

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2017-0043]

Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administration**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the first meeting of the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to the FHWA. The purpose of this meeting is to advise the Secretary of Transportation, through the Administrator of the FHWA, on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists, including; barrier design, road design, construction and maintenance practices, and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies, pursuant to Section 1426 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

DATES: The MAC will meet on December 5, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Transportation Institute (NHI) located at 1310 North Courthouse Road, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Griffith, the Designated Federal Official, Office of Safety, 202-366-2829, (mike.griffith@dot.gov) or Ms. Guan Xu, 202-366-5892, (guan.xu@dot.gov) Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Electronic Access**

An electronic copy of this notice may be downloaded from the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.archives.gov>; the Government Publishing Office's database at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>; or the specific docket page at: www.regulations.gov.

Background

Purpose of the Committee: Section 1426 of the FAST Act, Public Law 114-94 required the FHWA Administrator, on behalf of the Secretary, to establish a MAC. The MAC is responsible for providing advice and making recommendations concerning infrastructure issues related to motorcyclist safety including barrier design; road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies. On July 28, 2017, the Secretary of Transportation appointed 10 members to the MAC.

Tentative Agenda: The agenda will include a topical discussion of the infrastructure issues described above, namely: Barrier design; road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies.

Public Participation: This meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend in person are asked to send an email to MAC@dot.gov no later than November 24, 2017, in order to facilitate entry and guarantee seating. The Designated Federal Official and the Chair of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting by submitting an electronic copy of that statement to MAC@dot.gov or the specific docket page at: www.regulations.gov. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Mr. Michael Griffith at the phone number listed above or email your request to MAC@dot.gov. You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include any such presentation on the agenda. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker, per topic.

Services for Individuals with Disabilities: The public meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to note this when they send an email about attending to MAC@dot.gov by November 24, 2017.

Minutes: An electronic copy of the minutes from all meetings will be available for download within 60 days of the conclusion of the meeting at: <https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/motorcycles/>.

Authority: Section 1426 of Pub. L. 114-94.

Issued on: October 27, 2017.

Brandye L. Hendrickson,

Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA-2017-0099]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on September 22, 2017, the Rogue Valley Terminal Railroad Corporation (RVT) 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 223, *Safety Glazing Standards—Locomotives, Passenger Cars and Cabooses*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2017-0099.

Specifically, RVT seeks a waiver for one diesel-electric switching locomotive, RVT 82. This locomotive is an EMD Model SW1200 constructed in 1965. RVT 82 will be used exclusively in common carrier industrial switching service on RVT non-main tracks and spurs (9.5 miles of track) and Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. (CORP) yard limit trackage (2 miles of track). Speeds shall not exceed 10 miles per hour. All 11.5 miles of trackage are located within the Medford Industrial Park complex located in White City, Oregon. The glass currently installed on RVT 82 meets an ASI rating of AS-1. RVT states that the cost of replacing this glass with FRA-compliant safety glazing at this time would be prohibitively expensive and uneconomic due to the low volume of traffic presently handled by RVT.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue 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 parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, 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.
- *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 December 18, 2017 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can 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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 26, 2017.

John K. Alexy,

Director, Office of Safety Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2017-0107]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on October 6, 2017, the Vermilion Valley Railroad (VVR) 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 223, *Safety Glazing Standards*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2017-0107.

Specifically, VVR has petitioned FRA for a waiver of compliance from 49 CFR 223.11, *Requirements for existing locomotives*, for two of its locomotives, IBCX 4210 and IBCX 4214. Both of these units are EMD F 9 units and were built in 1956 for the Erie Mining Company in Minnesota. These units have been used exclusively in private iron ore operations and were never required to be FRA compliant. They were saved from scrapping in 2015 by the Indiana Boxcar Corporation, which is the parent company of VVR.

VVR operates in a mostly rural area from Olin, IN to an interchange point with CSX in Danville, IL, with a 10 miles-per-hour maximum operating speed. VVR states that the glass on the two locomotives is in good condition and retrofitting of the locomotives would be costly. In addition, VVR states that retrofitting of the locomotives with compliant glazing would compromise the historical appearance by eliminating the “roll down” side windows and opening vent windows. VVR further states that while the two units will be part of its freight locomotive fleet, their use will be sporadic and the units will primarily be used for photographs and special occasions.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue 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 parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, 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:

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John K. Alexy,

Director, Office of Safety Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2011-0002]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on September 27, 2017, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 231. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2011-0002.

CSX is requesting a five-year renewal of its waiver to operate RailRunner® Equipment. The original relief was granted under this docket on December 20, 2011. CSX allowed the relief to expire on December 20, 2016, due to lack of business opportunities. Granting this request would give CSX approval to operate RailRunner® equipment in