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ABSTRACT

BIER architecture currently does not support anycast, in that each BIER Forwarding Router (BFR) has its own unique BFR-prefix and BFR-ID. BIER signaling protocols also check if there are duplicate BFR-IDs advertised. Anycast support with BIER is described. The description updates (e.g., relaxes and/or removes some requirements of) RFC 8279, RFC 8401, and RFC 8444.

