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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Adams (202) 267-8033, Sandy Buchanan-Sumter (202) 267-7271, or John Linsenmeyer (202) 267-5174, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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**Anthony F. Fazio,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### **Petitions For Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2005-23084.

*Petitioner:* Shuttle America

Corporation and Republic Airline, Inc.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR 121.415(a), 121.417, 121.421, and 121.805.

*Description of Relief Sought:* To allow the petitioners, Shuttle America Corporation and Republic Airline, Inc., to count initial training successfully accomplished by flight attendants employed, trained and qualified by the petitioner's sister company, Chautauqua Airlines, Inc., as if the training had been accomplished by Shuttle America Corporation and Republic Airline, Inc., without requiring the flight attendants to repeat 92 hours of initial training otherwise required for newly hired flight attendants under the applicable regulations.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

##### **Federal Highway Administration**

##### **Environmental Impact Statement: Salt Lake County, UT**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Revised notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the effort to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be terminated for transportation improvements in the 3500 South Corridor in Salt Lake County, Utah.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey Berna, Environmental Specialist, FHWA, Utah Division, 2520 West 4700 South, Suite 9A, Salt Lake City, UT 84118, Telephone (801) 963-0182; or Lisa Wilson, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), 2010 South 2760 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84104, Telephone (801) 887-3465.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA is cooperation with the UDOT have elected to terminate efforts to prepare an EIS for transportation improvements in the 3500 South corridor between Redwood Road and 8400 West in West Valley City and Salt Lake County, Utah. The original Notice of Intent was published on April 1, 2002, anticipating Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) would request federal funding for project construction. The UDOT has recently elected to revise the scope of the project and fully fund the project with State funds. No federal funds or federal action will be required for the revised project. The UDOT will prepare a State Environmental Study for the project. If you have any questions regarding the revised 3500 South project or would like to provide scoping comments, please contact Lisa Wilson, UDOT Project Manger, at (801) 887-3465.

(Catalog of Federal and Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, 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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**Jeffrey Berna,**

*Environmental Specialist, Utah Division, Federal Highway Administration, Salt Lake City, Utah.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

##### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket Nos. FMCSA-2001-10578, FMCSA-2003-14223, FMCSA-2003-15892]

##### **Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 22 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from vision standards if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The agency has concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** This decision is effective December 27, 2005. Comments from interested persons should be submitted by January 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods. Please label your comments with DOT DMS Docket Numbers FMCSA-2001-10578, FMCSA-2003-14223, FMCSA-2003-15892.

- **Web Site:** <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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All submissions must include the agency name and docket numbers for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, (202) 366-4001, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments:* The DMS is available 24 hours each day, except

when announced system maintenance requires a brief interruption in service. You can get electronic submission and retrieval help guidelines under the "help" section of the DMS Web site. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard. An acknowledgement page appears after submitting comments online and can be printed to document submission of comments.

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#### Exemption Decision

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), the FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381. This notice addresses 22 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in a timely manner. The FMCSA has evaluated these 22 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. They are:

Anthony Brandano, Norman R. Lamy, John E. Rogstad, Ronald B. Brown, James A. Lenhart, John R. Snyder, Stanley E. Elliott, Dennis L. Lockhart, Sr., Rene R. Trachsel, Elmer E. Gockley, Jerry J. Lord, Thomas A. Valik, Jr., Glenn T. Hehner, Raymond P. Madron, John H. Voigts, Thomas T. Ingebretsen, Ronald S. Mallory, Kendle F. Waggle, Jr., Martin D. Keough, Charles J. Morman, Randall B. Laminack, Jack E. Potts, Jr.

These exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) That each individual have a physical examination every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual

provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retain a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by the FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e).

#### Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), each of the 22 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (66 FR 53826; 66 FR 66966; 68 FR 69434; 68 FR 10301; 68 FR 19596; 68 FR 52811; 68 FR 61860). Each of these 22 applicants has requested timely renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption standards. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, the FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

#### Comments

The FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e). However, the FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these

drivers submit comments by January 13, 2006.

In the past the FMCSA has received comments from Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates) expressing continued opposition to the FMCSA's procedures for renewing exemptions from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). Specifically, Advocates objects to the agency's extension of the exemptions without any opportunity for public comment prior to the decision to renew, and reliance on a summary statement of evidence to make its decision to extend the exemption of each driver.

The issues raised by Advocates were addressed at length in 69 FR 51346 (August 18, 2004). The FMCSA continues to find its exemption process appropriate to the statutory and regulatory requirements.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Director, Office of Bus and Truck, Standards and Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than February 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590, or Mr. Victor Angelo, Office of Support Systems, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA