SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is issuing this notice to announce actions taken by Caltrans that are final. The actions relate to a proposed extension of El Segundo from Allied Way to Nash Street in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that the Caltrans, have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of California: The City of El Segundo proposes to extend Park Place from Allied Way to Nash Street with a railroad grade separation. Park Place currently exists in two segments with a roughly quarter mile gap across an undeveloped area which consists of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad spurs. The project would implement a gap closure to develop Park Place as an alternate east-west route between Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Douglas Street to relieve congestion along portions of Rosecrans Avenue and PCH, as well as to improve local traffic circulation and access to and from the 1–105 freeway. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with a NOD (Notice of Determination) for the project, approved on April 4, 2019, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The Final EA/FONSI and EIR/NOD, and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the addresses provided above. The Final EA/FONSI and EIR/NOD can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at https://www.elsegundo.org/depts/planningsafety/planning/ea_1152_park_place_extension_project/default.asp, or viewed at public libraries in the project area. This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500 et seq., 23 CFR 771);
4. MAP–21, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Pub. L. 112–141);
5. Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. (Transportation Conformity), 40 CFR part 93);
7. Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 (see Clean Water Act of 1977 & 1987);
The relief is requested as part of PTRA’s proposed implementation of and participation in FRA’s Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C3RS) Program. PTRA seeks to shield reporting employees and the railroad from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in 49 CFR 240.117(e)(1–(4); 240.305(a)(1–(4) and (a)(6); 240.307; 242.403(b), (c), (e)(1–(4), (e)(6–(11), (f)(1–(2); and 242.407. The C3RS Program encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protect the employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C3RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding.

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.

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Communications received by October 25, 2019 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration
[Docket Number FRA–2019–0062]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on August 26, 2019, the Northern Plains Railroad (NPR), 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 240, Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers, and part 242, Qualification and Certification of Conductors. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2019–0062.

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