

for filing comments to the public docket are included earlier in this notice. Persons are encouraged to respond wherever possible, but comments are not limited to replies to these questions:

1. Are any additional safeguards needed to ensure that the pilot program provides a level of safety equivalent to that without the age exemption?
2. Would carriers be able to obtain enough volunteer drivers to serve in the control group?
3. Do “comparable levels of training and experience” need to be defined more precisely? If so, what levels would you suggest?
4. Are traffic violations, crashes, and inspection violations adequate to allow a comparison of safety records? If not, what other safety performance measures should be included?
5. If drivers reach age 21 while in the study group, should they be removed from the pilot and replaced with a different driver meeting the eligibility criteria?
6. Are the data collection efforts proposed so burdensome for carriers as to discourage their participation?
7. Are there carriers currently using onboard monitoring on all their CMVs that are willing to participate in the study? Is onboard monitoring of pilot program drivers needed to assess their safety performance?

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T.F. Scott Darling, III,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice To Rescind a Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, FRA is advising the public that the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Tier One Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rochester-Twin Cities Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan is rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrea E. Martin, Environmental Protection Specialist, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., MS-20, Washington, DC 20590, telephone: (202) 493-6201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Minnesota Department of

Transportation (MNDOT) and the Olmsted County Regional Railroad Authority (OCRRA) jointly explored the feasibility of a high-speed rail connection to serve anticipated travel demand between the State’s two largest economies, Rochester and the Twin Cities. FRA published the NOI to prepare a Tier One EIS for the Rochester-Twin Cities Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan in the **Federal Register** on May 13, 2013; and MNDOT and OCRRA issued a final scoping decision document and alternatives analysis report in 2015. MNDOT and its partner OCRRA decided to suspend the voluntary EIS due to public funding constraints and private sector actions to undertake a similar project. Therefore, FRA is issuing this notice rescinding its NOI to prepare a Tier One EIS for the Rochester-Twin Cities Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan.

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Jamie Rennert,

Office Director, Office of Program Delivery.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

ACTION: Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces two upcoming public meetings of the Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group (hereafter, “Working Group”). The Working Group will provide advice and recommendations to the BTS Director pursuant to Section 6018 of the *Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* on matters related to port performance measures, including: Specifications and data measurements to be used in the Port Performance Freight Statistics Program established under subsection 6018(a); and a process for the Department to collect timely and consistent data, including identifying safeguards to protect proprietary information described in subsection 6018(b)(2). The Working Group will operate in accordance with the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*

(*FACA*) and the rules and regulations issued in implementation of that Act.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 23, 2016, and October 21, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Any person requiring accessibility accommodations should contact Matthew Chambers at (202) 366-1270 or via email at: portstatistics@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Attn: Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room # E32-342, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group has been created in accordance with Section 6018 of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-94; Dec. 4, 2015; 129 Stat. 1312). The Working Group supports the BTS Port Performance Freight Statistics Program, which has the goal “to provide nationally consistent measures of performance” of the nation’s largest ports, and to report annually to Congress on port capacity and throughput.

The Working Group is established in the FAST Act to provide recommendations to the BTS Director on matters related to port performance measures; to identify a standard for port data; to specify standards for consistent port performance measures; to recommend statistics for measuring port capacity and throughput; and to develop a process to collect timely and consistent data. The FAST Act also identifies the membership of the Working Group, and sets a due date for recommendations to the BTS Director of December 4, 2016.

Agenda: During the meetings, U.S. Department of Transportation (hereafter, “Department”) staff will provide updates of the Department’s progress in implementing its Port Performance Freight Statistics Program and related provisions. The Working Group will discuss its development of a list of tasks and subtasks that:

- (a) Identify a generally accepted industry standard for port data collection and reporting.
- (b) Specify standards for collecting data and reporting nationally consistent port performance measures.