

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No: FAA–2025–5379]

Deadline for Submitting Intent To Use Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Apportioned Funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Federal Register notice.

SUMMARY: Title 49 U.S.C. 47105(f) provides that every sponsor of an airport for which AIP funds are apportioned shall notify the Secretary, by such time and in a form prescribed by the Secretary, of its intent to submit a grant application for its available entitlement funds. This notice establishes the annual national deadline and requirements for every airport sponsor to signal their intent to submit applications for FY 2026 AIP entitlement funds. This is necessary to ensure the FAA has sufficient time to convert and carry over (protect) undeclared apportionment funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jesse Carriger, Director (Acting), Office of Airport Planning and Programming, at (202) 267–9194.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 47105(f), each airport sponsor receiving apportioned funds must inform the Secretary of its intention to apply for these funds, including any unused funds from previous years (protected carryover). Each airport sponsor must submit notifications for each airport receiving an entitlement amount to their FAA Regional Airports Division/Airports District Office by the national deadline of February 27, 2026. This notification is essential for the efficient planning and management of the AIP. The FAA will carry over and protect any undeclared apportioned funds after this date. Undeclared apportioned funds will be unavailable to the sponsor until the next fiscal year.

The notification must be in writing and include the total amount planned for eligible projects during the FY and confirmation of which projects listed in their Capital Improvement Plans for the current FY will proceed.

State aviation agencies in the FAA's State Block Grant Program must also notify the FAA by this date, with information consistent with the latest Memorandum of Agreement. This should include a plan for both entitlement and state apportionment funds.

Funds from previous FYs that are still available may not be immediately accessible to sponsors when the FAA initiates the AIP for a new fiscal year. The FAA can only issue grants when sufficient funds are appropriated.

Airport sponsors must submit applications for entitlement-only grants on or before May 1, 2026. These applications should be based on construction bids (or negotiated agreements) but may be based on estimates. Final bid dates should be coordinated with your local Region or Airport District Office (ADO), as appropriate, to ensure all grants can be issued based on bids. The submitted applications must comply with statutory pre-grant requirements, including the National Environmental Policy Act and Buy American requirements. If you are unable to meet the required dates, please contact your ADO.

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Jesse Carriger,

Director (Acting), Office of Airport Planning and Programming.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration****National Hazardous Materials Route Registry**

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; revisions to the listing of designated and restricted routes for hazardous materials.

SUMMARY: This notice provides revisions to the National Hazardous Materials Route Registry (NHMRR) reported to FMCSA from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. The NHMRR is a listing, as reported by State and Tribal governments, of all designated and restricted roads and preferred highway routes for transportation of highway route-controlled quantities of Class 7 radioactive materials (HRCQ/RAM) and non-radioactive hazardous materials (NRHM).

DATES: *Effective date:* December 8, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melissa Williams, Hazardous Materials Division, Office of Enforcement and Compliance, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–4163, melissa.williams@dot.gov. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

ET, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

Legal Basis and Background

Paragraphs (a)(2) and (b) of section 5112 of title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) permit States and Tribal governments to designate and limit highway routes over which hazardous materials (HM) may be transported, provided the State or Tribal government complies with standards prescribed by the Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary) and meets publication requirements in section 5112(c). To establish standards under paragraph (b), the Secretary must consult with the States, and, under section 5112(c), coordinate with the States to “update and publish periodically” a list of currently effective HM highway routing designations and restrictions. The requirements that State and Tribal governments must follow to establish, maintain, or enforce routing designations for the transport of placardable quantities of NRHM are set forth in 49 CFR part 397, subpart C. Subpart D of part 397 sets out the requirements for designating preferred routes for HRCQ/RAM shipments as an alternative, or in addition, to Interstate System highways. For HRCQ/RAM shipments, § 397.101 defines a *preferred route* as an interstate highway for which no alternative route is designated by the State; a route specifically designated by the State; or both (see § 397.65 for the definitions of *NRHM* and *routing designations*).

Under a delegation from the Secretary,¹ FMCSA has authority to implement 49 U.S.C. 5112.

Currently, § 397.73 establishes public information and reporting requirements for NRHM. States or Tribal governments are required to furnish information regarding any new or changed routes to FMCSA within 60 days after establishment. Under § 397.103, a state routing designation for HRCQ/RAM routes (preferred routes) as an alternative, or in addition, to an Interstate System highway, is effective when the authorized routing agency provides FMCSA with written notification, FMCSA acknowledges receipt in writing, and the route is published in FMCSA's NHMRR. The Office of Management and Budget has approved these collections of information under control number 2126–0014, Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Highway Routing.

In this notice, FMCSA is merely performing the ministerial function of updating and publishing the NHMRR

¹ 49 CFR 1.87(d)(2).