

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2013-0050]

Designation of the Primary Freight Network**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of extension of deadline and comment period.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is extending the deadline and comment period for the Designation of the highway Primary Freight Network (PFN) notice, which was published on November 19, 2013, at 78 FR 69520. On December 11, 2013, the FHWA published a notice to extend the comment period at 78 FR 75442. The revised comment period is set to close on January 17, 2014. The extension is based on input received from DOT stakeholders that the January 17 closing date does not provide sufficient time for submission of comments to the docket. The FHWA agrees that the deadline and the comment period should be extended. Therefore, the closing date for submission of comments is extended to February 15, 2014, which will provide others interested in commenting additional time to submit comments to the docket.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 15, 2014.**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.
- *Instructions:* You must include the agency name and docket number at the beginning of your comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this program, contact Ed Strocko, FHWA Office of Freight Management and Operations, (202) 366-2997, or by email at Ed.Strocko@dot.gov. For legal questions,

please contact Janet Myers, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-2019, or by email at Janet.Myers@dot.gov. Business hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On November 19, 2013, at 78 FR 69520, the FHWA published in the **Federal Register** a notice on the designation of the highway PFN.

The purpose of the notice was to publish the draft initial designation of the highway PFN as required by 23 U.S.C. 167(d), provide information regarding State designation of Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCs) and the establishment of the complete National Freight Network (NFN), and to solicit comments on aspects of the NFN. The five areas for comment are: (1) Specific route deletions, additions, or modifications to the draft initial designation of the highway PFN contained in this notice; (2) the methodology for achieving a 27,000-mile final designation; (3) how the NFN and its components could be used by freight stakeholders in the future; (4) how the NFN may fit into a multimodal National Freight System; and (5) suggestions for an urban-area route designation process.

On December 11, 2013, the FHWA published a notice to extend the comment period at 78 FR 75442. The revised comment period for the notice closes on January 17, 2014. However, DOT stakeholders have expressed concern that this closing date does not provide sufficient time for submission of comments to the docket. To allow time for interested parties to submit comments, the closing date is changed from January 17, 2014 to February 15, 2014.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 167; Section 1115 of Pub. L. 112-141.

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[Docket No. FRA-2014-0001]

Establishment of an Emergency Relief Docket for Calendar Year 2014**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).**ACTION:** Notice of establishment of public docket.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the establishment of FRA's emergency relief docket (ERD) for calendar year 2014. The designated ERD for calendar year 2014 is Docket Number FRA-2014-0001.

ADDRESSES: See Supplementary Information for further information regarding submitting petitions or comments to Docket Number FRA-2014-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 19, 2009, FRA published a direct final rule addressing the establishment of ERDs and the procedures for handling petitions for emergency waivers of safety rules, regulations, or standards during an emergency situation or event. 74 FR 23329. That direct final rule became effective on July 20, 2009, and made minor modifications to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 211.45 in FRA's Rules of Practice published at 49 CFR part 211. Paragraph (b) of Section 211.45 provides that each calendar year, FRA will establish an ERD in the publicly accessible DOT docket system (available at <http://www.regulations.gov>). Paragraph (b) of Section 211.45 further provides that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying by docket number the ERD for that year. As noted in the rule, FRA's purpose for establishing the ERD and emergency waiver procedures is to provide an expedited process for FRA to address the needs of the public and the railroad industry during emergency situations or events. This Notice announces that the designated ERD for calendar year 2014 is Docket Number FRA-2014-0001.

As detailed in Section 211.45, if the FRA Administrator determines that an emergency event as defined in 49 CFR 211.45(a) has occurred, or that an imminent threat of such an emergency occurring exists, and public safety would benefit from providing the railroad industry with operational relief, the emergency waiver procedures of 49 CFR 211.45 will go into effect. In such an event, the FRA Administrator will issue a statement in the ERD indicating