
SRTD is building its Green Line to the River District Project, a 1.1-mile extension to the existing 37.5-mile rail fixed guideway transit system. This extension features an at grade rail-rail diamond limited connection to the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at its Industrial Lead Track 150 at 7th Street in Sacramento, California. UPRR operates 1–2 freight trains per month across this Lead Track location. SRTD states in its petition that this is a very limited but fully interlocked connection and that relief from certain provisions of the CFR is justified. Lastly, SRTD is seeking this relief from the aforementioned CFR parts because it is under the safety oversight provided by the California Public Utilities Commission and sanctioned by the Federal Transit Administration. See Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Jurisdiction Over the Safety of Railroad Passenger Operations and Waivers Related to Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Light Rail and Conventional Equipment, 65 FR 42529 (July 10, 2000); see also Joint Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Conventional Railroads and Light Rail Transit Systems, 65 FR 42626 (July 10, 2000).

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at http://www.regulations.gov and in person at the Department of Transportation’s Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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 and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

• Web site: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
• Fax: 202–493–2251.
• Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated June 2, 2011, the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR Part 219 Control of Drug and Alcohol Use; Part 220 Subpart B—Radio and Wireless Communication Procedures; Part 228.11 Hours of Safety Recordkeeping Requirements; and Part 229.125 Headlights and Auxiliary Headlights Candela Requirements. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2011–0048.

TriMet has petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained in the CFR for the new 7.3-mile Green Line extension of its rail fixed guide way transit system, which features limited connections to the general railroad system. These limited connections consist of a fully interlocked rail-rail at grade diamond crossing with Oregon Pacific Railroad and seven shared highway-rail grade crossings with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (two) and the Portland and Western Railroad (five). TriMet submits that the waivers are in the public interest and are consistent with railroad safety. Further, TriMet states that as a rail fixed guide way system under the oversight of the Oregon Department of Transportation, it will provide a level of safety equivalent to that provided by compliance with FRA regulations. See Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Jurisdiction Over the Safety of Railroad Passenger Operations and Waivers Related to Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Light Rail and Conventional Equipment, 65 FR 42529 (July 10, 2000); see also Joint Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Conventional Railroads and Light Rail Transit Systems, 65 FR 42626 (July 10, 2000).

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Communications received by August 15, 2011 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and 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) or online at http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 23, 2011.

Robert C. Lauby,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory & Legislative Operations.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration
[Docket Number FRA–2006–24647]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated April 11, 2011, the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, Inc. (HVRM) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR Part 219. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2006–24647.

HVRM requests that its existing waiver dated October 25, 2006, be extended. The existing waiver grants relief from the requirements of Control of Alcohol and Drug Use, 49 CFR Part 219 Subparts D through J, which require an railroad to conduct reasonable suspicion alcohol and/or drug testing, pre-employment drug testing, random alcohol and drug testing, and to have voluntary referral and co-worker report policies, and which also specify drug and alcohol testing procedures and recordkeeping requirements.

In addition, HVRM seeks a modification to the existing waiver’s Condition Number 1 to extend their train’s operation 0.4 miles west from the LaCrosse wye at Milepost (MP) 223 to MP 223.4 (Wade) to the site of a former C&O cabin; and to extend their train’s operation 6.1 miles north from the LaCrosse wye at MP 223 to MP 6.1 (South Thomaston) to a pumpkin patch pasture-picnic area. HVRM tourist trains would occasionally operate the additional 0.4 miles to Wade and the additional 6.1 miles to South Thomaston

HVRM has less than 16 hours of service employees, and presently operates tourist trains on 10 miles of the 33 miles of track owned by the Incorporated Town of North Judson, Indiana between North Judson and LaCrosse, IN. The Chesapeake & Indiana Railroad (CKIN) conducts freight operations on 23 miles of this 33-mile rail line; and presently the only common track use is the wye track in LaCrosse. HVRM’s tourist train operations are normally conducted on weekends and would not operate at the same time as CKIN freight trains. The new petition states that the modifications requested above would allow the following protocols such as good communication between HVRM and CKIN prior to the occasional weekend visits to the sites of Wade at MP 223.4 and/or South Thomaston at MP 6.1. CKIN maintains the involved trackage to Class I track conditions and the operation of trains is under Yard Limit Rules with good visibility conditions. The new petition states that HVRM operates on specific dates and times and communicates with CKIN with its schedules to avoid conflicts.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at http://www.regulations.gov and in person at the Department of Transportation’s Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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 and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on March 30, 2011 [76 FR 17746].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 1, 2011.