

County Groundwater Conservation District.

TxDOT will issue a single Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision document pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 139(n)(2), unless TxDOT determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of a combined document.

In accordance with 23 U.S.C. 139, cooperating agencies, participating agencies, and the public will be given an opportunity for continued input on project development. An in-person public scoping meeting is planned for Oct. 3, 2024, from 3 to 7 p.m. CT at Mansion Royal, 8001 S. Padre Island Dr., Corpus Christi, Texas 78412. A virtual option will go live at 3 p.m. CT on Oct. 3, 2024 at www.txdot.gov, keyword search "Regional Parkway". Additional information on both options will be provided at the previously indicated TxDOT website. The public scoping meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the draft coordination plan and schedule, the project purpose and need, the range of alternatives, and methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives. It will also allow the public an opportunity to provide input on any expected environmental impacts, anticipated permits or other authorizations, and any significant issues that should be analyzed in depth in the EIS. In addition to the public scoping meeting, a public hearing will be held after the draft EIS is prepared. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meeting and hearing.

The public scoping meeting will be conducted in English, with Spanish materials available online and in person. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the public meeting, please contact Rickey Dailey, TxDOT Corpus Christi District, at rickey.dailey@txdot.gov or please call 361-808-2544 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Sept. 30, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

The public is requested to provide comments on alternatives or impacts and on relevant information, studies, or analyses with respect to this proposed

project. Comments may be provided in writing by mail to TxDOT Corpus Christi District Office, c/o Victor Vourcos, 1701 S. Padre Island Dr., Corpus Christi, Texas 78416, or by email to regionalparkway@txdot.gov. Comments must be received on or before Oct. 18, 2024.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction.)

Michael T. Leary,

Director, Planning and Program Development, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0332; FMCSA-2013-0123; FMCSA-2013-0124; FMCSA-2015-0328; FMCSA-2015-0329; FMCSA-2017-0059; FMCSA-2017-0061; FMCSA-2019-0111; FMCSA-2021-0013; FMCSA-2022-0032]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 11 individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions were applicable on August 22, 2024. The exemptions expire on August 22, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket

number (FMCSA-2012-0332, FMCSA-2013-0123, FMCSA-2013-0124, FMCSA-2015-0328, FMCSA-2015-0329, FMCSA-2017-0059, FMCSA-2017-0061, FMCSA-2019-0111, FMCSA-2021-0013, or FMCSA-2022-0032) in the keyword box and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click "Browse Comments." 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 20590-0001, 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.

B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption requests. 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 (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>, the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.

II. Background

On July 24, 2024, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 11 individuals from the hearing standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (89 FR 59962). The public comment period ended on August 23, 2024, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with § 391.41(b)(11).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in § 391.41(b)(11) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person first perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric

device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5—1951.

This standard was adopted in 1970 and was revised in 1971 to allow drivers to be qualified under this standard while wearing a hearing aid (35 FR 6458, 6463 (Apr. 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 8, 1971), respectively).

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 11 renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA announces its decision to exempt the following drivers from the hearing requirement in § 391.41(b)(11).

As of August 22, 2024, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 11 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (89 FR 59962):

Thomas Buretz (FL)
Adrian Crutchfield (MO)
Ruben Faulkwell (TX)
Nicholas Green (FL)
Jada Hart (IA)
Paul Micolichek (WA)
Christopher Poole (OH)
James Queen (FL)
Wayne Turner (IL)
Joshua Weaver (GA)
James Weir (AZ)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2012–0332, FMCSA–2013–0123, FMCSA–2013–0124, FMCSA–2015–0328, FMCSA–2015–0329, FMCSA–2017–0059, FMCSA–2017–0061, FMCSA–2019–0111, FMCSA–2021–0013, or FMCSA–2022–0032. Their exemptions were applicable as of August 22, 2024 and will expire on August 22, 2026.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) the person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136, 49 U.S.C. chapter 313, or the FMCSRs.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2024–0096]

Application Package From the State of Ohio to the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program and Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Assigning Environmental Responsibilities to the State

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

ACTION: Notice, request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that FRA has received and reviewed an application package from the State of Ohio (State), Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in conjunction with the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), requesting participation in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program (Program). Under the Program, FRA may assign, and the State may assume, responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and all or part of FRA's responsibilities for environmental review, consultation, or other actions required under any Federal environmental laws with respect to one or more railroad projects within the State. FRA has determined the application package to be complete and developed a draft MOU with the State outlining how the State will implement the Program with FRA oversight. The public is invited to comment on the State's request, including its application package and the proposed MOU, which includes the proposed assignments and assumptions of environmental review, consultation, and other activities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 9, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments related to Docket No. FRA–2024–0096 may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must refer to the Federal Railroad Administration and the docket number in this notice (FRA–2024–0096). Note that all submissions received, including any personal information provided, will be posted without change and will be available to the public on <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, *for FRA*, please contact Ms. Lana Lau, Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Environmental Program Management, Federal Railroad Administration, telephone (202) 923–5314, email: Lana.Lau@dot.gov. For ODOT, please contact Mr. Timothy Hill, Administrator of ODOT's Office of Environmental Services, Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street, Mail Stop 4170, Columbus, Ohio 43223, telephone: (614) 644–0377; email: Tim.Hill@dot.ohio.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Section 327 of title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C. 327) establishes the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program (Program). It allows the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (Secretary) to assign, and a State to assume, responsibility for all or part of the Secretary's responsibilities for environmental review, consultation, or other actions required under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and any Federal environmental law with respect to one or more highway projects within the State, as well as one or more railroad, public transportation, and/or multimodal projects.¹ FRA is authorized to act on behalf of the Secretary with respect to these matters for railroad projects.

The State of Ohio initially participated in the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program and in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 327, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the FHWA NEPA Assignment program in Ohio. The NEPA Assignment MOU between the State, acting through ODOT, and FHWA became effective December 11, 2015, was amended on June 6, 2018, and renewed on December 14, 2020. Since being accepted into the FHWA NEPA Assignment program, the State has successfully completed four audits, eight self-assessments, and one monitoring event; a second monitoring event, as required under the MOU, is currently underway. FHWA has consistently publicly stated that the State continues to meet all requirements of the NEPA Assignment program and has held the State up as an example for other states to follow. The State will

¹ The Secretary may not assign its responsibility for making any conformity determination required under section 176 of the Clean Air Act. Also not assignable is Government to Government consultation with federally recognized Indian Tribes.