

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Judith Street at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA solicits comments on the following current collection of information in order to evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden, the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and possible ways to minimize the burden of the collection. Following is a short synopsis of the currently approved public information collection activity, which will be submitted to OMB for review and renewal: 2120-0007, Flight Engineers and Flight Navigators. This information collection is necessary to determine applicant eligibility for flight engineer or flight navigator certificates. The information is also to determine training course acceptability for those schools training flight engineers or navigators. The respondents are an approximate 2700 people applying for flight engineer or flight navigator certificates, and approximately 25 flight engineer schools.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### **Environmental Impact Statement: Lawrence County, Ohio and Greenup County, Kentucky**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for transportation improvements proposed in Lawrence County, Ohio and Greenup County, Kentucky.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Scott McGuire, Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 200 North High Street, Room 328, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Telephone: (614) 280-6852.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to replace the Ironton-Russell Bridge (93C) across

the Ohio River and connecting the two communities of Ironton, Ohio and Russell, Kentucky.

The purpose of the transportation improvement is to replace the structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridge with a facility that meets current design standards while providing safe and efficient travel opportunity. Actions under consideration include (1) replacement of the existing facility on the existing alignment, (2) replacement on an adjacent location and (3) taking no action.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held in the project area. On August 19, 1999 the preliminary corridors under consideration will be presented to the public and, in the year 2000, a public meeting will be held to obtain input on a preferred alignment. A Public Hearing will be held and may also take place in the year 2000. Public notice will be given of the exact time and place of the meetings and the hearing to be held for the project. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the Public Hearing. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments, and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action or the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-99-5880]

#### **Hours of Service of Drivers; Exemption Application From Hulcher Services, Inc.**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption and intent to deny exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is announcing its preliminary determination to deny the application of Hulcher Services, Inc. (Hulcher) for an exemption from the maximum driving time limitations in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). Hulcher requested an exemption because it believes the current requirements interfere with the efficiency and effectiveness of the company's core business, emergency and disaster response to railroad accidents. The FHWA intends to deny the exemption because Hulcher did not explain how it would ensure that it could achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained by complying with the hours-of-service regulations. Also, Hulcher did not describe the impacts (e.g., inability to test innovative safety management control systems, etc.) it could experience if the exemption is not granted by the FHWA. The exemption, if granted, would preempt inconsistent State and local requirements applicable to interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 30, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written, signed comments to FHWA Docket No. FHWA-99-5880, the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Larry W. Minor, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, HMCS-10, (202) 366-4009; or Mr. Charles E. Medalen, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-20, (202) 366-1354, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.