

rehabilitation of nationally significant projects within, adjacent to, or accessing Federal and Tribal lands. The NSFLTP Program provides an opportunity to address significant challenges across the Nation for transportation facilities that serve Federal and Tribal lands.

*Respondents:* Eligible applicants include Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA); Tribal governments; and States, counties, and units of local government may also apply, but only if sponsored by an FLMA or Tribal government.

**Activity: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).**

*Application Frequency:* The application package is annually following the instructions of the NOFO.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* On average, addressing the criteria requested on the NOFO may take 5 hours to complete.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Total estimated average annual burden is 110 hours.

**Activity: Executing Grant Agreement**

*Application Frequency:* A successful grant recipient requires an executed grant agreement to receive the NSFLTP funding.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* On average, completing and executing a grant agreement may take 3 hours to complete.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Total estimated burden is 54 hours.

**Activity: Post Award Reporting**

*Application Frequency:* if the grant recipient is a State or a Tribal government, the project performance report is submitted every six months (biannually). If the grant recipient is and FLMA, the project performance report is submitted every three months (quarterly).

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* On average, the project performance report may take 1 hours to complete.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Total estimated average annual burden is 50 hours. Per the activities described above, the total estimated burden is 214 hours annually.

*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.

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**Jazmyne Lewis,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Highway Administration**

**[Docket No. FHWA-2024-0037]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by July 8, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0037 by any of the following methods:

*Website:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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

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

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Johnston, (202) 591-5858, Office of Preconstruction, Construction and

Pavements, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Annual Value Engineering Call for Data.

*Background:* Value Engineering (VE) is defined as a systematic process of review and analysis of a project, during the concept and design phases, by a multidiscipline team of persons not involved in the project, that is conducted to provide recommendations for providing the needed functions safely, reliably, efficiently, and at the lowest overall cost; improving the value and quality of the project; and reducing the time to complete the project.

Applicable projects requiring a VE analysis include Projects on the National Highway System (NHS) receiving Federal assistance with an estimated total cost of \$50,000,000 or more; Bridge projects on the NHS receiving Federal assistance with an estimated total cost of \$40,000,000 or more; any major project, as defined in 23 U.S.C. 106(h), located on or off the NHS, that utilizes Federal-aid highway funding in any contract or phase; and other projects as defined in 23 CFR 627.5. 23 U.S.C. 106(e)(4)(iv) and 23 CFR 627.7(3) require States to monitor, evaluate and annually submit a report that describes the results of the value analyses that are conducted, and the recommendations implemented on applicable projects. The FHWA Annually submits a National Call for VE Data in order to monitor and assess the VE Program and meet the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 106(h).

*Respondents:* 52, including 50 State Transportation Departments, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

*Frequency:* Once per year.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* Approximately 2 hours per participant over a year.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Approximately 104 hours per year.

*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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2023-0057]

#### Commercial Driver's License Standards: Application for Exemption; Pitt Ohio Express, LLC

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition; denial of application for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its denial of the application from Pitt Ohio Express, LLC (Pitt Ohio) to exempt its drivers from one of the requirements in the Agency's Safe Driver Apprenticeship Pilot (SDAP) program. Pitt Ohio requests an exemption allowing it to use drivers under the age 21, who hold a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce, to participate in the SDAP program. FMCSA analyzed the application and determined that there is insufficient basis to conclude that the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Richard Clemente, Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; FMCSA; (202) 366-2722;

*richard.clemente@dot.gov.* If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Services at (202) 366-9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Public Participation

###### *Viewing Comments and Documents*

To view comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), insert the docket number "FMCSA-2023-0057" in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next,

sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, click "Browse Comments."

To view documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), insert the docket number "FMCSA-2023-0057" in the keyword box, click "Search," and chose the document to review.

If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations 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., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

##### II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305(a)). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

##### III. Background

###### *Current Regulations*

Under 49 CFR 391.11(b)(1) a person may not drive a (CMV) in interstate commerce unless they are at least 21 years old, regardless of whether operation of the CMV requires a commercial driver's license (CDL). Additionally, for drivers under 21 operating CMVs requiring a CLP or CDL, under 49 CFR 383.153(b)(2)(ix)(G), an intrastate only "K" restriction must appear on the individual's CLP or CDL.

###### *Safe Driver Apprenticeship Pilot Program*

The SDAP program allows registered motor carriers to use apprentice drivers who are 18 to 20 years old under certain circumstances. Apprentice drivers under the SDAP program must hold a CDL and complete separate 120- and 280-hour probationary periods during their apprenticeship with registered motor carriers. (87 FR 2477).

###### *Applicant's Request*

Pitt Ohio is a less-than-truckload regional carrier which operates multiple straight trucks. The applicant seeks an exemption from the requirement in the Agency's SDAP program that an apprentice hold a CDL prior to enrolling in the program. Pitt Ohio requests the exemption to allow it to use CLP holders in the SDAP Program. These CLP holders would still need to meet all the remaining apprentice requirements, as well as the existing regulatory requirements for CLP holders (*e.g.*, presence of a valid CDL holder in the passenger seat). Pitt Ohio estimates that 25 CLP holders would operate under the exemption each year. The applicant believes the exemption would relieve them of "difficulty locating and recruiting apprentice drivers into [the] SDAP Program."

###### *Applicant's Method To Ensure an Equivalent or Greater Level of Safety*

According to Pitt Ohio, CLP drivers operating under the exemption would be as safe or safer than those currently allowed to operate under the SDAP program. Pitt Ohio asserts that the CLP driver operating under the exemption will be safer and more productive due to being trained initially in a smaller CMV so the apprentice can learn and gain an understanding of the industry with the same equipment and oversight from an experienced and approved FMCSA trainer before graduating into larger equipment for the post-CDL aspect of the SDAP program. Pitt Ohio did not ask for any exemption to the level of safety required under the current SDAP program and indicated that they would meet or exceed all hours of training and technology on the CMVs the apprentice would operate. Pitt Ohio would be voluntarily applying SDAP program requirements to the pre-CDL portion of driver development and training, and in addition would report all progress of the program as required and any additional requirements that may be requested by FMCSA to meet the exemption request.