

components of the Garden City Terminal Project (82 FR 55153). In response to this waiver, GPA contacted the FHWA with additional information about project components that are not manufactured in the U.S. in a manner that the iron and steel complies with FHWA's Buy America requirements. The GPA identified six categories of RMG crane components that are not domestically available: (1) Trolley components; (2) bogie components; (3) trolley structures; (4) bogie steel structures; (5) E-room structure, cab, and electrical components; and (6) head block and spreader bar. Of these components, only the trolley components and bogie components were identified in the November 20 waiver. The FHWA received no additional comments in response to the November 20 waiver publication. Accordingly, FHWA waives the Buy America requirements for these six categories of components. This adds trolley structures, bogie steel structures, E-room structure, cab, and electrical components, and the head block and spreader bar to the list of waived products. Like the November 20 waiver, this limited waiver does not include steel and iron components of the RMG cranes that are available with steel and iron produced domestically, such as the steel gantry structure.

This project will be completed under a Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies, Significant Freight, and Highway Projects FY 2016 grant award (commonly referred to as FASTLANE grants).

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to FHWA's website via the link provided to the waiver page noted above.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 313; Public Law 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410.

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Brandye L. Hendrickson,

Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2017-0053]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by February 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID FHWA 2017-0053 by any of the following methods:

Website: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James March, 202-366-9237, or William Linde, 202-366-9637, Office of Transportation Policy Studies, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Using Behavioral Economics to Better Understand Managed Lane Use.

Background: The Exploratory Advanced Research (EAR) Program is administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and intends to spur innovation by focusing on higher risk research. A research project awarded under the EAR program will

use experiments with behavioral economics (BE) to improve models used to predict travelers' use of priced managed lanes (MLs). The research will recruit participants who currently travel on freeways with MLs. Based on prior research, travelers either make a pre-determined decision or consciously choose between taking and not taking the ML trip. Selected research participants will undergo laboratory-based BE tests to examine the personal decision-making process used to select or not select the ML trip. The laboratory-based tests will incorporate an initial survey of participants and the use of a driving simulator. The tests will also examine whether behavior can change given stimuli. Follow-up field trials will attempt to generalize the results from the BE simulator experiments for use in real-world settings. The field trials will investigate the impact of how the communication of travel information will influence travelers' lane choice. The results from the research will potentially form a new model for estimating travelers' lane choice behavior, if findings show a deviation of practice from traditional estimates of ML use.

Respondents: Approximately 24,000 respondents will be engaged at the beginning of the project. The later tasks will require 240 respondents, with half from the Washington, DC metropolitan region and the other half from the Dallas/Fort Worth, TX metropolitan region. Approximately 400 student respondents will be surveyed to help refine the survey instrument.

Frequency: Approximately 24,000 potential participants will complete a short survey at to gauge interest for later research activities. Approximately 400 students will complete at least one survey collection and one in-person computer-based test. The 240-person respondent pool will complete at least one survey collection and one in-person computer-based test. An approximate subset of 40 participants from the 240-person respondent pool will participate in a second simulator test to help pre-test the methodology for the latter field trials. An approximate subset of 120 participants from the 240-person respondent pool will participate in the field test.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The 24,000-person respondent pool will need 5 minutes to complete the initial survey. The 400-person student group will need 3 hours to complete the survey and in-person computer-based test. The 240-person respondent pool will need 3 hours to complete the survey and in-person computer-based test. The 40-person

subset from the from the 240-person respondent pool will need 2 hours to complete a driving simulator study. The 120-person subset from the from the 240-person respondent pool will need 45 minutes to partake in the field test.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: Approximately 2,000 hours to complete the initial 5-minute survey. Approximately 2,790 hours to complete all the other later activities.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Michael Howell,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2002-13398]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on November 8, 2017, the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of its existing Shared Use waiver of compliance addressing its limited connection with CSX Transportation (CSX). The petition was assigned docket number FRA-2002-13398.

In its petition, HART seeks to extend the terms and conditions of its Shared Use waiver, originally granted by FRA's Railroad Safety Board (Board) on October 18, 2002, and extended in 2006, 2011, and 2013. This Shared Use waiver is for the continued operation of the TECO Line Streetcar System at a "limited connection" (across the 14th Street automatic interlocking at-grade

rail-rail crossing) with a railroad operated by CSX in Tampa, Florida. Trains belonging to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) also cross at this location. In its petition, HART sites that there have been no deficiencies with its operation since the last approval in 2013 and that HART, CSX, and Amtrak have continually interfaced with FRA Regional staff to monitor the safety at that location.

Although no relief from any specific regulations is sought, FRA has closely monitored this crossing to ensure that the HART streetcar personnel such as operators and dispatchers regularly communicate with CSX and Amtrak in order to ensure safety at this location. FRA's regular audits at this location focus on operating practices contained in 49 CFR part 217, *Railroad Operating Rules*, in order to ensure that CSX, Amtrak, and streetcar crews are trained properly at this location and understand what to do if signals malfunction or other issues arise.

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:

- **Website:** <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, Room 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 February 12, 2018 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 *regulations.gov*.

Robert C. Lauby,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2017-0194]

Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Seamen's Claims, Administrative Action and Litigation

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information to be collected will be used to evaluate injury claims made by seamen working aboard government-owned vessels. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2017-0194] through one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow