

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA–2018–0012]

TEXRail’s Request To Amend Its Positive Train Control Safety Plan and Positive Train Control System

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public with notice that, on October 31, 2024, TEXRail (TEX) submitted its Positive Train Control Safety Plan (PTCSP), Version 2.0, dated October 9, 2024, to FRA’s Secure Information Repository. TEX asks FRA to approve its updated PTCSP and certify TEX’s Interoperable Electronic Train Management System (I–ETMS) as a “mixed” positive train control (PTC) system. As this RFA may involve a request for FRA’s approval of proposed material modifications to an FRA-certified PTC system, FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on TEX’s RFA to its PTCSP.

DATES: FRA will consider comments received by February 10, 2025 before taking final action on the PTCSP. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.

ADDRESSES:

Comments: Comments may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the applicable docket number. The relevant PTC docket number for this railroad is Docket No. FRA–2018–0012. For convenience, all active PTC dockets are hyperlinked on FRA’s website at <https://railroads.dot.gov/research-development/program-areas/train-control/ptc/railroads-ptc-dockets>. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gabe Neal, Staff Director, Signal, Train Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 816–516–7168, email: Gabe.Neal@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In general, title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 20157(h) requires FRA to certify

that a host railroad’s PTC system complies with title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart I, before the technology may be operated in revenue service. Before making certain changes to an FRA-certified PTC system or the associated FRA-approved PTCSP, a host railroad must submit, and obtain FRA’s approval of, an RFA to its PTCSP under 49 CFR 236.1021.

Under 49 CFR 236.1021(e), FRA’s regulations provide that FRA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** and invite public comment in accordance with 49 CFR part 211, if an RFA includes a request for approval of a material modification of a signal or train control system. Accordingly, this notice informs the public that, on October 31, 2024, TEX submitted an RFA to its PTCSP for its I–ETMS PTC system which seeks FRA’s approval to change the classification of its PTC system to a Mixed PTC system. In its PTCSP, TEX asserts that the I–ETMS PTC system it is implementing is a mixed PTC system as defined in Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 236.1015(e). The PTCSP describes TEX’s I–ETMS implementation and the associated I–ETMS safety processes, safety analyses, and test, validation, and verification processes used during the development of I–ETMS. The PTCSP also contains TEX’s operational and support requirements and procedures. That RFA is available in Docket No. FRA–2018–0012. Interested parties are invited to comment on TEX’s RFA to its PTCSP by submitting written comments or data. During FRA’s review of TEX’s RFA, FRA will consider any comments or data submitted within the timeline specified in this notice and to the extent practicable, without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system. *See* 49 CFR 236.1021; *see also* 49 CFR 236.1011(e). However, FRA may elect not to respond to any particular comment, and under 49 CFR 236.1009(d)(3), FRA maintains the authority to approve or disapprove the PTCSP at its sole discretion.

Privacy Act Notice

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://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* <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov. To facilitate comment

tracking, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

Issued in Washington, DC.

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Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2011–0177]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collections to OMB; Agency Request for Reinstatement of Previously Approved Information Collections: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (Department or DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995* (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces the Department’s intention to reinstate Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 2105–0571 for certain information collections. The collections involve requirements in part 382 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), for carriers to provide a mechanism on their websites for passengers to provide online notification of their requests for disability accommodation services and for carriers to ensure that a disclaimer is activated when a user clicks a link on a primary website to embedded third-party software or an external website. The disclaimer must inform the user that the software/website is not within the carrier’s control and may not follow the same accessibility policies.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by February 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. DOT–OST–2011–0177 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

- *Instructions:* You must include the agency name and a docket number DOT-OST-2011-0177 at the beginning of your comment. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Brodsky, Office of the General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-7592 (Voice) or beth.brodsky@dot.gov (Email). You may also contact John C. Wood, Office of the General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590, (202) 366-9342 (Voice), (202) 366-7152 (Fax), or john.wood@dot.gov (Email). Arrangements to receive this document in an alternative format may be made by contacting the above-named individuals.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2105-0571.

