



Federal Railroad Administration
Railroad Safety Advisory Committee

Passenger Safety Task

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Passenger Safety Task Objectives

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- Justification
- Scope and process
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Passenger Safety Task Background

- **1994 safety reauthorization**
- **5-year effort toward comprehensive standards**
- **Final rule on Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness (May 1998)**
- **Final rule on Passenger Equipment Safety Standards (May 1999), with subsequent amendments**

Passenger Safety Task Justification

- **“Charter” for two previous working groups expired, but**
- **Still need to work on--**
 - Loose ends from earlier rulemaking
 - New ideas from APTA PRESS effort
 - New information from intervening research
 - Lessons from experience with the existing rules / fine tuning
 - Review of E.O. 20

Passenger Safety Task Justification

- **Examples—**
 - Fire safety (signage, performance standards)
 - Structural issues / interiors
 - Glazing
 - Emergency systems
 - Passenger safety (boarding and alighting; securement of doors while underway, etc.)

Passenger Safety Task Scope and Process

- Proposed task would *enable discussion*
- No pre-determined outcomes
- RSAC process applies
- As always, no bar to direct action by FRA should the need arise

Passenger Safety Task Scope and Process

- **Establish Passenger Safety Working Group**
 - Determine priorities
 - Manage the process
 - Reach consensus based on recommendations from subject matter task forces
- **Proceed any necessary rulemakings individually when ready**
- **Keep workload appropriate**
- **Get results promptly**

Passenger Safety Task Requested Action

- **Consider and accept task**
- **File expressions of interest for working group membership**
- **Help us keep the working group small**
- **Structure the delegations to be inclusive at the task force level**
- **September 2003 start**