

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Task Statement: Review of Passenger Safety Issues

Task No.: 18-01

Date initially presented to the RSAC: December 17, 2018

Purpose: To review existing passenger safety needs and programs and to recommend consideration of specific actions useful to advance the safety of rail passenger service.

Description: Review rail passenger service safety data. Review existing regulations and orders for clarity, appropriateness, and effectiveness. As appropriate, consider enhancements to existing regulations and programs.

Issues requiring specific report:

- Whether FRA should propose amendments to the Passenger Equipment Safety Standards, the Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness regulations, or other FRA standards to make them suitable with respect to the safety and practicability of rail passenger service.
- Whether FRA should propose requirements related to passengers boarding or alighting from trains, or moving within clearance envelopes in station limits.
- Whether, in lieu of regulatory action on any such issue, FRA should issue safety advisories, conduct further research or take other action within its authority and resources to advance the safety of rail passenger service.

Refer to/establish following working group: Passenger Safety Working Group

Target dates: This task will be ongoing. Prior to embarking on substantive discussions of a specific task, the Working Group will set forth in writing a specific description of the task. The Working Group will establish and report to the RSAC any specific actions identified as appropriate. The Working Group will report planned activity to the full Committee at each scheduled Committee meeting, including milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion.

Disposition: Accepted

Accepted Date: February 1, 2019