Title: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of information collections.

Background: This notice covers two information collection requirements in the Department's Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) implementing regulation, 14 CFR part 382 (part 382), Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel. Specifically, pursuant to section 382.43(d), covered carriers must provide an online mechanism for passengers to request disability accommodation services (*e.g.*, enplaning/deplaning assistance, deaf/hard of hearing communication assistance, escort to service animal relief area, etc.) for a particular flight. Pursuant to section 382.43(e), covered carriers must also ensure that when a user activates a link on a carrier's primary website to embedded third-party software or to an external website, a disclaimer is displayed notifying the user that the application or website may not be accessible. These requirements became effective on December 12, 2015, and December 12, 2016, respectively. Covered carriers are U.S. and foreign air carriers that operate at least one aircraft having a designed seating capacity of more than 60 passengers and own or control a primary website that markets

passenger air transportation or a tour, or tour component that must be purchased with air transportation, to the general public in the United States.¹

DOT is publishing this notice to announce its intent to request reinstatement of the previously approved information collections described above under OMB Control Number 2105-0571. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to monetary penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

The title, a description of the information collection and respondents, and the periodic reporting burden are set forth below for each of the information collections:

1. Requirement to make a disability accommodation service request function available on the primary website. (14 CFR 382.43(d)).

Each covered carrier must provide a mechanism on its website for passengers to request a disability accommodation service for a future flight and provide advance notice of their request. Carriers may, but need not, require passengers to include contact information on the form to follow-up and request more specific information about the passengers' accommodation needs. Carriers may also use the aggregate data from the online service requests to understand and better plan for the volume and types of service requests they receive across

¹ The Department estimates that 170 is the maximum number of entities that are covered by the requirements addressed in this notice. 170 represents the number of U.S. and foreign air carriers that submitted an annual report on disability-related complaints to the Department under 14 CFR 382.157 for the reporting cycle in Calendar Year 2023. Because the requirement to file a report under section 382.157 applies to U.S. and foreign air carriers that conduct passenger-carrying service to, from, or in the United States with at least one aircraft having a designed seating capacity of more than 60 seats, the Department assumes the number of carriers that file the annual report on disability-related complaints is similar to the number of carriers covered under the requirements described in this notice.

time periods and routes, but also are not required to do so.

While the content and design of the online service request form is up to the carriers, the Department anticipates that each covered U.S. and foreign carrier that markets scheduled air transportation to the general public in the United States would incur initial costs associated with developing and reviewing a design and implementation plan for the request form, developing, coding, and integrating the form into the website, as well as testing, debugging, and connecting the form with a backend database to store the information. The final regulatory analysis (FRA) for the final rule titled Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel: Accessibility of websites and Automated Kiosks at U.S. Airports estimated that it will take an average of 32 labor hours per carrier to develop, implement, integrate, connect, and test the online request form. Initial costs are reduced for carriers that rely on a request form developed by another entity. There are no recordkeeping or reporting requirements. However, carriers should use the service request information to facilitate appropriate, timely assistance to their passengers.

Respondents: Certificated U.S. and foreign air carriers operating to, from, and within the United States that operate at least one aircraft having a seating capacity of more than 60 passengers and own or control a primary website that markets air transportation to the general public in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 170 U.S. and foreign carriers, of which the Department expects all to have achieved compliance with the requirement in a prior year. The Department estimates that each year there will be 14 new respondent carriers.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 0 hours per carrier compliant in a prior year, unless the carrier voluntarily elects to modify or improve its form, and 32 hours per carrier creating an online request form.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 448 hours. This estimate was calculated by multiplying the total number of labor hours per year that a carrier is estimated to spend to develop, implement, integrate, connect, and test the online request form (32) by the estimated number of new respondent carriers each year (14).

Frequency: One-time requirement.

2. Requirement to provide a disclaimer notice to users when clicking a link on a primary website to an

embedded third-party software or an external website. (14 CFR 382.43(e)).

