

**Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Task Statement:
Tourist & Historic Railroads and Private Passenger Cars**

Task No.: 18-02

Date initially presented to the RSAC: December 13, 2018; amended by vote April 24, 2019 to include “Other Issues”

Purpose: To ensure appropriate applicability of FRA regulations to tourist, excursion and historic railroads on and off the general rail system. Specifically, to consider changes to 49 CFR regarding historical or antiquated equipment that is used only for excursion, educational, recreational purposes or private transportation purposes to relieve regulatory requirements applicable to modern equipment.

Background: The RSAC originally authorized the formation of a working group in April 1996 under Task No. 96-04 and 96-05 to address the following issues:

- Promote the safe operation of tourist and historic rail operations

Description:

- Review the interpretation and application of the exception to the safety glazing standards (49 CFR Part 223) provided in 49 CFR 223.3(b)(3).
- Review regulatory treatment under 49 CFR Part 215 of freight cars 50+ years old. (Does not include freight cars used in commercial freight service)
- Review application of 49 CFR Part 232, Appendix B to historic/antiquated passenger/freight cars.
- Identify any other issues involving regulatory treatment of tourist, scenic, historic, excursion, educational or recreational rail operations or private passenger rail car operations and equipment.

Issues requiring specific report:

- Determine specific regulatory language to update safety glazing standards (CFR Part 223) and maintain railroad safety and provide recommendations as necessary.
- Determine specific regulatory language to update 49 CFR Part 215 regarding freight cars 50+ years old and maintain railroad safety and provide recommendations as necessary.
- Determine specific regulatory language to update 49 CFR Part 232, Appendix B and provide recommendations as necessary.

Other Issues:

- Review comments on FRA’s NPRM regarding Appendix B of 49 CFR part 232 (freight power brake standards), currently under development.
- Review comments on FRA’s NPRM regarding Part 230 (steam locomotive inspection and maintenance standards), which is another rule currently under development.
- Identify any other issues involving FRA’s regulatory treatment of tourist, scenic, historic, excursion, educational, or recreational rail operations or private passenger rail car operations and equipment.

Refer to/establish following working group: Tourist & Historic Railroads and Private Passenger Car Working Group

Target Dates: Report recommendations to the Committee by December 15, 2019

Disposition: Accepted

Accepted Date: February 1, 2019