

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
—Notification to Employee of Need: Otological Examination.	240 Employees .....	20 notices .....	5 minutes .....	2
—New Audiometric Interpretation .....	240 Employees .....	20 notices .....	5 minutes .....	2
227.111—Audiometric Test Requirements .....	1,000 Mobile Vans .....	1,000 tests .....	45 minutes .....	750
227.117—Hearing Protection Attenuation—Evaluation.	460 Railroads .....	50 evaluations .....	30 minutes .....	25
—Re-Evaluations .....	460 Railroads .....	10 re-evals .....	30 minutes .....	5
227.119—Hearing Conservation Training Program—Development.	460 Railroads/AAR .....	441 programs .....	1 hour/58 hrs/30 minutes.	353
—Employee Training .....	460 Railroads .....	26,000 tr. Employees .....	30 minutes .....	13,000
—Periodic Training .....	460 Railroads .....	7,100 tr. Employees .....	30 minutes .....	3,550
227.121—Record Keeping—Authorization: Records.	460 Railroads .....	30 requests + 30 responses.	10 minutes + 15 minutes.	13
—Request for Copies of Reports .....	460 Railroads .....	150 requests + 150 responses.	21 minutes + 45 minutes.	166
—Records Transfer When Carrier Becomes Defunct.	460 Railroads .....	10 records .....	24 minutes .....	4
—Railroad Audiometric Test Records .....	460 Railroads .....	26,000 records .....	2 minutes .....	867
—Hearing Conservation Program (HCP) Records.	460 Railroads .....	54,000 records .....	45 seconds .....	675
229.121—Locomotive Cab Noise—Tests/Certification.	3 Equipment Manufacturers.	700 tests/records .....	40 minutes + 5 minutes	111
—Equipment Maintenance: Excessive Noise Reports.	460 Railroads .....	3,000 reports + 3,000 record.	1 minute + 1 minute .....	100
—Maintenance Records .....	460 Railroads .....	3,750 records .....	1 minute .....	63
—Internal Auditable Monitoring Systems .....	460 Railroads .....	460 systems .....	36 min. + 8.25 hours .....	506
Appendix H—Static Test Protocols/Records .....	700 Locomotives .....	2 retests + 2 records .....	10 minutes + 5 minutes	1

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 145,682.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 33,928 hours.

*Status:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Rebecca Pennington,**  
Chief Financial Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA–2014–0006]

#### Notice of Request for Comments on Updates to National Transit Database Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments, extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** FTA is extending the comment period for the notice of request for comments, which was published on August 19, 2014. The original comment period closed on September 18, 2014. The extension is based on concerns expressed to FTA that the September 18 closing date did not provide sufficient time to review and provide comprehensive comments on two of the proposed changes. FTA agrees that the comment period for these two proposed changes should be extended. Therefore, FTA has extended the comment period by 30 days from the original deadline to October 20, 2014. Additionally, FTA will continue to accept and review comments arriving after the extended deadline to the fullest extent practicable. This extension will provide those interested in commenting additional time to discuss, evaluate, and submit responses to the docket.

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed rule published on August 19, 2014 (79 FR 49146), is extended. Comments must be received on or before October 20, 2014. Any comments filed after this deadline will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your comments by only one of the following methods, identifying your submission by Docket Number (FTA–2014–0006).

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Submit electronic comments and other data to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- **U.S. Mail:** Send comments to Docket Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building, Ground Floor, at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Fax:** Fax comments to Docket Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, at (202) 493–2251.

**Instructions:** You must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and Docket Number (FTA–2014–0006) for this notice, at the beginning of your comments. If sent by mail, submit two copies of your comments. Due to security procedures in effect since October 2001, mail received through the U.S. Postal Service may be subject to delays. Parties submitting comments should consider using an express mail firm to ensure their prompt filing of any submissions not filed electronically or by hand. If you wish to get confirmation that FTA received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review U.S. DOT's complete

Privacy Act Statement published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000, at 65 FR 19477–8 or <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Keith Gates, National Transit Database Program Manager, Office of Budget and Policy, (202) 366–1794, or email: [keith.gates@dot.gov](mailto:keith.gates@dot.gov).

Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Introduction**

The August 19 notice FR notice, for which we are extending the comment period here, announces FTA's intention to revise certain aspects of National Transit Database (NTD) reporting guidance as described in the NTD Reporting Manual. The changes primarily relate to urbanized area transit providers. FTA is seeking public comment before implementing these changes to 49 U.S.C. 5335 National Transit Database.

**II. Background**

The August 19 notice proposes various changes to the requirements for the Urbanized Area Systems reporting to the NTD. These changes are primarily updates to the guidance in the NTD Reporting Manual, and FTA proposes that these changes will take effect for the FY 2014 data reporting cycle, which will begin this Fall. These changes do not apply to rural transit systems reporting through the NTD Rural Module. The proposed changes are as follows:

- A. Clarification for reporting subset data on ADA paratransit services
- B. Clarification on the reporting of contractual relationships
- C. Updates to definition of the bus rapid transit mode
- D. Guidance for service on HOT lanes
- E. Updates to the definition of commuter service and allocation of data attributable to an urbanized area
- F. Proposed elimination of consolidated reporting and update of small systems waiver reporting
- G. Clarification on consistent use of transit system names and organization types
- H. Policy clarification allowing delegation of CEO certification responsibility
- I. Elimination of unnecessary reporting requirements
- J. Updated guidance for sampling of passenger miles
- K. Expansion of capital asset reporting required by MAP–21

Please refer to the original proposed guidance as published on August 19, 2014 (79 FR 49146) for a more detailed discussion of these changes.

**III. Extension**

Most changes proposed in this notice are simple updates to the guidance in the NTD Reporting Manual. FTA did not expect extensive comments on these changes and will not be extending the comment deadline for them. The two proposed changes for which we have specifically been asked to extend the comment period, and which are covered under this notice are:

- A. Clarification for reporting subset data on ADA paratransit services; and
- K. Expansion of capital asset reporting required by MAP–21.

Additional comments on the other proposals will be considered as time allows.

**Therese McMillan,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[Docket No. **AB 1000 (Sub-No. 3X)**; Docket No. **AB 290 (Sub-No. 369X)**]

**Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Schley and Sumpter Counties, Ga.; Central of Georgia Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Schley and Sumpter Counties, Ga**

Central of Georgia Railroad Company (CGA) and Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. (GSWR) (collectively, applicants) have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for each carrier to discontinue service over a 16.5 mile portion of rail line known as the Ellaville line between milepost 45.0 near Ellaville, Schley County, Ga., and milepost 61.5 near Americus, Sumpter County, Ga. (the Line). Applicants state that the Line is a remaining portion of a CGA-owned rail line extending between Ochiltee and Americus, Ga., that is leased to GSWR. The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 31719 and 31806.

Applicants have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years and overhead traffic, if any, could be transported over other rail routes; (3)

no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on November 18, 2014, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>1</sup> must be filed by October 27, 2014.<sup>2</sup> Petitions to reopen must be filed by November 6, 2014, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representatives: For CGA, William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037; for GSWR, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 1000, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "[WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV)."

Decided: October 14, 2014.

<sup>1</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>2</sup> Because applicants are seeking to discontinue service, not to abandon the line, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Likewise, no environmental or historic documentation is required here under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and 49 CFR 1105.8(b), respectively.