



# **Federal Railroad Administration**

## **Railroad Safety Advisory Committee**

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# **Passenger Safety Task**

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# Passenger Safety Task Objectives

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- Background
- Justification
- Scope and process
- Requested action

# Passenger Safety Task Background

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- 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

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- **“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

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- **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

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- 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**

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- **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**

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- **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**