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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Send an email to CTSWStudy@dot.gov, or contact Mr. Thomas Kearney at: (518) 431-8890 or Tom.Kearney@dot.gov; Edward Strocko at: (202) 366-2997, or Ed.Strocko@dot.gov; Office of Freight Management and Operations, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 32801 of MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141) requires DOT to conduct a CTSWLS addressing differences in safety risks, infrastructure impacts, and the effect on levels of enforcement between trucks operating at or within Federal truck size and weight limits and trucks legally operating in excess of Federal limits; comparing and contrasting the potential safety and infrastructure impacts of alternative configurations (including configurations that exceed current Federal limits to the current Federal law and regulations); and, estimating the effects of freight diversion due to these alternative configurations.

Report Release

The DOT released the technical reports to the public and submitted them to the NAS on June 5, 2015 for peer review. The technical reports are available on FHWA's CTSWLS Web site: <http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/sw/map21tswstudy/index.htm>.

The DOT is releasing these materials in advance of submitting a Final Report to Congress.

Public Meetings and Comment

On June 18, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., e.t., DOT will hold a virtual public meeting to provide an overview of the technical reports and update on the remaining tasks to complete the Final Report for the CTSWLS. This meeting will be recorded.

An additional presentation will be made for the second and final phase of the NAS peer review; details on the public portion of that meeting will be posted on the NAS and DOT CTSWLS Web sites and sent by email to people who have requested notification through the CTSWLS email distribution list.

The public docket for comments (FHWA-2014-00350) on any aspect of the CTSWLS, including the technical reports, will remain open until the Final Report is submitted to Congress or until further notice by FHWA.

The DOT invites the public to participate in these meetings and to direct comments to the public docket.

Authority: Sec. 32801, Pub. L. 112-141.

Issued on: June 10, 2015.

Gregory G. Nadeau,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Numbers FRA-2013-0128 and FRA-2014-0124]

Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that by documents dated October 9, 2013 and November 18, 2014, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations governing the operation of passenger trains on the Northeast Corridor (NEC). Relief was also requested from speed limitations imposed by the Order of Particular Applicability for the Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System (ACSES) Order. Specifically, Amtrak seeks relief from requirements that limit the current operation of its Tier II Acela trainsets to 150 mph from the current maximum authorized track speed for Class 8 track of 160 mph. In addition, Amtrak also requests relief from existing Tier II design requirements to allow for the procurement of new trainsets built to alternative design standards, as outlined in its petition. A previous notice was published outlining the details of Amtrak's petitions, on February 25, 2015 [80 FR 10208]. FRA assigned the petitions to Docket Numbers FRA-2013-0128 and FRA-2014-0124, respectively.

FRA has determined that the facts of these proceedings warrant a public hearing. Accordingly, a hearing is hereby scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on July 22, 2015, at the National Housing Center, 1201 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20005. Interested parties are invited to present oral statements at this hearing. For information on facilities or services for persons with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the hearing, contact FRA Program Analyst, Kenton Kilgore; by telephone, email, or in writing; at least five business days before the date

of the hearing. Mr. Kilgore's contact information is as follows: FRA, Office of Railroad Safety, Mail Stop 25, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590; (202) 493-6286; kenton.kilgore@dot.gov.

The informal hearing will be conducted by a representative designated by FRA in accordance with FRA's Rules of Practice (see particularly 49 CFR 211.25). FRA's representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing, as well as any additional procedures for the conduct of the hearing. The hearing will be a non-adversarial proceeding in which all interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views regarding the waiver petition without cross examination. After all initial statements have been completed, those individuals wishing to make brief rebuttal statements will be given an opportunity to do so.

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 Ave. 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.

In addition, FRA is hereby extending the comment period for these waiver petitions to August 21, 2015, to allow adequate time for any additional comments to be submitted following the public hearing on July 22, 2015. Communications received by that date will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket numbers 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.

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 June 10, 2015.

Ron Hynes,

Director, Office of Technical Oversight.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket ID Number: DOT-OST-2014-0031]

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Airline Service Quality Performance—Part 234

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, Public Law 104-13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for—and usefulness of—DOT requiring large certificated air carriers to file “On-Time Flight Performance Reports” and “ Mishandled-Baggage Reports” pursuant to 14 CFR 234.4 and 234.6. These reports are used to monitor the quality of air service that larger air carriers provide to the flying public. The Federal Aviation Administration uses the On-Time Flight Performance Reports to identify problem areas within the air traffic control system.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by August 14, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cecelia Robinson, Office of Airline Information, RTS-42, Room E34-410, OST-R, BTS, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone Number (202) 366-4405, Fax Number (202) 366-3383 or Email cecilia.robinson@dot.gov.

Comments: Comments should identify the associated OMB approval number 2138-0041 and Docket ID Number DOT-OST-2014-0031. Persons wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on OMB #2138-0041, Docket—DOT-OST-2014-0031. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

Federal Rulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Docket Services: 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., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Fax: 202-366-3383.

Instructions: Identify docket number, DOT-OST-2014-0031, at the beginning of your comments, and send two copies. To receive confirmation that DOT received your comments, see instructions above. Internet users may access all comments received by DOT at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments are posted electronically without charge or edits, including any personal information provided.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of DOT’s dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://DocketInfo.dot.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket, or to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

Electronic Access: You may access comments received for this notice at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching docket DOT-OST-2014-0031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No. 2138-0041.

Title: Airline Service Quality Performance Reports—Part 234.

Form No.: BTS Form 234.

Type of Review: Renewal of approved collection.

Respondents: Large certificated air carriers that account for at least 1 percent of the domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues.

Number of Respondents: 14.

Number of Responses: 168.

Total Burden per Response: 20 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 3,360 hours.

Needs and Uses:

Consumer Information

Part 234 gives air travelers information concerning the on-time performance history of flights and the rate of mishandled baggage for each reporting carrier. The reports are filed by the 14 largest scheduled-service U.S. passenger carriers.

On July 15, 2011 the Department published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proposing to change the manner in which baggage data are reported (*see* 76 FR 41726). The proposed rule would require carriers to report: (1) The number of mishandled checked bags (as opposed to the current requirement to report the number of mishandled baggage reports filed by passengers), (2) the total number of checked bags (as opposed to the current requirement to report the total number of enplaned passengers), (3) the number of mishandled wheelchairs and scooters used by passengers with disabilities that were carried in the cargo compartment, and (4) the total number of wheelchairs and scooters used by passengers with disabilities that were carried in the cargo compartment.

In the preamble to the Notice, the Department stated that the change in the matrix to mishandled bags per unit of checked bags would give consumers more reliable information on the air carriers’ performance regarding the treatment of baggage within their control. Under the current system, there is no direct relationship between the number of mishandled bags and the number of checked bags. With the institution of baggage fees, the number of checked bags at some carriers has declined by 40 to 50 percent. There has been a corresponding 40 percent decline (*i.e.*, improvement) in the industry mishandled baggage rates. The proposed matrix would have a direct correlation between mishandled baggage and checked baggage.

A separate breakout of mishandled wheelchairs/scooters would assist passengers with mobility disabilities in selecting air carriers with high probabilities of meeting their special needs. There is a gap in the Department’s data regarding the mishandling of wheelchairs and scooters. The proposed data would provide information to passenger with