

historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,<sup>2</sup> the exemption will be effective on August 15, 2021, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>3</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2), and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by July 26, 2021.<sup>4</sup> Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 5, 2021.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 1065 (Sub-No. 4X), should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on ISW's representative, William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

ISW has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the potential effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) on July 9, 2021.<sup>5</sup> The Draft EA is

<sup>2</sup> Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. *See* 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

<sup>3</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. *See Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>4</sup> Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

<sup>5</sup> The Draft EA used the incorrect milepost locations for the Lines from ISW's original

available to interested persons on the Board's website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245–0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed by July 26, 2021.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or interim trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), ISW shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Lines. If consummation has not been effected by ISW's filing of a notice of consummation by July 16, 2022, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: July 13, 2021.

By the Board, Valerie O. Quinn, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Aretha Laws-Byrum,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0486]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Safety Assurance System (SAS) External Portal

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The SAS external portal is a web-based tool developed for 14 CFR part 121, 135, 141, 142, 145 and 147 applicants and certificate holders (also referred to as external users) to exchange information with Flight

submissions. Those locations will be corrected in the Final EA.

Standards (FS) employees, primarily to collaborate and communicate with their FS counterparts regarding initial certification applications, and requesting new programs for acceptance and approval.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by September 14, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments:

*By Electronic Docket:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (Enter docket number into search field).

*By mail:* Wendy Johnson (c/o Denise Beaudoin), 13873 Park Center Rd, Herndon, VA 20171.

*By fax:* 703–481–6043.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wendy Johnson by email at: [Wendy.Johnson@faa.gov](mailto:Wendy.Johnson@faa.gov); phone 571–421–4110.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized 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.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120–0774.

*Title:* Safety Assurance System (SAS) External Portal.

*Form Numbers:* List of the following web-based forms:

- Submitting a Preapplication Statement of Intent (PASI) Form (FAA Form 8400–6) (14 CFR parts 121, 135 and 141);
- Submitting an Application for Repair Station (FAA Form 8310–3) (14 CFR part 145);
- Submitting an Application for Aviation Maintenance School Certificate and Ratings Application (FAA Form 8310–6) (14 CFR part 147).

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* The SAS external portal is a web-based tool developed for applicants and certificate holders (also referred to as external users) to exchange information with Flight Standards employees, primarily the Certification Project Managers (CPMs), Principal Inspectors (PIs) and Training Center Program Managers (TCPMs). SAS external portal creates the ability for our external users to collaborate and communicate with their FS counterparts in the execution of the following functions:

- Submitting a Preapplication Statement of Intent (PA<sub>S</sub>I) Form (FAA Form 8400-6) (14 CFR parts 121, 135 and 141);
- Submitting an Application for Repair Station (FAA Form 8310-3) (14 CFR part 145);
- Submitting an Application for Aviation Maintenance School Certificate and Ratings Application (FAA Form 8310-6) (14 CFR part 147);
- Submitting a Letter of Intent (14 CFR part 142);
- Submitting Element Design (ED) data collection tools (DCTs); and,
- Sharing of other documentation as needed.

Benefits to the certificate holder or applicant to use the external portal include:

- Ease of submission and expedited processing and tracking of documents/requests;
- Documents/requests are sent directly to the FS employees, which eliminates wait time for the entry of information by the PI/CPM; and,
- Access to DCTs.

**Respondents:** Applicant respondents—922,

Certificate Holder respondents—7892.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** Applicant respondents—135 hours,

Certificate Holder respondents—90 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:**

Applicants \$7,027,935,

Certificate Holders \$40,104,456.

Issued in Minneapolis, MN, on June 10, 2021.

**Wendy I. Johnson,**

Assistant Program Office Manager, System Approach for Safety Oversight (SASO) Program Office, AFS-910.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2021-0007]

### Emergency Temporary Closure of the Interstate 40 Hernando DeSoto Bridge Over the Mississippi River Between Arkansas and Tennessee

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) closed the I-40

Hernando DeSoto Bridge (I-40 Bridge) over the Mississippi River between Arkansas and Tennessee on May 11, 2021, for safety considerations when a mechanical fracture was discovered within the elements of a steel box beam. FHWA is providing notice that ARDOT and TDOT are continuing the temporary closure of the I-40 Bridge for an indefinite period of time. FHWA has approved a request by the Arkansas and the Tennessee Divisions of the FHWA for an emergency deletion of a segment of I-40 between the I-55 Split (Exit 279B) in West Memphis, Arkansas, and the I-240 Interchange (Exit 1E) in Memphis, Tennessee, from the National Network in accordance with applicable regulations due to the safety considerations discussed in this notice. FHWA is requesting comments from the public on the alternate routes selected by TDOT and ARDOT due to the closure.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251

**Instructions:** You must include the agency name and docket number [FHWA-2021-0007] at the beginning of your comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Berg, Truck Size and Weight Team, Office of Operations, (202) 740-4602, [john.berg@dot.gov](mailto:john.berg@dot.gov), or William Winne, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-0791, [william.winne@dot.gov](mailto:william.winne@dot.gov), Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; Vivien N. Hoang, FHWA Division Administrator, Arkansas Division, (501) 324-6436, [vivien.hoang@dot.gov](mailto:vivien.hoang@dot.gov), or Pamela Kordenbrock, FHWA Division Administrator, Tennessee Division,

(615) 781-5770, [pamela.kordenbrock@dot.gov](mailto:pamela.kordenbrock@dot.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Electronic Access and Filing

This document and all comments received may be viewed online through the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The website is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded by accessing the Office of the Federal Register's website at [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and the Government Publishing Office's website at [www.govinfo.gov](http://www.govinfo.gov).

### Background

The ARDOT and TDOT closed the I-40 Bridge over the Mississippi River between Arkansas and Tennessee on May 11, 2021, for safety considerations. During a routine inspection of the I-40 Bridge by ARDOT, a mechanical fracture was discovered within the elements of a steel box beam. Local law enforcement agencies were immediately notified to shut down the bridge to all traffic. FHWA is providing notice that ARDOT and TDOT are continuing the temporary closure of the I-40 Bridge for an indefinite period of time.

FHWA is responsible for enforcing the Federal regulations applicable to the National Network of highways that can safely and efficiently accommodate the large vehicles authorized by provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, Public Law 97-424 as amended, designated in accordance with 23 CFR part 658 (Truck Size and Weight, Route Designations—Length, Width and Weight Limitations) and listed in Appendix A to Part 658. Under 23 CFR 658.11 (Additions, deletions, exceptions, and restrictions), FHWA may approve deletions of, or use restrictions on, the Interstate system or other National Network route based upon specified justification criteria in 23 CFR 658.11(d)(2). FHWA is authorized to delete any route from the National Network on an emergency basis based on safety considerations pursuant to section 658.11(e), which also requires publishing this notice in the **Federal Register** for comment.

The closure of the I-40 Bridge has affected traffic throughout western Tennessee, the Memphis metropolitan area, and eastern Arkansas. The I-40 Bridge and the I-55 Memphis-Arkansas Bridge (I-55 Bridge) are the only two Mississippi River crossings in the Memphis area. The additional traffic on I-55 due to the I-40 Bridge closure has increased delays in crossing the river.