

DATES: Comments must be received by May 12, 2015. Late filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments to Docket No. FHWA–2015–0001 by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Fax: (202) 493–2251.

Instructions: You must include the agency name (Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration) and the Docket Number of this notice at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the FHWA: Neel Vanikar, Office of Project Development and Environmental Review, (202) 366–2068, or Jomar Maldonado, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366–1373. For FTA: Chris Van Wyk, Office of Environmental Programs, (202) 366–1733, or Helen Serassio, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366–1974. The FHWA and FTA are located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FHWA and FTA, hereafter referred to as the “Agencies,” are proposing the issuance of revised joint guidance on the environmental review process based on revisions to 23 U.S.C. 139 (Efficient environmental rules for project decisionmaking) by various MAP–21 provisions. The proposed guidance would update and supersede the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU) Environmental Review Process Final Guidance issued on November 16, 2006.

The MAP–21 added requirements and refinements to the project development

procedures found in 23 U.S.C. 139 (Section 139), which contains statutory requirements supplemental to the process required by NEPA, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR 1500, and the FHWA/FTA joint environmental regulations at 23 CFR part 771. Section 139 provides the roles of the project sponsor and the lead, participating, and cooperating agencies; sets requirements for coordinating and scheduling agency reviews; identifies the authority of States to use Federal funding to ensure timely environmental reviews; specifies a process for resolving interagency disagreements; and establishes a statute of limitations on claims against transportation projects. The MAP–21 amended Section 139 by emphasizing a framework for setting deadlines for decisionmaking in the environmental review process; modifying the process for issue resolution and referral; establishing penalties for Federal agencies that do not make a timely decision; and, providing an option for complex projects stalled in the environmental review process to receive technical assistance with a goal of completing the environmental review process (*i.e.*, issuance of a record of decision (ROD)) within 4 years. In addition, MAP–21 mandated the combination of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and ROD into one document under certain circumstances, to the maximum extent practicable, although that process change was not codified in Section 139.

The Agencies request comments on the revised guidance, which is available in the docket (FHWA–2015–0001) and on FHWA's and FTA's MAP–21 Web sites. The Agencies will respond to comments received on the guidance in a second **Federal Register** notice, to be published after the close of the comment period. That second notice will also announce the availability of final guidance that reflects any changes implemented as a result of comments received.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139; Pub. L. 112–141, 126 Stat. 551.

Issued on: February 27, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2015–0013]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated January 26, 2015, the Illinois Railway Museum (IRM) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations. Specifically, IRM requests relief from certain provisions of 49 CFR part 230, Steam Locomotive Inspection and Maintenance Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2015–0013.

IRM is a railroad museum that maintains and operates Number 1630, a 2–10–0 “Decapod” type steam locomotive built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1918. IRM typically operates Number 1630 for 31 or fewer service days per year and expects to do so for the future. IRM requests relief from performing the fifth annual inspection as it pertains to the inspection of flexible staybolt caps every 5 years as required by 49 CFR 230.41(a), and requests to extend the inspection interval to 2,760 calendar days (7.5 years) after the locomotive entered service on May 24, 2014. IRM will perform all other inspections as required by 49 CFR 230.16, *Annual inspection*. IRM's justification for requesting this relief is that the current level of safety would be maintained due to the low number of service days accrued in this engine since the last flexible staybolt cap inspection. There will be a significant cost savings as the IRM shop forces would not be required to remove the cab, piping, jacketing, and insulation to gain access to the caps to perform the flexible staybolt cap inspection.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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 and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Fax: 202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by April 27, 2015 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy. See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#!privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 10, 2015.

Ron Hynes,

Director, Office of Technical Oversight.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0386]

Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Grant of Temporary Exemption for Volvo/Prevost LLC

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces its decision to grant Volvo/Prevost, LLC's (Volvo/Prevost) application for a limited two-year exemption from 49 CFR 393.60(e)(1) on behalf of motor carriers that will be operating commercial motor vehicles (CMV) manufactured by the company to use lane departure warning (LDW) systems mounted in the windshield area at a height lower than what is currently allowed by the regulation. The LDW system alerts drivers who unintentionally drift out of their lane of travel, thus promoting improved safety performance. The Agency has determined that the placement of the LDW system camera in the windshield area would not have an adverse impact on safety and that the terms and conditions of the exemption would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety provided by the regulation.

DATES: This exemption is effective from March 13, 2015 through March 13, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Huntley, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Safety, MC-PSV, (202) 366-4325, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments submitted to the notice requesting public comments on the exemption application, go to www.regulations.gov at any time or visit Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The on-line Federal document management system is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. The docket number is listed at the beginning of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from certain parts of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted, and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)) with the reasons for denying or granting the application and, if granted, the name of the person or class of persons receiving the exemption, and the regulatory provision from which the exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

Volvo/Prevost's Application for Exemption

Volvo/Prevost applied for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.60(e)(1) to allow the installation of an LDW system on motorcoaches purchased by its customers. A copy of the application is included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

Section 393.60(e)(1) of the FMCSRs prohibits the obstruction of the driver's field of view by devices mounted at the top of the windshield. Antennas, transponders and similar devices must not be mounted more than 152 mm (6 inches) below the upper edge of the windshield. These devices must be located outside the area swept by the windshield wipers and outside the driver's sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals.

The application stated:

Volvo/Prevost is making this request so it is possible to introduce a Lane Departure Warning system in line with [the] NHTSA Bus Safety plan as it already did for several other safety features. The camera must be installed in the wiper swept area of [the] windshield for the system to perform correctly because it must have a clear forward facing view of the road. On a today's typical coach the lower part of the windshield is outside the driver's sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals which is different from a truck. Therefore, we request the installation of the camera on the lower part of the windshield within the bottom 7 inches of the wiper swept area.

In addition, Volvo/Prevost noted that without the proposed temporary exemption, it would not be able to deploy the LDW system in motorcoaches because (1) its customers would be fined for violating the current regulation, (2) the LDW system would not perform adequately and would not bring the safety benefits expected, and (3) the camera would be more in the field of view of the driver. Volvo/