

claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 1, 2007, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) assumed environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Caltrans prepared an Environmental Assessment on a proposal to replace the existing non-standard connector, from the southbound San Diego Freeway (Interstate-405 PM 39.4/40.5) to the northbound Ventura Freeway (U.S. Highway-101 PM 17.0/19.4), with an upgraded connector, in the City of Los Angeles, in the County of Los Angeles, in the State of California.

The existing non-standard connector experiences extensive congestion, delays, and queue lengths throughout the day. The purpose of the project is to improve safety, operation, capacity, and traffic flow through the interchange by replacing the existing 20-mph single-lane connector, with a new 50-mph two-lane connector.

The anticipated permits include: Section 404 Individual Permit pursuant to the Clean Water Act (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), Section 401 Water Quality Certification pursuant to the Clean Water Act (Regional Water Quality Control Board).

A public meeting was held on May 14, 2008 at Valley Beth Shalom, located at 15739 Ventura Boulevard, in the community of Encino, in the City of Los Angeles, CA. The Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which was approved on June 30, 2008 and other documents are available for public and agency review at Caltrans: 100 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Catalog of 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.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

General: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; Federal Aid-Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].

Land: Landscape and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 219].

Air: Clean Air Act 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q).

Wildlife: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and section 1536], Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)], Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712]. Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].

Historic and Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-11]; Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-11]; Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001-3013].

Social and Economic: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d) (1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209]; The Uniform Relocation Assistance Act and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

Hazardous Materials: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6901-6992 (k).

Executive Orders: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Regulations

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236 as detailed below.

[Docket Number FRA-2008-0079]

Applicant: Portland and Western Railroad, Inc., Mr. Paul A. Zalec, Vice President Passenger Operations, 650 Hawthorne Avenue, SE., Suite 220, Salem, Oregon 97301.

The Portland and Western Railroad, Inc. (PWRR) seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standards, and Instructions, Title 49 CFR Part 236, section 236.310, Signal Governing Approach to Home Signal, for its planned Wilsonville to Beaverton commuter rail project, to the extent that PWRR be permitted to utilize a cab signal in place of a roadway approach signal. The location of the request is from Wilsonville, Oregon, on the former Oregon Electric Railway, Oregon Electric Subdivision milepost 42.8 to Beaverton, Oregon, Tillamook District, milepost 755.50, a distance of approximately 15.3 route miles.

Applicant's justification for relief: It is proposed that the visibility of cab signals is superior to that of roadway signals and that cab signals also permit automatic enforcement of speed limits and govern the proper approach to the home signal.

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.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and it shall contain a concise statement of the interest of the party in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

All communications concerning these proceedings should be identified by Docket Number FRA-2008-0079 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 within 45 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 the above facility. 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://www.regulations.gov>.

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 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 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Informational Filing

In accordance with Section 236.913 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received an informational filing from the Marquette Rail, LLC to permit field testing of the TrackAccess System. The informational filing is described below, including the requisite docket number where the informational filing and any related

information may be found. The document is also available for public inspection; however, FRA is not accepting public comments.

Marquette Rail, LLC

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2008-0081]

The Marquette Rail, LLC has submitted an informational filing to permit field testing of the software-based dispatch system for low density lines identified as TrackAccess System. The informational filing addresses the requirements under 49 CFR 236.913(j)(1). Specifically, the informational filing contains a description of the TrackAccess product and an operational concept document, pursuant to 49 CFR 36.913(j)(1).

TrackAccess is an electronic track occupancy system similar to the conventional block register. It is designed to protect the area of exclusive track occupancy given to roadway workers or train crew members by excluding the possibility of electronic issuance of the conflicting track occupancy authorities. TrackAccess aims to reduce the potential for human errors associated with issuance of track occupancy authorities to roadway workers and train crews by the dispatcher. In its autonomous mode of operation, the TrackAccess System assumes electronic delivery of track occupancy authorities to roadway workers and train crews.

The Marquette Rail, LLC desires to commence factory testing of the product on or about August 15, 2008, and conduct a field testing as soon as practicable, thereafter, contingent upon FRA's acceptance and approval of their informational filing. The Marquette Rail, LLC intends to test TrackAccess Systems on its railroad in Michigan.

Interested parties are invited to review the informational filing and associated documents at DOT's Docket Management facility during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket are available for inspection and copying on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications received into any of our dockets by name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000

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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.

City of Menasha, Wisconsin

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2008-0082]

The City of Menasha, Wisconsin (City), seeks a permanent waiver of compliance on certain provisions of the Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings, 49 CFR Part 222. The City intends to establish Pre-Rule Quiet Zones that it had previously continued under the provisions of 49 CFR Part 222.41(c)(1). The City is seeking a waiver to extend: (1) The mailing date for a Notice of Intent as provided in 49 CFR Part 222.41(c)(2)(i)(a) which states that the Notice of Intent must be mailed by February 24, 2008 and (2) the filing date for a Detailed Plan as provided in 49 CFR Part 222.41(c)(2)(i)(b) which states that the Detailed Plan must be filed with FRA by June 24, 2008. The waiver petition requests that the City be allowed an unspecified amount of additional time to submit its Notice of Intent and Detailed Plan due to confusion regarding its five existing pre-rule quiet zones which the City is trying to consolidate into two quiet zones.

The City states that when it started to review the requirements for continuation of its Pre-Rule Quiet Zones, it discovered that the descriptions and locations of the five quiet zones were somewhat confusing. For example, there was a single crossing quiet zone on a mainline that was between two other crossings identified in a separate quiet zone. Two other quiet zones included crossings that were