

adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, 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.

#### IV. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

##### Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2011-0092), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and put the docket number, "FMCSA-2011-0092" in the "Keyword" box, and click "Search." When the new screen appears, click on "Comment Now!" button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change this notice based on your comments.

##### Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number, "FMCSA-2011-0092" in the "Keyword" box and click "Search." Next, click "Open Docket Folder" button choose the document listed to review. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may view the docket

online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued on: May 22, 2015.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-26367]

#### Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC): Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces that its MCSAC will meet on Monday and Tuesday, June 15-16, 2015, to complete its recommendations concerning the Agency's Beyond Compliance initiative, provide ideas the Agency should consider for updating its strategic plan, and receive a briefing concerning FMCSA's current research projects. The meeting is open to the public and there will be a period of time at the end of each day for the public to submit oral comments.

**Times and Dates:** The meeting will be held Monday-Tuesday, June 15-16, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Copies of the MCSAC Task Statement and an agenda for the entire meeting will be made available in advance of the meeting at <http://mcsac.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Shannon L. Watson, Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 385-2395, [mcsac@dot.gov](mailto:mcsac@dot.gov).

**Services for Individuals With Disabilities:** For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Mr. Eran Segev at (617) 494-3174 or [eran.segev@dot.gov](mailto:eran.segev@dot.gov) by Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Background

MCSAC was established to provide FMCSA with advice and recommendations on motor carrier safety programs and motor carrier safety regulations. MCSAC is composed of up to 20 voting representatives from safety advocacy, safety enforcement, labor, and industry stakeholders of motor carrier safety. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. The Committee operates as a discretionary committee under the authority of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. See FMCSA's MCSAC Web site for additional information about the committee's activities at <http://mcsac.fmcsa.dot.gov/>.

### Voluntary Compliance Task

The truck and motorcoach industries and the DOT have invested significant resources to research, develop, and test strategies and technologies to reduce truck and bus crashes. In September 2014, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance submitted a request to FMCSA to consider initiating a pilot program to investigate the benefits and feasibility of voluntary compliance. Citing research that has been underway for several years, the Agency established an Alternative Compliance initiative the goal of which is to analyze the concept and gather data to support how this concept might be developed and implemented. During its March 2015 meeting, the Agency tasked the MCSAC, with its collective expertise on transportation safety, with identifying options for the motor carrier safety community to promote programs that could improve safety beyond the standards established in FMCSA regulations.

### Strategic Plan Discussion

FMCSA is updating its Strategic Plan to align with the new FY2014-FY2018 DOT Strategic Plan that was released in November 2014. The new FMCSA Plan would extend to FY2018; the current Plan ends in FY2016. The revised Plan would include the status on strategies FMCSA employed in the FY2012-FY2016 plan as well as new programs and strategies FMCSA plans to implement by FY2018. FMCSA is presenting an overview of the draft Strategic Plan to the MCSAC to obtain stakeholder feedback. FMCSA plans to publish the updated Strategic Plan by September 30, 2015.

### Research and Technology Conversation

FMCSA maintains an active research program to promote the Agency's understanding of factors impacting safe driver behavior and carrier operations. The Agency also examines new technologies for their potential to improve motor carrier safety and the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety regulations. At the June 2015 MCSAC meeting, FMCSA plans to present its portfolio of current and planned research activities for committee members' information and comment. FMCSA will also use the opportunity to solicit Committee input on additional areas of safety research.

### II. Meeting Participation

Oral comments from the public will be heard during the last half-hour of the meetings each day. Should all public comments be exhausted prior to the end of the specified period, the comment period will close. Members of the public may submit written comments on the topics to be considered during the meeting by Wednesday, June 10, 2015, to Federal Docket Management System (FDMC) Docket Number FMCSA-2006-26367 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.

- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- **Hand Delivery:** U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Dated: May 27, 2015.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35929]

#### Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board—Petition for Declaratory Order

By petition filed on May 19, 2015, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), operator of the Caltrain commuter rail service between San Jose and San Francisco, Cal., seeks a declaratory order confirming that the

requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as applied to Caltrain, are fully preempted by virtue of 49 U.S.C. 10501(b). Caltrain states that it is a rail carrier subject to the Board's jurisdiction<sup>1</sup> and seeks to install electrical lines over its rail line, a project known as the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project. Caltrain states that a local city and two interest groups have filed lawsuits against Caltrain in state court, challenging Caltrain's compliance with CEQA. Caltrain argues that the improvements to its rail line and facilities are under the Board's exclusive jurisdiction and that 49 U.S.C. 10501(b) preempts the application of CEQA.

Caltrain has requested that the Board issue an expedited declaratory order by June 30, 2015. Caltrain states that a Board order regarding preemption of CEQA issued prior to that date would eliminate controversy in advance of its initial state court appearance. To facilitate expedited consideration, Caltrain states that it has served a copy of its petition on all counsel of record in the state court lawsuits.

The Board has discretionary authority under 5 U.S.C. 554(e) and 49 U.S.C. 721 to issue a declaratory order to eliminate a controversy or remove uncertainty. Here, it is appropriate to institute a declaratory order proceeding so that the Board can consider the issue raised in Caltrain's petition regarding whether 10501(b) would preempt CEQA, as applied to Caltrain and its electrification project. The Board will therefore institute a proceeding to consider the matter. Interested persons may file substantive replies to Caltrain's petition by June 8, 2015.

#### *It is ordered:*

1. A declaratory order proceeding is instituted.

2. Interested persons may file substantive replies to Caltrain's petition by June 8, 2015.

3. Notice of the Board's action will be published in the **Federal Register**.

4. This decision is effective on its service date.

Decided: May 29, 2015.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Raina S. Contee,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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<sup>1</sup> Caltrain and its managing agency, the San Mateo County Transit District, acquired the line from Southern Pacific Transportation Company in 1992. *Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Bd.—Acquis. Exemption—S. Pac. Transp. Co.*, FD 31980 (ICC served Jan. 17, 1992).

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35926]

#### San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co.— Amended Lease and Operation Exemption—Sunset Railway Company

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co. (SJVR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to continue to lease and operate approximately 19.75 miles of rail line from Sunset Railway Company (Sunset) between milepost 0.05 at Gosford, Cal., and milepost 19.8 at Levee, Cal.

In 1997, SJVR entered into a lease with Sunset under which SJVR leased the line between milepost 0.05 at Gosford and milepost 36.3 at Taft, Cal.<sup>1</sup> The portion of the line between the current endpoint in Levee at milepost 19.8 (previously reported as milepost 20.0) and milepost 36.3 was abandoned by Sunset and discontinued by SJVR.<sup>2</sup> SJVR and Sunset have now reached agreement on an amended and restated lease that would extend the term of the lease through December 21, 2019,<sup>3</sup> and would make other changes to the original lease.

SJVR certifies that neither the amended lease nor the original lease from 1997 include an interchange commitment. Additionally, SJVR certifies that the projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier, but that its projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million. Accordingly, SJVR is required, at least 60 days before this exemption is to become effective, to send notice of the transaction to the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, post a copy of the notice at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. 49 CFR 1150.42(e).

SJVR, concurrently with its notice of exemption, filed a petition for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirement under 1150.42(e), asserting that: (1) There will be no changes for

<sup>1</sup> See *San Joaquin Valley R.R.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—Sunset Ry.*, FD 33404 (STB served June 18, 1997) (milepost corrected by decision served on June 27, 1997).

<sup>2</sup> See *Sunset Ry.—Aban. Exemption—in Kern Cnty., Cal.*, AB 170 (Sub-No. 1X) (STB served Dec. 21, 2004).

<sup>3</sup> This amended lease agreement provides for the lease to renew automatically for five successive five-year terms unless either party delivers written notice of its desire not to renew the lease not less than 180 days prior to the end of the initial or any subsequent five-year term.