

III. Background

Current Requirements

The HOS rule in 49 CFR 395.3(a)(2) prohibits the driver of a property-carrying CMV from driving after the 14th hour after coming on duty following 10 consecutive hours off duty. Drivers required to prepare RODS must do so using ELDs. However, under 49 CFR 395.8(a)(1)(iii)(1), a motor carrier may allow its drivers to record their duty status manually, rather than use an ELD, if the driver is operating a CMV “[i]n a manner requiring completion of a record of duty status on not more than 8 days within any 30-day period.”

Applicant's Requests

APA requests temporary relief from both provisions discussed above because employees for its member companies need to drive CMVs after the end of the 14-hour period and because the proposed exemption period from June 28 through July 8 is 11 days long, which exceeds the exception from the ELD requirement (up to 8 days in a 30 consecutive-day period). APA explains that without the extra time provided by the exemption from the 14-hour rule, safety would decline because APA drivers would be unable to return to their home base after each show. They would be forced to park the CMVs carrying HM 1.1G, 1.3G and 1.4G products in areas less secure than the motor carrier's home base.

Without the exemption from the ELD rule, these companies would be required to purchase/lease ELD systems for a limited period of 11 days. APA believes an equivalent level of safety will be achieved because the fireworks are transported over relatively short routes from distribution points to the site of the fireworks display, and normally in the early morning when traffic is light. APA also believes that fatigued driving is reduced and/or eliminated because drivers spend considerable time installing, wiring, and safety-checking the fireworks displays at the site, followed by several hours off duty in the late afternoon and early evening prior to the event; during this time, the drivers are allowed to rest or take a nap.

APA is requesting renewal of its HOS exemptions from the 14-hour rule for 58 of 61 member-companies included in the 2016 through 2020 waivers or exemptions; and from the ELD rule for the same member-companies included in the 2019 through 2020 waivers or exemptions. The HOS exemptions or waivers, for 61 of its members, expired on July 9, 2020. The current applications cover 58 members that

previously held exemptions and 2 additional member-companies not previously covered by the exemptions. APA has advised that 3 member companies previously included in the 14-hour and ELD relief have been removed from the list, leaving 60 of its member companies applying for exemptions from the 14-hour rule and the ELD rule. Copies of the 2021 requests are included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

Various APA members have held 2-year exemptions during Independence Day periods from 2005 through 2014. On May 9, 2016, the current exemption for APA members was extended to July 8, 2020, pursuant to section 5206(b)(2)(A) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Copies of the initial request for an exemption from the 14-hour rule, subsequent renewal requests, and all public comments received may be reviewed at www.regulations.gov under docket numbers FMCSA-2005-21104 and FMCSA-2007-28043.

FMCSA granted APA's application for relief from the ELD rule on February 19, 2019, covering the Independence Day celebrations for 2019 and 2020. A copy of that request and the public comments received are located at www.regulations.gov under docket number FMCSA-2018-0140.

VI. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on APA's application for renewal of an exemption from 49 CFR 395.3(a)(2) and 395.8(a)(1)(i). All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2008-0362]

Medical Review Board (MRB); Notice of Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Medical Review Board Advisory Committee (MRB), which will take place via videoconference.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 19 and 20, 2021, from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time (ET). The meeting will be open to the public for its entirety. Advance registration is recommended via the FMCSA website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mrb. Requests for accommodations because of a disability must be received by May 12, 2021. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than May 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via videoconference. To indicate that you will attend, please register at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mrb. Those members of the public who would like to participate should go to <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/advisory-committees/mrb/meetings> to access the meeting, task statements, a detailed agenda for the entire meeting, meeting minutes and additional information on the committee and its activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shannon L. Watson, Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Policy, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 3660-2925, mrb@dot.gov. Any committee-related request should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The MRB was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), in accordance with section 4116 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, SAFETEA-LU, Public Law 109-59 (2005) (codified as amended at 49 U.S.C. 31149), to provide advice to FMCSA on “medical standards for operators of commercial motor vehicles that will ensure that the physical condition of operators of commercial motor vehicles is adequate

to enable them to operate the vehicles safely.” The MRB operates in accordance with FACA under the terms of the MRB charter, filed November 25, 2019.

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- Finalize recommendations from the MRB’s April 2020 meeting on updates to the Medical Examiner Handbook;
- Conduct a review of the medical assessment form for CMV drivers with non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus; and
- Evaluate comments and the vision assessment form from the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) “Qualifications of Drivers; Vision Standard” (86 FR 2344, January 12, 2021) for medical sufficiency to assist FMCSA in preparing its final rule to amend the vision standard for CMV drivers.

III. Meeting Participation

Although not required, advance registration is encouraged. To indicate that you will attend, please register at the website listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by the deadline referenced in the **DATES** section. The meeting will be open to the public for its entirety.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Verbal comments from the public will be heard throughout the meeting, at the discretion of the MRB chairman and designated federal officer. These statements may be limited in duration to ensure that all who wish to comment may do so. Members of the public may submit written comments to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section on the topics to be considered during the meeting by the deadline referenced in the **DATES** section. Any member of the public may submit a written statement after the meeting deadline, and it will be presented to the committee.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2021-0005]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the extension of a currently approved information collection: Clean Fuels Grant Program.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before July 6, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that your comments are not entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. *Website:* www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (Note: The U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT’s) electronic docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at www.regulations.gov. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

2. *Fax:* 202-366-7951.

3. *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

4. *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Instructions: You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to internet users, without change, to www.regulations.gov. You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65

FR 19477), or you may visit www.regulations.gov.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to www.regulations.gov at any time. Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vanessa Williams (202) 366-4818 or email: Vanessa.Williams@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: Clean Fuels Grant Program. (OMB Number: 2132-0573).

Background: The Clean Fuels Grant Program was developed to assist non-attainment and maintenance areas in achieving or maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and carbon monoxide (CO). The program also supported emerging clean fuel and advanced propulsion technologies for transit buses and markets for those technologies. The Clean Fuels Grant Program was repealed under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). However, funding previously authorized for programs repealed by MAP-21 remain available for their originally authorized purposes until the period of availability expires, the funds are fully expended, the funds are rescinded by Congress, or the funds are otherwise reallocated.

Respondents: State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Annual Respondents: 4.

Estimated Total Burden Hours per Respondent: 2 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 8 hours.