merits of each case and made only after
of these individuals was made on the
decision to grant an exemption to each
in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final
its decision to exempt these 19
notices of final disposition announcing
the Agency previously published
interested parties. As indicated above,
subsequent comments submitted by
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exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and
requirements for a renewal of an
driver's ability to continue to drive
adequate basis for predicting each
requirements. These factors provide an
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U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will
with the goals and objectives of 49
impairment is stable. In addition, a
CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision
meet the requirement specified at 49
has submitted evidence showing that
requested renewal of the exemption and
had submitted evidence showing that
the vision in the better eye continues to
meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision
impairment is stable. In addition, a
review of each record of safety while
driving with the respective vision
deficiencies over the past two years
indicates each applicant continues to
meet the vision exemption
requirements. These factors provide an
adequate basis for predicting each
driver's ability to continue to drive
safely in interstate commerce.
Therefore, FMCSA concludes that
extending the exemption for each
renewal applicant for a period of two
years is likely to achieve a level of safety
equal to that existing without the
exemption.

Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments
received at any time concerning a
particular driver's safety record and
determine if the continuation of the
exemption is consistent with the
requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and
31315. However, FMCSA requests that
interested parties with specific data
concerning the safety records of these
drivers submit comments by February 6,
2012.

FMCSA believes that the
requirements for a renewal of an
exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and
31315 can be satisfied by initially
granting the renewal and then
requesting and evaluating, if needed,
subsequent comments submitted by
interested parties. As indicated above,
the Agency previously published
notices of final disposition announcing
its decision to exempt these 19
individuals from the vision requirement
in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final
decision to grant an exemption to each
of these individuals was made on the
merits of each case and made only after
careful consideration of the comments
received to its notices of applications.
The notices of applications stated in
detail the qualifications, experience,
and medical condition of each applicant
for an exemption from the vision
requirements. That information is
available by consulting the above cited
Federal Register publications.

Interested parties or organizations
possessing information that would
otherwise show that any, or all, of these
drivers are not currently achieving the
statutory level of safety should
immediately notify FMCSA. The
Agency will evaluate any adverse
evidence submitted and, if safety is
being compromised or if continuation of
the exemption would not be consistent
with the goals and objectives of 49
U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will
take immediate steps to revoke the
exemption of a driver.

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Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–1999–6439, Notice No. 23]
Adjustment of Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of adjustment of nationwide significant risk threshold.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Appendix D to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 222, Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings, FRA is updating the Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold (NSRT). This action is needed to ensure that the public has the proper threshold of permissible risk for calculating quiet zones established in relationship to the
NSRT. This is the fifth update to the NSRT, which has fallen from 14.007 to 13.722.

DATES: The effective date is January 5, 2012.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NSRT is an average of the risk indexes for gated public crossings nationwide where train horns are routinely sounded. FRA developed this risk index to serve as one threshold of permissible risk for quiet zones established under this rule across the nation. Thus, a community that is trying to establish and/or maintain its quiet zone, pursuant to 49 CFR Part 222, can compare the Quiet Zone Risk Index calculated for its specific crossing corridor to the NSRT to determine whether sufficient measures have been taken to compensate for the excess risk that results from prohibiting routine sounding of the locomotive horn. (In the alternative, a community can establish its quiet zone in comparison to the Risk Index With Horns, which is a corridor-specific measure of risk to the motoring public when locomotive horns are routinely sounded at every public highway-rail grade crossing within the quiet zone.)

In 2006, when the final rule titled, “Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings,” was amended, the NSRT was 17,030 (71 FR 47614, August 17, 2006). In 2007, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 19,047 (72 FR 48797, March 29, 2007). In 2008, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 17,610 (73 FR 30661, May 28, 2008). In 2009, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 18,775 (74 FR 45270, September 1, 2009). In 2010, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 14,007 (75 FR 82136, December 29, 2010).

New NSRT

Using collision data from 2006 to 2010, FRA has recalculated the NSRT based on formulas identified in Appendix D to 49 CFR part 222. In making this recalculation, FRA noted that the total number of gated, non-whistle-ban crossings was 42,150.
Applying the fatality rate and injury rate to the probable number of fatalities and casualties predicted to occur at each of the 42,150 identified crossings and the predicted cost of the associated injuries and fatalities, FRA calculates the NSRT to be 13,722.

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Robert C. Lauby,
Acting Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety/Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Fiscal Year 2011 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Tribal Transit Program announcement of project selections.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects funded with Section 5311 (c), Public Transportation on Indian Reservations program funds in support of the Tribal Transit Program. Funding was announced in the Tribal Transit Program (TTP) Notice of Funding Availability on July 25, 2011. The TTP makes funds available to federally recognized Indian Tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities in support of capital projects, operating costs, and planning activities for public transportation services on and around Indian reservations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Successful and unsuccessful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional office (Appendix A) for information regarding applying for the funds or program specific information. In the event the contact information provided by your tribe in the application has changed, please contact your tribal liaison with the current information in order to expedite the award grant process. For general program information, contact Lorna R. Wilson, Office of Transit Programs, at (202) 366–0893, email: Lorna.Wilson@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1–(800) 877–8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A total of $15.075 million is available for the FY 2011 Tribal Transit program. A total of 116 applicants requested $41.587 million, indicating significant demand for funds for new transit services, enhancement or expansion of existing transit services, and planning studies including operational planning. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant’s responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in FTA’s, July 25, 2011 NOFA. FTA also took into consideration the current status of previously funded applicants. A total of 67 applications have been selected for funding. The projects selected as shown in Table 1 will provide funding for transit planning studies and or operational planning, startup projects for new transit service, and for the operational expenses of existing transit services.

Project Implementation: Grantees selected for competitive discretionary funding should work with their FTA regional office to finalize the grant application in FTA’s Transportation Electronic Awards Management System (TEAM) for the projects identified in Table 1 so that funds can be obligated expeditiously. FTA funds may only be used for eligible purposes defined under 49 U.S.C 5311 and described in FTA Circular 9040.1F. In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer’s requested amount, grantees should work with their regional office to reduce scope or scale the project such that a completed phase or project is accomplished. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TEAM application. The post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report (FFR) and Milestone Report in TEAM as appropriate (see FTA Circular 9040. IF).

The grantee must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant. Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2014.

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Peter M. Rogoff,
Administrator.

Appendix A

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States served: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.