

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROPOSES REGULATIONS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF “FAST ACT” PROVISIONS

The Surface Transportation Board today proposed regulations to implement passenger rail-related dispute resolution provisions of Title XI of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (“FAST Act,” Pub. L. No. 114-94, December 4, 2015).

The FAST Act added to the Board’s existing passenger rail adjudicatory responsibilities related to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”). Now included are provisions involving Amtrak cost recovery for its operations on state-supported routes, and for costs allocated to states in their use of rail facilities for commuter-rail operations within the Washington, D.C.-to-Boston Northeast Corridor. The Board is proposing new procedural regulations to implement these provisions. Comments are due by August 31, 2016, and reply comments are due by September 30, 2016.

The Board proposal in [Dispute Resolution Procedures Under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act of 2015, EP 734](#), may be viewed and downloaded at the Board’s website, www.stb.dot.gov, under “E-LIBRARY, / Decisions & Notices / 07/ 28 /16 ”.

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