

jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to potential environmental issues (such as FRA and FTA) will be requested to act as Cooperating Agencies in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.16. Agencies and the public will be notified of the dates, times, and locations of the scoping meetings at a later date. Additional public meetings will also be held on dates to be determined at a later time. In addition to public meetings, public hearings will also be held. Public notice will be given of the times and places for the public meetings and public hearings. Because of the geographic scope of the project, public meetings and public hearings may be conducted at multiple locations. Opportunities for public participation will also be announced through mailings, notices, advertisements, and on the EIS Web page <http://www.LoneStarRail.com>.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Such comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway, Planning, and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Salvador Deocampo,
District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2014-0090]

Notice of Buy America Waiver

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Correction to Notice of Buy America Waiver

SUMMARY: On September 16, 2014, NHTSA published a Notice of Buy America Waiver that provided findings to requests from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) to waive the requirements of Buy America. The Notice stated an effective date of October 16, 2014. However, that date

did not correctly reflect NHTSA's intentions for the effective date. Also, the Notice did not accurately cite the appropriate section of the United States Code for motorcyclist safety grant funds, 23 U.S.C. 405(f). This document corrects those errors.

DATES: The effective date of this correction is the date of publication October 6, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For program issues, contact Barbara Sauers, Office of Regional Operations and Program Delivery, NHTSA (phone: 202-366-0144). For legal issues, contact Andrew DiMarsico, Office of Chief Counsel, NHTSA (phone: 202-366-5263). You may send mail to these officials at National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 16, 2014, NHTSA published a Notice of Buy America Waiver that provided findings in regards to five requests from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) to waive the requirements of Buy America. In summary, NHTSA found the following:

- A waiver of the Buy America requirements, 23 U.S.C. 313, was appropriate for OHSP to purchase a portable data projector, wireless remote control presenter, DVDs, high-visibility motorcycle vests and twenty training motorcycles.
- A non-availability waiver of the Buy America requirements was inappropriate for OHSP to lease a copy/prINTER/fax machine.

Need for Correction

The Notice of Buy America Waiver stated the waiver was effective on October 16, 2014. This date did not correctly state NHTSA's intentions. On September 16, 2014, at 79 FR 55529, NHTSA intended the waiver to be effective on an earlier date in order to allow the grantee an opportunity to purchase the items requested. Also, the Notice did not accurately cite the appropriate section of the United States Code for motorcyclist safety grant funds. The Notice cited to 23 U.S.C. 405(g), but NHTSA intended to cite 23 U.S.C. 405(f) for motorcyclist safety grant funds.

In FR Doc. 2014-0090 appearing on page 55529 of the **Federal Register** of Tuesday, September 16, 2014, the following corrections are made:

In the **DATES** section in the left column, revise the paragraph to read as follows:

“The effective date of this waiver is the date of publication.”

In the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section in the middle column, revise the

first and second paragraph to cite the following provision: “23 U.S.C. 405(f).”

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 30, 2014, under authority delegated in 49 CFR part 1.95.

O. Kevin Vincent,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 736X; Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 368X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Knoxville, Knox County, Tenn.; Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Knoxville, Knox County, Tenn.

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) (collectively, applicants) have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for CSXT to abandon, and for NSR to discontinue service over, approximately 1.18 miles of rail line on CSXT's Second Creek Spur on CSXT's Central Region, Huntington Division, KD Subdivision between milepost 0KS 275.09 (Valuation Station 15304+87) at the end of the track and milepost 0KS 276.27 (Valuation Station 15368+89 near West Baxter Avenue in Knoxville, Knox County, Tenn. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 37921 and includes no stations.

Applicants have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint has been 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, and no such complaint is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 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 these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the

abandonment or discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 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, these exemptions will be effective on November 5, 2014, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 16, 2014. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 27, 2014, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representatives: For CSXT, Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, and for NSR, William A. Mullins, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemptions are void *ab initio*.

Applicants have filed environmental and historic reports that address the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 10, 2014. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245–0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877–8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. 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.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

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), CSXT 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 CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by October 6, 2015, 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 "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: September 26, 2014.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Raina S. White,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-(VA Form 20–0968)]

Claim for Reimburse of Travel Expenses Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to provide beneficiary travel benefits under 38 CFR 21.370 through 21.376.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 5, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits

Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-(VA Form 20–0968)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632–8924 or FAX (202) 632–8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Quarterly Report of State Approving Agency Activities.

OMB Control Number: 2900-(VA Form 20–0968).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the information collection is for claimants to apply for the mileage reimbursement benefit in an efficient, convenient and accurate manner. VBA must determine the identity of the claimant; the dates and length of the trip being claimed, based on the claimant's residence and the place of evaluation and counseling, or other place in connection with vocational rehabilitation; and whether expenses other than mileage are being claimed.

Affected Public: Federal government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Responses: 129,000.

Dated: October 1, 2014.