

- Provide guidance to grantees on conducting outreach in diverse communities;
- Utilize leaders from diverse communities as spokespeople to promote safety belt use and child safety seats; and
- Conduct outreach efforts to diverse organizations and populations during law enforcement mobilization periods.

#### B. Health and Medical Communities

Each State should integrate occupant protection into health programs. The failure of drivers and passengers to use occupant protection systems is a major public health problem that must be recognized by the medical and health care communities. The SHSO, the State Health Department and other State or local medical organizations should collaborate in developing programs that:

- Integrate occupant protection into professional health training curricula and comprehensive public health planning;
- Promote occupant protection systems as a health promotion/injury prevention measure;
- Require public health and medical personnel to use available motor vehicle occupant protection systems during work hours;
- Provide technical assistance and education about the importance of motor vehicle occupant protection to primary caregivers (*e.g.*, doctors, nurses, clinic staff);
- Include questions about safety belt use in health risk appraisals;
- Utilize health care providers as visible public spokespeople for safety belt use and child safety seat use;
- Provide information about the availability of child safety seats at, and integrate child safety seat inspections into, maternity hospitals and other prenatal and natal care centers; and
- Collect, analyze and publicize data on additional injuries and medical expenses resulting from non-use of occupant protection devices.

#### C. Schools

Each State should encourage local school boards and educators to incorporate occupant protection education into school curricula. The SHSO in cooperation with the State Department of Education should:

- Ensure that highway safety and traffic-related injury control, in general, and occupant protection, in particular, are included in the State-approved K–12 health and safety education curricula and textbooks;
- Establish and enforce written policies requiring that school employees use safety belts when operating a motor vehicle on the job; and

- Encourage active promotion of regular safety belt use through classroom and extracurricular activities as well as in school-based health clinics; and

• Work with School Resource Officers (SROs) to promote safety belt use among high school students;

- Establish and enforce written school policies that require students driving to and from school to wear safety belts. Violation of these policies should result in revocation of parking or other campus privileges for a stated period of time.

#### D. Employers

Each State and local subdivision should encourage all employers to require safety belt use on the job as a condition of employment. Private sector employers should follow the lead of Federal and State government employers and comply with Executive Order 13043, "Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States" as well as all applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Regulations or Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations requiring private business employees to use safety belts on the job. All employers should:

- Establish and enforce a safety belt use policy with sanctions for non-use; and
- Conduct occupant protection education programs for employees on their safety belt use policies and the safety benefits of motor vehicle occupant protection devices.

#### VII. Data and Program Evaluation

Each State should access and analyze reliable data sources for problem identification and program planning. Each State should conduct several different types of evaluation to effectively measure progress and to plan and implement new program strategies. Program management should:

- Conduct and publicize at least one statewide observational survey of safety belt and child safety seat use annually, making every effort to ensure that it meets current, applicable Federal guidelines;
- Maintain trend data on child safety seat use, safety belt use and air bag deployment in fatal crashes;
- Identify high-risk populations through observational usage surveys and crash statistics;
- Conduct and publicize statewide surveys of public knowledge and attitudes about occupant protection laws and systems;
- Obtain monthly or quarterly data from law enforcement agencies on the

number of safety belt and child passenger safety citations and convictions;

- Evaluate the use of program resources and the effectiveness of existing general communication as well as special/high-risk population education programs;
- Obtain data on morbidity, as well as the estimated cost of crashes, and determine the relation of injury to safety belt use and non-use; and
- Ensure that evaluation results are an integral part of new program planning and problem identification.

Dated: February 3, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–31 (Sub-No. 40X)]

#### Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated—Abandonment—Exemption in Genesee County, MI

Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon its line of railroad, the Flint Old Main, between milepost 265.3 and milepost 267.5, in Flint, Genesee County, MI, a distance of 2.2 miles. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 48503, 48507, and 48532.

GTW has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this

condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on March 11, 2006, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by February 21, 2006. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by March 1, 2006, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to GTW's representative: Michael J. Barron, Jr., Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606-2832.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

GTW has filed environmental and historic reports which address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by February 14, 2006. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), GTW shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority

granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by GTW's filing of a notice of consummation by February 9, 2007, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: February 1, 2006.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices/Federal Consulting Group; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Federal Consulting Group within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) Customer Satisfaction Survey.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 4, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to the Federal Consulting Group, Attention: Ronald Oberbillig, 799 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20239, (202) 504-3656, [Ron.Oberbillig@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:Ron.Oberbillig@bpd.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to the Federal Consulting Group, Attention: Ronald Oberbillig, 799 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20239, (202) 504-3656, [Ron.Oberbillig@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:Ron.Oberbillig@bpd.treas.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) Survey.

*OMB Number:* 1505-0191.

*Abstract:* The following summary of the proposed renewal of an information

collection activity is designed to continue to support a means to consistently measure and compare customer satisfaction with federal government agency programs and/or services within the Executive Branch. The Federal Consulting Group of the Department of the Treasury serves as the executive agent for this project, and has partnered with the CFI Group and the University of Michigan to offer the ACSI to federal government agencies ("the partnership").

The General Services Administration selected the ACSI in 1999 through a competitive procurement process as the vehicle for obtaining the required information. From 1999 to 2001, the General Services Administration served as the executive agent for the ACSI; and in 2001, the General Services Administration transferred the OMB clearance to the Department of the Treasury. The Federal Consulting Group requested and received a three-year generic clearance from the Office of Management and Budget for the ACSI in May 2003.

The CFI Group, a leader in customer satisfaction and customer experience management, offers a comprehensive system that quantifies the effects of quality improvements on citizen satisfaction. The CFI Group has developed the methodology and licenses it to the National Quality Research Center at the University of Michigan which produces the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). This national economic indicator, published quarterly in the Wall Street Journal, was introduced in 1994 by Professor Claes Fornell under the auspices of the University of Michigan, the American Society for Quality (ASQ), and the CFI Group. The ACSI monitors and benchmarks customer satisfaction across more than 200 companies and many U.S. federal agencies.

The ACSI is the only cross-agency methodology for obtaining comparable measures of customer satisfaction with federal government programs and/or services. Along with other economic objectives—such as employment and growth—the quality of output (goods and services) is a part of measuring living standards. The ACSI's ultimate purpose is to help improve the quality of goods and services available to American citizens.

The surveys that comprise the federal government's portion of the ACSI will be completely subject to the Privacy Act 1074, Public Law 93-579, December 31, 1974 (5 U.S.C. 522a). The agency information collection will be used solely for the purpose of the survey. The ACSI partnership will not be authorized

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,200. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).