

effects of the Section 410 Alcohol Incentive Grant Program.

Strategic Issues for Evaluation

- Determining which programs and types of countermeasures to evaluate is a question of setting priorities. Current suggestions for evaluation projects include examining the relative effectiveness of general deterrent legislation (e.g., .08 BAC limits) and specific deterrent legislation (e.g., vehicle impoundment for repeat DWI offenses) on the incidence of alcohol-related crashes.

- Another need is to evaluate the effect of driver license points as a sanction for safety belt use law violations.

- ORTR/RED's ability to offer program evaluation support to individual states and communities is limited. There are usually more programs in need of evaluation than ORTR/RED has capability to serve. One possible method to expand the number of evaluations that can be conducted would be to help develop the capacities of the states to perform evaluations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33472]

Fun Trains, Inc.—Operation Exemption—Lines of CSX Transportation, Inc. and the Florida Department of Transportation

Fun Trains, Inc. (Fun Trains), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150, Subpart D—*Exempt Transactions* to operate an excursion rail passenger service pursuant to trackage rights granted by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) over approximately 241 miles of their lines of railroad between MP 1034 at Hialeah, FL, and MP 793.5 at Poinciana, FL. The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on October 1, 1997.

On October 31, 1996, and January 6, 1997, Fun Trains and its corporate parent, First American Railways, Inc. (First American), entered into an agreement with CSXT entitled "Trackage Rights Agreement" and an agreement with FDOT entitled "Operating Agreement" (collectively, the Agreements). Pursuant to the Agreements, CSXT and FDOT will grant Fun Trains exclusive overhead trackage rights over their rail properties to operate a privately funded excursion passenger train to be known as the "Florida Fun Train." The Agreements are for a 5-year term with an option to renew for another 5-year term, subject to Amtrak's right to operate intercity rail

passenger service, the rights of publicly funded government agencies (or their agents) to run passenger service, the rights of others to operate high speed passenger service, and CSXT's right to run freight service over these lines. Amtrak will supply locomotives and crews. First American and Fun Trains will jointly and severally assume the obligations established under the Agreements.

Fun Trains will provide a one-way and a round-trip entertainment service between Hollywood and the Poinciana, FL areas, offering deluxe coach accommodations, food and beverage service, and on-board entertainment. No service will be provided to intermediate points in competition with the service presently provided by Amtrak or Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority and no joint ticketing arrangements will be available.¹

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.31. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. A petition to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction. An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33472, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John D. Heffner, Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, Suite 420, 1920 "N" Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: October 16, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[PS-52-93]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

¹ Concurrently, Fun Trains filed a Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction, asserting that the proposed service is outside the Board's jurisdiction as a wholly intrastate excursion rail passenger service. The entire Board will address the jurisdictional issue raised by the motion to dismiss in a subsequent decision.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, PS-52-93 (TD 8659), Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Excise Tax; Registration Requirements (§§ 48.4082-2, 48.4101-1, 48.4101-2, 48.6427-8, and 48.6427-9).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 22, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Excise Tax; Registration Requirements.

OMB Number: 1545-1418.

Regulation Project Number: PS-52-93.

Abstract: This regulation relates to the taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel and affects certain blenders, enterers, industrial users, refiners, terminal operators, throughputters, and certain persons that sell, buy, or use diesel fuel for a nontaxable use. The regulation provides guidance on registration, notification, and recordkeeping requirements which enable the IRS and taxpayers to verify that the proper amount of tax is reported, excluded, refunded, or credited.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, farms, and state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 322,550.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Varies.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 36,885.