DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration


Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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 October 12, 2010, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) 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 229.125 (Headlights and auxiliary lights) and 234.105(c)(3) (Activation failure flagging). FRA assigned the petitions Docket Numbers FRA–2003–14565 and FRA–2006–24216.

By letters dated October 12, 2010, and February 24, 2011, SRTD has petitioned FRA to extend the terms and conditions of the shared use waivers applicable to portions of its light rail Blue and Gold Lines that share corridors, including highway-rail grade crossings, with the Union Pacific Railroad. The relief granted in Docket Number FRA–2003–14565 was granted to SRTD in September of 2003, and by its terms expired in 2008. SRTD, however, failed to seek an extension of this relief until the filing of its October 12, 2010, petition.

For administrative purposes, FRA is closing Docket Number FRA–2003–14565 and consolidating both of SRTD’s applicable requests for relief into Docket Number FRA–2006–24216. A copy of SRTD’s October 12, 2010, 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
- **Fax:** 202–493–2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Communications received by August 1, 2011 will be considered by FRA. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket Number FRA–2006–24216]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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 May 27, 2011, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) 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 221–Rear End Marking Devices; Part 223–Safety Glazing Standards–Locomotives, Passenger Cars, and Caravans; Part 238–Equipment Safety Standards; and Part 239–Passenger Rail Emergency
Preparedness. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2006–24216. 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 at 7th Street in Sacramento, California. UPPR 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 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket Number FRA–2011–0048]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

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 Can德拉 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 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).

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.

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