Carriers must provide a disclaimer notice for each link on their primary website that enables a user to access software or an external website that is not in the carrier's control. The disclaimer notice must be activated the first time a user clicks the link and must notify the user that the application/website is not within the carrier's control and may not follow the same accessibility policies as the primary website. The Department anticipates that each covered U.S. and foreign carrier will incur costs associated with identifying all links on their websites that may require a disclaimer such as developing and reviewing the design and language for the disclaimer notice, as well as developing, testing, and deploying the code to the appropriate web pages.

The incremental labor hours associated with providing the required disclaimer may vary depending on the number of links on the website to which this requirement applies. The FRA estimated that it will take an average of 6 labor hours per carrier to identify the links and then develop, test, and deploy the disclaimer notice on the website. We also estimate that it will take less than 30 minutes per year for a carrier to associate the notice with any new links to external websites or third-party software added to their websites.

Respondents: Certificated U.S. and foreign air carriers operating to, from, and within the United States that operate at least one aircraft having a seating capacity of more than 60 passengers and own or control a primary website that markets air transportation to the general public in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 170 U.S. and foreign carriers, of which the Department expects all to have achieved compliance with the requirement in a prior year. The Department estimates that each year there will be 14 new respondent carriers.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 6 hours for carriers to create, test, and deploy the disclaimer. 30 minutes for carriers compliant in prior years to associate the notice with new links and third-party software.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 169 hours. This estimate was calculated by multiplying the total number of labor hours per year that a carrier is estimated to spend to develop, test, and deploy the online request form (6) by the estimated number of new respondent carriers each year (14). To that total we added the product of the number of hours that we

estimated carriers may spend associating the notice with new weblinks (.5 hours) and the number of carriers that are expected to have achieved compliance in a prior year (170).

Frequency: One-time and recurrent requirements.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (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.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.26, 1.27, 1.48 and 1.49; DOT Order 1351.29.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Monetary Allowance for Outer Burial Receptacles

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is providing notice of the monetary allowance amount payable for outer burial receptacles (OBR) for qualifying interments in a VA national cemetery or in a VA grant-funded veterans cemetery that occur during calendar year (CY) 2025. The allowance is equal to the average cost of Government-furnished graveliners less any administrative costs associated with processing and paying the allowance. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of the average cost of Government-furnished graveliners, associated administrative costs, and the allowance amount payable for qualifying interments that occur in CY 2025.

DATES: This allowance amount is effective on January 1, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Carter, Chief of Budget

Execution Division, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, telephone: 202-461-9764 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2306(e) of title 38, United States Code, authorizes VA to provide an OBR for each new grave used for casketed remains in an open VA national cemetery or in a cemetery that is the subject of a grant to a State or Tribal Organization under 38 U.S.C. 2408. Section 2306(e)(4) authorizes VA to administer this benefit using a voucher system or other system of reimbursement in situations where an OBR is purchased or provided in lieu of a Government-furnished graveliner. VA administers the OBR monetary allowance in accordance with 38 CFR 38.629, which specifies when payment of the monetary allowance is authorized and how the allowance amount is determined each year and requires VA to post the amount of the allowance in the Notices section of the **Federal Register**. This notice serves the purpose of meeting that requirement for CY 2025.

The allowance for qualified interments that occur during CY 2025 is equal to the average cost of Government-furnished graveliners in fiscal year (FY) 2024, less the administrative cost incurred by VA in processing and paying the allowance in lieu of the Government-furnished graveliner.

The average cost of Government-furnished graveliners is determined by taking VA's total cost during a fiscal year for single-depth graveliners that were procured for placement at the time of interment and dividing it by the total number of such graveliners procured by VA during that fiscal year. The calculation excludes both graveliners pre-placed in gravesites as part of cemetery gravesite development projects and all double-depth graveliners. Using this method of computation, the average cost was determined to be \$439.00 for FY 2024.

The administrative cost is based on the costs incurred by VA during CY 2024 that relate to processing and paying an allowance in lieu of the Government-furnished graveliner. This cost has been determined to be \$9.00.

The allowance payable for qualifying interments occurring during CY 2025, therefore, is \$430.00.