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*Barney J. Wade*

Mr. Wade, 42, has had amblyopia in his left eye since childhood. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20 and in the left, 20/50. Following an examination in 2005, his optometrist noted, "My opinion is that you have sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial motor vehicle." Mr. Wade reported that he has driven straight trucks for 18 years, accumulating 180,000 miles, tractor-trailer combinations for 18 years, accumulating 180,000 miles, and buses for 6 years accumulating 600 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Mississippi. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes or convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

*Kenneth E. Walker*

Mr. Walker, 43, has optic neuropathy in his right eye due to a traumatic injury sustained as a child. The visual acuity in his right eye is count-finger-vision at 3 feet and in the left, 20/20. Following an examination in 2005, his ophthalmologist noted, "In my medical opinion, Mr. Walker has sufficient vision to perform driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Walker reported that he has driven straight trucks for 23 years, accumulating 690,000 miles and tractor-trailer combinations for 11 years, accumulating 880,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Virginia. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes or convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

#### Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. The agency will consider all comments received before the close of business April 21, 2006. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The agency will file comments received after the comment closing date in the public docket, and will consider them to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should monitor the public docket for new material.

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**Rose A. McMurray,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

#### Buffalo Southern Railroad, Inc.

*(Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-6069)*

The Buffalo Southern Railroad, Inc. (BSOR), seeks a waiver extension for FRA-1999-6069, which grants relief from 49 CFR part 223.11 of the Safety Glazing Standards for locomotives: BSOR 5010, 93, 100 and 105.

The FRA's field investigation reveals the locomotives in question are equipped with safety plate glass. Some of the glazing is marked and some is unmarked. Generally, all the locomotives are in good condition.

The BSOR is a short line freight carrier which travels over 30 miles through rural countryside and several small communities. There are still no police records of damage to the locomotives or any reports of employee injuries to any railroad employee.

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 1999-6069) 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 45 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 <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

**[Docket No. FTA-2006-23697]**

#### Public-Private Partnership Pilot Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of comments and preliminary expressions of interest.

**SUMMARY:** Section 3011(c) of SAFETEA-LU authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to establish and implement a pilot program to demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages of public-private partnerships for certain new fixed guideway capital projects. This notice solicits comments and preliminary expressions of interest with respect to the Secretary of Transportation's establishment and implementation of the pilot program.

**DATES:** Comments and/or preliminary expressions of interest must be received by June 1, 2006. Late-filed comments or preliminary expressions of interest will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure your comments and/or preliminary expressions of