



July 13, 2012

U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Docket Operations, M-30
Room W12-140
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: Docket No. FRA-2012-0016

Dear Docket Clerk:

On behalf of the more than 1,500 member organizations of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), I write to provide comments on the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) notice and request for comments on Application of Buy America Waivers to Rolling Stock Overhauls and Rebuilds, published June 13, 2012 at 77FR 35471.

About APTA

APTA is a non-profit international trade association of more than 1,500 public and private member organizations, including public transit systems; high-speed intercity passenger rail agencies; planning, design, construction and finance firms; product and service providers; academic institutions; and state associations and departments of transportation. More than 90 percent of Americans who use public transportation are served by APTA member transit systems.

APTA adopts and endorses the comments submitted in conjunction with our colleagues on the OneRail Coalition. We recommend FRA very clearly note that the examples given throughout the draft are illustrative, not exhaustive lists to ensure these categorical exclusions are not unduly constrained in the future.

We commend FRA on its efforts to streamline the environmental process while continuing to protect our environment.

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We appreciate the opportunity to assist FRA in this important endeavor. For additional information, please contact James LaRusch, APTA's chief counsel and vice president corporate affairs, at (202) 496-4808 or jlarsch@apta.com.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Melaniphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Michael P. Melaniphy
President & CEO

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