the flight or that the animal can relieve itself in a way that does not create a health or sanitation issue, and to educate passengers of the consequences should an animal relieve itself on the aircraft in an unsanitary way.

The Behavior and Health Attestation Form and the Relief Attestation Form are the only forms that airlines are permitted to require from passengers traveling with service animals as a condition of transport, except in rare circumstances when additional documentation may be necessary to comply with requirements on transport of animals by a Federal agency, a U.S. territory, or a foreign jurisdiction. DOT is publishing this notice to announce its intent to seek reinstatement of the previously approved information collections for these forms, OMB Control Number 2015–0576, and receive comments on the formatting and clarifying amendments made to its Behavior and Health Attestation Form. Currently, OMB authorization of the information collections expire on December 31, 2023.