

In early December 2003, Amtrak changed the status of the aforementioned station tracks from other than main track to main track, thereby voiding the provisions of the original waiver. Blue signal protection is now shifted from § 218.27, Workers on Other Than Main Track, to § 218.25, Workers on Main Track.

Metra is requesting FRA to consider allowing the provisions of the old Milwaukee Road waiver to be expanded to include the provisions of § 218.25 for all stub-ended tracks at Chicago Union Station. This will permit the railroad to connect and disconnect standby power to the cab car or locomotive end of the train(s) which are at or near the bumping post of the former "other than main track," when they are in the same position on the new stub ended tracks.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2003-16891) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78). The Statement may also be found at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Acting Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2094-17894]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Request for emergency approval process.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to request an emergency approval process. FTA requested approval of this ICR by 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before June 21, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvia L. Marion, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366-6680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: United We Ride State Coordination Grants.

Type of Request: Emergency Approval Request.

OMB Control Number: 2132-New.

Form(s): N/A.

Affected Public: State agencies.

Abstract: FTA provides financial assistance to states, local governments, private nonprofit agencies, and public bodies through 49 U.S.C. 5314 for transportation services designed to meet the needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities. The General Accounting Office (GAO) issued two reports on Transportation for Disadvantaged Populations (June 2003 and February 2004). In these reports, GAO identified 62 federal programs that support transportation services for individuals with disabilities, older adults and persons with lower incomes. GAO also identified a significant number of obstacles and barriers to coordinating services.

On February 24, 2004, President Bush signed an Executive Order Number 13330 on Human Service Transportation Coordination establishing the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on

Access and Mobility and requiring attention to the obstacles outlined by GAO. The President's Executive Order requires agencies to identify and implement strategies for enhancing coordinated services within a one-year period. The United We Ride initiative includes a State Coordination Grant that provides support to help states address the issues outlined both by GAO and by the President in the Executive Order.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 500 hours.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer.

Comments are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: May 18, 2004.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that RSPA will conduct public meetings in preparation for and to report the results of the 25th session of the United Nation's Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) to be held July 5-14, 2004 in Geneva, Switzerland.

DATES: June 23, 2004, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 3328. July 21, 2004, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 3200-3202.