

calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

Methodology

Respondents will fill out a brief customer survey after completing their interaction with a Department Office or Embassy. Surveys are designed to gather feedback on the customer's experiences.

Janet Freer,

*Director, Office of Directives Management,
Department of State.*

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 4)]

Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures—Productivity Adjustment

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Tentative Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures Productivity Adjustment.

SUMMARY: In a decision served on February 14, 2017, the Surface Transportation Board tentatively adopted 1.020 (2.0% per year) as the measure of average change in railroad productivity for the 2011–2015 (five-year) averaging period. This value represents an increase of 0.6% from the average for the 2010–2014 period. Because of the unique circumstances of this year's productivity adjustment calculation, including the proposal of a linking factor to address a change in methodology in the calculation of an input to the productivity adjustment, the Board is making its productivity adjustment tentative to allow public comment on this approach. The Board will hold a technical conference with interested parties and Board staff.

DATES: A technical conference with interested parties and Board staff will be held on February 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Comments are due by March 16, 2017; replies are due by April 5, 2017. This decision adopting a tentative productivity adjustment is effective on March 1, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The technical conference will be held in the Board's Hearing Room at 395 E Street SW., Washington,

DC 20423–0001. Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 4) to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pedro Ramirez, (202) 245–0333. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired, (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This conference will be available on the Board's Web site by live video streaming. To access the conference, click on the "Live Video" link under "Information Center" at the left side of the home page beginning at February 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.gov>. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0236. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at (800) 877–8339.

Decided: February 13, 2017.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Elliott, and Miller.

Raina S. Contee,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from a student at Rice University (WB17-09—2/13/17) for permission to use unmasked data from the Board's 1984–2015 Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Office of Economics.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Alexander Dusenberry, (202) 245–0319.

Brendetta S. Jones,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Action on State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway) Segment B, From SH 288 to Interstate Highway (IH) 45 South, Brazoria and Galveston Counties, Texas

AGENCY: Texas Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by TxDOT and Federal Agencies.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by TxDOT and Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014 and executed by FHWA and TxDOT. The actions relate to a proposed highway project, State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway) Segment B, from SH 288 to IH 45 South, in Brazoria and Galveston Counties in the State of Texas. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project. Under MAP-21 section 1319, TxDOT has issued a separate Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) for this action.

DATES: By this notice, TxDOT is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before July 17, 2017. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Carlos Swonke, P.G., Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701; telephone: (512) 416–2734; email: carlos.swonke@txdot.gov. TxDOT's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (central time), Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that TxDOT and Federal agencies have taken final agency actions by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of Texas: State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway) Segment