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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from the Association of American Railroads (WB21-50-7/28/21) for permission to use data from the Board's 2019 Masked Carload Waybill Sample along with continued access to previously received datasets (1972-2018). A copy of this request may be obtained from the Board's website under docket no. WB21-50.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

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Eden Besera,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2020-0014]

Petition for Approval: Canadian National Railway

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of petition for approval to move to phase 3 of track inspection test program.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public notice that on July 23, 2021, Canadian National Railway (CN) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to transition from phase 2 to phase 3 of a previously approved Test Program and associated temporary suspension of some visual track inspections. The Test Program is designed to test track inspection technologies (*i.e.*, an autonomous track geometry measurement system) and new operational approaches to track inspections (*i.e.*, combinations of autonomous inspection and traditional visual inspections).

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Structures Division, Office of Railroad Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-6460 or email yujiang.zhang@dot.gov; Aaron Moore, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-7009 or email aaron.moore@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 3, 2020, FRA conditionally approved the Test Program and CN's petition under 49 CFR 211.51 to suspend §§ 213.233(b)(3) and 213.233(c) as applied to operations under the Test Program. A copy of the Test Program, FRA's conditional approval of the Test Program, and a previously published **Federal Register** notice explaining FRA's rationale for approving the Test Program and related suspension are available for review in the docket.¹

As approved, the Test Program included four separate phases over 12 months, as outlined in Exhibit C of the Program.² Accordingly, CN began the Test Program on April 19, 2020. On December 6, 2020, CN transitioned from phase 1 to phase 2. Subsequently, CN requested, and FRA approved, an extension of the Test Program until February 19, 2022.

CN is requesting to transition from phase 2 to 3 on October 24, 2021. In support of its request, CN states that it has met the Test Program conditions required to move to phase 3 and has met the Test Program's baseline safety metric of less than 0.19 unprotected geometry defects per 100 miles tested as established in phase 1 of the Test Program. Specifically, for the 90 days prior to petitioning to move to phase 3, CN achieved an average of 0.15 unprotected geometry defects per 100 miles tested.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, if any, are available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

¹ <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0014-0004> (Test Program); <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0014-0002> (FRA's approval decision); <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0014-0003> (FRA's published notice of approval).

² <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0014-0004>.

• **Website:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by September 7, 2021 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can 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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

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John Karl Alexy,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2020-0013]

Petition for Approval Extension: CSX Transportation

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of petition for an extension of approval of track inspection test program.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public notice that on July 27, 2021, CSX Transportation (CSX) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to extend an existing temporary suspension of some visual track inspections to allow for a continuation of a previously approved Test Program designed to test track inspection technologies (*i.e.*, an autonomous track geometry measurement system) and new operational approaches to track inspections (*i.e.*, combinations of autonomous inspection and traditional visual inspections).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yu-Jiang Zhang, Staff Director, Track and Structures Division, at (202) 493-6460

or yujiang.zhang@dot.gov; or Aaron Moore, Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel, at (202) 493-7009 or aaron.moore@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 3, 2020, FRA conditionally approved the Test Program and CSX's petition under 49 CFR 211.51 to suspend 213.233(c) as applied to operations under the Test Program. A copy of the Test Program, FRA's conditional approval of the Test Program, and a previously published **Federal Register** notice explaining FRA's rationale for approving the Test Program and related suspension are available for review in the docket.¹

As approved, the Test Program included three separate phases over 18 months as outlined in Exhibit C of the Program.² CSX began the Test Program on March 16, 2020, and it is currently set to expire on September 15, 2021.

CSX is requesting to extend the Test Program until April 1, 2022. CSX states that the Test Program has taken longer than anticipated due to delays automating CSX's data analysis and reporting as well as complications from the COVID-19 pandemic. In support of its request, CSX states that it will continue to comply with all other conditions and requirements of FRA's March 3, 2020, approval letter.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, if any, are available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by September 7, 2021 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken.

Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can 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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association,

business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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John Karl Alexy,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2021-0150]

Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Candidate Application for Admission

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information to be collected will be used to apply for admission to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Collection of information is completed digitally through an online candidate portal. Part I of the Candidate Application is used to establish initial eligibility. The Academic Information Request, Candidate Activities Record, School Official Evaluations and Biographical Essay are used by the USMMA admissions staff and its Candidate Evaluation Board to select the best qualified candidates for the Academy. Result from the administration of the Candidate Fitness Assessment are used to determine physical qualification. Candidates may also submit an optional resume and additional recommendation letters with their application. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2021-0150] through one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** www.regulations.gov. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking.

Note: All comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov including any personal information provided.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized 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.

Electronic Access and Filing

A copy of the notice may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the docket number listed above. A copy of this notice will be placed in the docket. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from the Office of the Federal Register's website at www.FederalRegister.gov and the Government Publishing Office's website at www.GovInfo.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR Mike Bedryk, CDR USMS, Director of Admissions, 516.726.5641, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 300 Steamboat Road, New York, NY 11024, www.usmma.edu/admissions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Candidate Application for Admission.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0010.

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: Regulations pertaining to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

¹ <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0013-0002> (Test Program); <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0013-0001> (FRA's approval decision); <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0013-0004> (FRA's published notice of approval).

² <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0013-0002>.