

with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on October 27, 2023, at [88 FR 73932]. There were no comments received.

Title: Survey of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and State Departments of Transportation Regarding Practices for Incorporating Equity and Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Planning and Project Decision-Making.

OMB Control: 2125–0665.

Background: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT, or “the Department”) is committed to pursuing a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all. In support of the Department’s Equity Action Plan (<https://www.transportation.gov/priorities/equity/equity-action-plan>), DOT is working to support transportation agencies in better addressing the needs of underserved communities.

One focus area for DOT relates to the Department’s programmatic enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (DOT Order 1000.12C), including emphasizing agency review of potentially-discriminatory plans, investment programs, and projects to prevent unlawful discrimination, and empower communities, including limited English proficient communities, in transportation decision-making (49 CFR 21.5, 21.7, 21.9 and 28 CFR 406). DOT is also emphasizing the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (28 CFR 35.104) and of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) for ensuring that transportation plans and investment programs do not discriminate on the basis of disability and provide equal opportunity and access for persons with disabilities.

In August of 2022, FHWA conducted a survey of all State departments of transportation (State DOTs) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to better understand how these agencies consider equity and comply with Title VI in transportation planning and programming activities (OMB Control Number 2125–0665). This survey included questions about how each State DOT or MPO uses quantitative data or tools to analyze equity factors for transportation plans and investment programs, as well as how each agency provides a meaningful and representative role to members of all communities, including underserved and limited English proficient communities, in shaping these plans and programs (28 CFR 407). Information from the survey was used to help the Department form an understanding of the state of the practice related to equity

and civil rights compliance and meaningful public involvement in transportation planning and programming, and to inform research products and capacity-building activities for State DOTs and MPOs, to help them improve practices.

FHWA plans to conduct follow-up annual surveys, beginning in 2024, to monitor the progress of State DOTs and MPOs in advancing their transportation planning equity and meaningful public involvement practices, and to identify ongoing research, training, and technical assistance needs. These surveys will cover similar topics as the 2022 survey, with reworded questions to reduce respondent burden and to align with updates to the Department’s Equity Action Plan and other policies or guidance.

Survey responses may also inform future revisions to existing guidance, or the development of new guidance, to DOT funding recipients on meeting the requirements of title VI of the Civil Rights Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, transportation planning and programming, or other legal or regulatory requirements that relate to transportation equity and public involvement.

FHWA plans to conduct the survey on a voluntary-response basis, utilizing an electronic survey platform. This is planned as an annual information collection, and FHWA estimates that the survey will take approximately one hour to complete. The survey will consist of both multiple-choice and short-answer question formats.

Respondents: 52 State DOTs and approximately 420 MPOs.

Frequency: Annually, beginning in 2024.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 60 minutes per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 472 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA’s performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, 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.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: April 26, 2024.

Jazmyne Lewis,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2023–0267]

RIN 2126–AB56

FMCSA Registration System Modernization

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

ACTION: Notice of virtual public meeting.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces a virtual public meeting to engage stakeholders—including motor carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, insurance companies, financial institutions, process agents, blanket companies, and third-party service providers—to hear more on their perspectives on improving the registration experience with FMCSA. This is the second instance of FMCSA’s Registration Modernization Stakeholder Day; the first meeting was held in person at FMCSA headquarters on January 17, 2024.

DATES: This virtual public meeting will be held on May 29, 2024, from 1 to 3 p.m. EST. A copy of the agenda will be available in advance of the meeting at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/fmcsa-registration-modernization-stakeholder-day-ii>.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually. The link will be sent to participants after they register. Those interested in attending this virtual public meeting must register at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/fmcsa-registration-modernization-stakeholder-day-ii> by 11:59 p.m. EST, on May 24, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gio Vizcardo, Knowledge Manager, Office of Registration, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001; (202) 366–0356; mcrs-social@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, contact Gio Vizcardo using one of the above means by 11:59 p.m. EST, on April 29, 2024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

FMCSA is developing a new online registration system to improve the transparency and efficiency of FMCSA's registration procedures and implement statutory requirements related to the registration program. FMCSA seeks user perspectives on improving the registration experience when engaging with FMCSA's registration system. During this meeting, FMCSA will invite attendees to participate after providing initial presentations on preliminary system designs and functionality. FMCSA moderators will facilitate discussions on what potential users would like to see, as well as what would not be helpful from a user experience perspective.

Meeting Information

This meeting is intended for current and potential users of a new online registration system, including but not limited to:

- Motor carriers;
- Brokers and freight forwarders;
- Insurance companies/financial institutions and process agents/blanket companies; and
- Third party service providers.

The full meeting agenda will be available on the registration site (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions on meeting registration) in advance of the meeting.

Sue Lawless,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA-2014-0106]

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on March 14, 2024, Metro-North Railroad (MNCW) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers) and part 242 (Qualification and Certification of Conductors). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2014-0106.

Specifically, MNCW requests relief required to continue participation in

FRA's Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C³RS) Program. MNCW seeks to continue shielding reporting employees from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in §§ 240.117(e)(1)-(4); 240.305(a)(1)-(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (f)(1)-(2); and 242.407. The C³RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protects the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C³RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU). MNCW notes that it and the Association of Commuter Rail Employees have been governed by an IMOU since September 2014. MNCW states that recent safety improvements associated with C³RS include: "Development of diagrams to enhance notices to crews for partial passenger platform closures;" "Deployment of standardized train spotting or enhanced spotting markers for specific stations;" and "Enhancement of root cause analysis for C³RS eligible 'known events' by inviting employees involved to be interviewed by members of the PRT."

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

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by July 1, 2024 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.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0171]

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on March 1, 2024, Sacramento Southern Railroad/California State Railroad Museum (CSRM) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to extend a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 215 (Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards) and 224 (Reflectorization of Rail Freight Rolling Stock). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0171.

Specifically, CSRM requests to extend its previous¹ special approval pursuant to 49 CFR 215.203, *Restricted cars*, for 2 railcars (SSRR 6102 and SSRR 6108) and 1 locomotive (SN 402) that are more than 50 years from the dates of original construction. CSRM also seeks relief from § 215.303, *Stenciling of restricted cars*, and part 224, to operate the cars in excursion service. In support of its request, CSRM states that the cars will not be used in interchange or for revenue freight service, and the locomotive is primarily used to haul passenger trains during daylight hours or for yard switching operations. CSRM also states that the equipment is inspected regularly and in excellent mechanical condition.

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

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by

¹ The special approval/waiver in Docket Number FRA-2010-0171 expired on May 16, 2022.