

Frequency: A survey of approximately 250 past workshop participants will be conducted annually.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: The FHWA estimates that each respondent will complete the survey in approximately 10 minutes. The annual surveys to approximately 250 respondents are estimated at 42 burden hours.

Public Comments Invited

You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Privacy Act

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Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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James R. Kabel,

Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the new information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. We published a

Federal Register Notice on May 3, 2004 (69 FR 24217) with a 60-day public comment period concerning this information collection. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by December 6, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kathleen Kendrick, 202-366-2035, Office of Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Uniform Act Focused Certification Program for Right-of-Way Professionals.

Background: FHWA proposes to conduct research to examine and report on training and certification options for right-of-way and other real estate service providers. In addition, the FHWA proposes to assess the market need for the establishment of a new certification program.

Respondents: 54 State or territory transportation agencies, 46 selected cities, counties, and private sector respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 110 hours.

Frequency: One-time survey.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, OH

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed project in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, Ohio.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andy Blalock, Program Delivery Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 200 N. High Street, Suite 328, Columbus, Ohio 43215, telephone: (614) 280-6823.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve the connection through the east side of the City of Youngstown and the west side of Hubbard Township with I-80, a major east-west interstate highway located approximately 6 miles north of the City center and I-680 to the south via the U.S. 62/S.R. 7 connector. Eastgate is the sponsor for this proposed action through the completion of the EIS process.

The overall purpose of the improvement is to: Promote future economic development; improve traffic flow; and increase safety and emergency access.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; (2) constructing a highway on new alignment; (3) other alternatives that may be developed during the NEPA process. The alternative on new alignment is within a project study area of approximately one mile in width and six miles in length.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and, local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings has already been held in the project area. In addition, public hearing(s) will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing(s). The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public

hearing. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of the Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

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Victoria Peters,

*Director, Office of Engineering Operations,
Federal Highway Administration, Columbus,
Ohio.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Association of American Railroads

[Docket Number FRA-2004-19402]

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the Railway Supply Institute (RSI), on behalf of their member companies, seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from the requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 232.205(b)(5) *Class I Brake Test—Initial terminal inspection* regarding minimum piston travel. This waiver is necessary to allow a minimum piston travel of six (6) inches, rather than the current requirement of seven (7) inches for cars equipped with eight and one half (8.5) inch or ten (10) inch diameter brake cylinders. Technical data supporting this request was submitted to FRA for review. By granting this waiver, it would provide consistency with the braking systems practice used in Canada which permits a minimum piston travel of six (6)

inches, per Section 22.1 of Train Brake Rules, Rule 22, Transport Canada.

By granting this waiver, no special markings or decals would be necessary, as all cars not covered by this waiver are required to have the permissible range of piston travel stencilled or marked on the car or badge plate. Therefore, six (6) to nine (9) inches would be the default range for piston travel absent a decal or marking to the contrary.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2004-19402) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room Pl-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room Pl-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with title 49 CFR 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C. (FEC) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for renewal of its existing exemption for a waiver of compliance with a requirement of its safety standards. The FEC petition is described below, including the regulatory provisions involved, and the nature of the relief being requested.

Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C. (FEC)

[Docket Number FRA-2004-19391]

FEC requests a renewal of its existing waiver (FRA Docket Number HS-98-02) to continue the use of their "Paperless Time Ticket Program" to produce an electronic record of train and engine employee hours of duty in lieu of manually signed paper records.

The existing FEC waiver, which expires in February 4, 2005, grants relief from Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 228.9(a)(1) for the railroad to utilize its computerized system of recording hours of duty data. Part 228.9(a)(1) requires that records maintained under Part 228 be signed by the employee whose time is being recorded, or in the case of train and engine crews, signed by the ranking crew member. The FEC seeks to utilize its secure computerized program of recording hours of duty information which would not comply with the above requirements for a "signature" of the employee or ranking crew member without renewed waiver authority. In the current FEC waiver approved program, each of the railroad's train and engine employees has his or her own unique identification number and personal identification number (PIN). The PIN will remain confidential to the employee. When accessing the computer for input of the hours of duty record, required by § 228.11, the (PIN) does not appear on the computer screen when the employee enters his or her number. All data entered under access gained through use of the confidential PIN will be electronically stamped with the entering employee's name along with the date and time of entry. The program will display the entering employee's electronic signature, date and time of entry on the employee's hours of duty record. The FEC requests that the existing waiver authority be continued to use the electronic stamp to