

Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) or the Federal Claims Act of 1966 (31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)).

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM: STORAGE:**

Records are maintained in manual, microfilm, microfiche, electronic, imaged and computer printout form. Current records are stored on magnetic media at DOI's central computer processing center; historic records are stored on magnetic media at DOI's central computer center. Original input documents are stored in standard office filing equipment and/or as imaged documents on magnetic media at all locations which prepare and provide input documents and information for data processing.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records are retrieved by name, Social Security number, and organizational code.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Access to all records in the system is limited to authorized personnel whose official duties require such access. Paper or micro format records are maintained in locked metal file cabinets in secured rooms. Electronic records are maintained with safeguards meeting the security requirements of 49 CFR 10.3.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

The records contained in this system of records have varying retention periods as described in General Records Schedule 2, (available on-line at <http://www.nara.gov>), issued by the Archivist of the United States, and are disposed of in accordance with the National Archives and Records Administration Regulations, 36 CFR part 1228 *et seq.*

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

The following system manager is responsible for the payroll records contained in the Federal Personnel Payroll System (FPPS). Personnel records contained in the system fall under the jurisdiction of the Office of Personnel Management as prescribed in 5 CFR part 253 and 5 CFR part 297: Chief, FPPS Management Division, National Business Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, 7301 West Mansfield Avenue, Denver, CO 80235-2230.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Inquiries regarding the existence of records should be addressed to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and

meet the content requirements of 49 CFR 10.31.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

A request for access may be addressed to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and meet the content requirements of 49 CFR 2.63.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

A petition for amendment should be addressed to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and meet the content requirements of 49 CFR 10.41.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Individuals on whom the records are maintained, official personnel records of individuals on whom the records are maintained, supervisors, timekeepers, previous employers, and the Internal Revenue Service.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

Dated: November 3, 2008.

**Habib Azarsina,**

*Departmental Privacy Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2008-0164]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of a new information collection. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on August 4, 2008. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by December 8, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FHWA-2008-0164 by any of the following methods:

*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, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

*Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Koontz, 202-366-2076, Office of Natural and Human Environment, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB:* 2125-0614

*Title:* Annual Reporting for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program.

*Background:* Section 1808 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU) calls for an *Evaluation and Assessment of CMAQ Projects*. The statute calls for the identification and analysis of a representative sample of CMAQ projects and the development and population of a database that describes the impacts of the program both on traffic congestion levels and air quality. To establish and maintain this database, the FHWA is requesting States to submit annual reports on their CMAQ investments that cover projected air quality benefits, financial information, a brief description of projects, and several other factors outlined in the Interim Program Guidance for the CMAQ program. States are requested to provide the end of year summary reports via the automated system provided through FHWA by the first day of March of each year, covering the prior Federal fiscal year.

*Respondents:* 51; each State DOT, and Washington DC.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 125 hours per annual report.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,375 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 burdens; (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.

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

Issued on: November 3, 2008.

**Judith Kane,**

*Team Leader, Management Programs and Analysis Division.*

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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 Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

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-2008-0108]

*Applicant:* Port of San Francisco, Ms. Evelyn Onderdonk, P.E., Resident Engineer, Pier 1, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, California 94111.

The Port of San Francisco seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standards, and Instructions, Title 49 CFR Part 236, §§ 236.312, Movable bridge, interlocking of signal appliances with bridge; 236.303, Control circuits for signals, selected through circuit controller operated by switch points or by switch locking mechanism; and 236.55, Dead section; maximum length, on the Illinois Street Bridge Project. The Port is the owner of the bridge and the railroad. The location of the bridge is in San Francisco on Illinois Street between Cargo Way and Marin Street.

Applicant's justification for relief: As to § 236.312, the Illinois Street Bridge is a non-counterweighted single leaf

trunnion type bascule span rotated by hydraulic cylinders. The leaf weighs 475 kips. The bridge is opened by brute force. As such, there is no need for a mechanical locking device to hold the bridge down. Horizontal alignment of the rail is provided by the trunnion at the heel end and by friction on the toe end bearings. In addition, a toe end centering device, or lug, is provided to ensure bridge horizontal alignment in overload conditions such as moderate earthquakes and ship impacts.

As to § 236.303, trains are operating at 10 mph, regardless of the switch points' position the train engineer, per the railroad's operating procedures, will get off the engine, inspect the switch points and align if required to ensure that they are in the correct position and that no obstructions are present, push the appropriate push button, wait until a proceed signal is received, board the engine, and proceed.

As to § 236.55, there is a 70-foot dead section on the bridge. A trap circuit ensures that the bridge cannot be raised while the bridge is occupied by a train and functions as follows: "When a train leaves the last track circuit before the dead section and enters the dead section, the track circuit on the other side of the dead section must become occupied and then unoccupied before the bridge can be raised." Under this system, there is a possibility that a rail car could be left within the dead section and not be detected. To protect against this possibility, operation of the bridge must occur from the roof of the bridge control house where conditions on the bridge can be observed. The bridge cannot be raised remotely. The train engineer shall use line of sight to ensure that the bridge is unobstructed before proceeding across the bridge.

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-2008-0108 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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**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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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.