



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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PUBLIC ADVISORY REGARDING PARTIAL LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS

Due to a lapse in appropriations causing the federal government to partially shut down its operations, Surface Transportation Board (STB) functions will be suspended. Accordingly, during any lapse in appropriations, the STB will not:

- Accept or process any filings or submissions;
- Process cases, issue decisions, or hold public hearings, oral arguments, or voting conferences, except to the extent work has been determined to be an excepted function (e.g., an emergency service order);
- Litigate and appear in court, except to the extent work on a particular litigation matter has been determined to be an excepted function;
- Conduct *ex parte* meetings in informal rulemaking proceedings; or
- Respond to FOIA requests.

All deadlines requiring the submission of material to the STB during the pendency of the shutdown will be tolled. The Board's website and email accounts will be unattended for the duration of the partial government shutdown.

If you believe you have an emergency that requires immediate Board action, please call 202-245-0245 and leave a message.

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