

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ISSUES DECISIONS IN TWO PASSENGER RAIL PROCEEDINGS

The Surface Transportation Board today released two decisions related to its oversight of Amtrak's operations under the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA).

First, the Board decided that it would consider on-time arrival and departure at all stations along a passenger train's route for purposes of assessing on-time performance. The Board will deem a train "on time" if it arrives at, or departs from, a station no more than 15 minutes after its scheduled arrival or departure.

The Board also announced that it is withdrawing its proposed policy statement on issues that may arise, and evidence to be presented in proceedings under PRIIA, in favor of a case-by-case approach to these complex matters.

"Reflecting careful consideration of an extensive public and stakeholder response to our most recent passenger rail proposals, these decisions will better position the Board to implement its responsibilities under the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008," stated Board Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III. "Improved passenger train on-time performance is an important goal, and the Board's decisions will support that goal by clarifying the trigger for starting a proceeding, while allowing more complex and detailed issues to be resolved in the context of individual cases."

The Board's decision in [On-Time Performance Under Section 213 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008, Docket No. EP 726](#), may be viewed and downloaded at the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under "E-LIBRARY / Decisions & Notices / 07/28//2016 " .

The Board's decision in [Policy Statement on Implementing Intercity Passenger Train On-Time Performance and Preference Provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 24308\(c\) and \(f\), Docket No. EP 728](#), may be viewed and downloaded at the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under "E-LIBRARY / Decisions & Notices / 07/28/2016 " .

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