New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway (Cincinnati, OH, to Chattanooga, TN, MP 2.46–338.2 Tracks 1 and 2); Georgia Division Atlanta, North District (Chattanooga, TN, to Atlanta, GA, MP 226.68–235.07 A and 15.12–158.8 H Tracks 1 and 2); Dearborn Division, Detroit District (Detroit, MI, to Butler, IN, MP D 1.4–116.0); and Lake Division, New Castle District (Mill, OH, to Ft. Wayne, IN, MP CF 16.5–185.8). NS plans to test the expanded territories approximately every 30 to 45 days.

The nonstop continuous rail test vehicle is a self-propelled ultrasonic/induction rail flaw detection vehicle operating at test speeds up to 30 mph. Upon completion of each daily run, data is analyzed offline by technical experts experienced with the process on other Class I railroads. The analysis categorizes and prioritizes suspect locations for post-test field verification and hand tests. Field verification is conducted by qualified and certified rail test professionals with recordable field validation equipment based on GPS location and known track features identified within the flaw detection electronic record. Remedial actions are applied based on the findings per 49 CFR 213.113 for confirmed rail defect locations.

NS' Engineering Department will continue to provide FRA's Rail Integrity office with rail test reports for review as required. NS believes expansion of the nonstop continuous rail testing to additional territory will continue to provide the capability to test track more quickly and frequently, and minimize the risk of rail service failures.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at *www.regulations.gov* and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (*e.g.,* Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2015–0019) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
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Communications received by June 9, 2016 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to 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.). In accordance with 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.dot.gov/privacy.* See also *http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice* for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

Robert C. Lauby,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2000–7137]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated February 24, 2016, San Diego Trolley Incorporated (SDTI) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a supplemental waiver of compliance from certain additional provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained in various parts of Title 49 of the CFR. FRA assigned the petition to Docket Number FRA–2000–7137.

SDTI seeks a 5-year extension of its existing waiver, as well as a waiver of additional regulations, for certain portions of its light rail transit operations which employ temporal separation in order to safely share track with the general railroad system's San Diego and Imperial Valley Railroad. Contiguous to the shared trackage are portions with limited connections, which include a small shared corridor with BNSF Railway freight service and Coaster commuter train service (Coaster also shares a storage yard with SDTI). FRA granted SDTI its initial waiver on January 19, 2001, which was extended for 5 years on September 11, 2006, to include minor operational changes. The waiver was most recently extended for 5 years on June 22, 2011, to include updating CFR section changes made since 2006. In 2012, SDTI received a separate waiver from FRA to operate its SD100 and S70 rolling stock at speeds that generate cant deficiency not exceeding 6 inches on its Orange Line joint use trackage (see Docket Number FRA–2012–0088). To simplify matters, SDTI now requests that the relief in both dockets be baselined into Docket Number FRA–2000–7137.

After consulting with FRA during an onsite meeting on March 24, 2016, SDTI is requesting additional relief from the following regulatory sections: 49 CFR part 214, subpart C, Roadway Worker Protection; part 228, subpart F, Substantive Hours of Service Requirements for Train Employees Engaged in Commuter or Intercity Rail Passenger Transportation; and part 242, Qualification and Certification of Conductors.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Funding Opportunity for America's Marine Highways Projects

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of funding opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114–113), signed by the President on December 18, 2015, appropriated $5,000,000 for the Short Sea Transportation Program (America's Marine Highways). The purpose of the appropriation is to make grants for projects related to documented vessels and port and landside infrastructure. This notice announces the availability of funding for Marine Highway grants and establishes selection criteria and application requirements.

The Department of Transportation (Department) will award Marine Highway Grants to implement projects or components of projects designated under America's Marine Highway Program. Eligible applicants must be sponsors of Marine Highway Projects formally designated by the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary). The current list of designated Marine Highway Projects, and sponsors thereof, can be found on the Marine Highway Web site at: *http://www.marad.dot.gov/wp-content/uploads/pdf/Marine-Highway-Project-Description-Pages.pdf.* Only sponsors of designated Marine Highway Projects are eligible to apply for a Marine Highway Grant as described in this notice.

MARAD invites applications for projects that have the added benefit of mitigating the negative impact of freight movement on communities. Projects should also provide additional public benefit by addressing access to training and job opportunities, where applicable and appropriate.

DATES: Applications must be received by 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Friday, May 27, 2016. Applications received later than this time will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Grant applications must be submitted electronically using *www.Grants.gov.* Please be aware that you must complete the Grants.gov registration process before submitting an application, and that the registration process usually takes 2 to 4 weeks to complete. Applications must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, May 27, 2016.

Application Process

Applicants are strongly encouraged to make submissions in advance of the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered except in the case of unforeseen technical difficulties as outlined below. Late applications that are the result of failure to register or comply with Grants.gov applicant requirements in a timely manner will not be considered. Applicants experiencing technical issues with Grants.gov that are beyond the applicant's control must contact *MH@dot.gov* or Tim Pickering at 202–366–0704 prior to the deadline with the user name of the registrant and details of the technical issue experienced. The applicant must provide: 1. Details of the technical issue experienced; 2. Screen capture(s) of the technical issue experienced along with corresponding ''Grant tracking number'' (Grants.gov); 3. The ''Legal Business Name'' for the applicant that was provided in the SF–424; 4. The AOR name submitted in the SF–424 (Grants.gov); 5. The DUNS number associated with the Application; and 6. The Grants.gov Help Desk Tracking Number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this notice, please contact Tori Collins, Office of Marine Highways and Passenger Service, Room W21–315, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590. Phone (202) 366–0795 or email *Tori.Collins@dot.gov.*

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A. Program Description

Section 55601 of Title 46 of the United States Code directs the Secretary to establish a short sea transportation grant program to implement projects or components of designated projects. The grant funds currently available are for projects related to documented vessels, and port and landside infrastructure.

B. Federal Award Information

Under the Marine Highways Grant Program there is currently $5,000,000 available for designated Marine Highway Projects. Only projects proposed by a project sponsor that have been formally designated by the Secretary under the America's Marine Highway Program are eligible. The Secretary, through the Maritime Administration (MARAD), intends to award the available funding through grants to the extent that there are worthy applications. MARAD will seek to obtain the maximum benefit from the available funding by awarding grants to as many of the most worthy projects as possible. However, MARAD reserves the right to award all funds to just one project. MARAD may partially fund applications by selecting parts of various discrete projects. The start date and period of performance for each award will depend on the specific project and must be agreed to by MARAD.