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243.111(g)—Safety-related railroad employees instructed by training organizations or learning institutions—recordkeeping.	109 training organizations/learning institutions.	5,450 records .....	5 minutes ...	454.17 hours .....	85.93	39,026.83
—(h) Training organizations or learning institutions to provide student's training transcript or training record to any employer upon request by the student.	109 training organizations/learning institutions.	545 records .....	5 minutes ...	45.42 hours .....	85.93	3,902.94
243.201(b)—New employers operating after January 1, 2020, not covered by (a)(2), designation of safety-related employees by job category—lists.	10 new railroads/contractors.	10 designation lists .....	15 minutes	2.50 hours .....	85.93	214.83
243.201(c)—Training records of newly hired employees or those assigned new safety-related duties.	4,800 employees .....	4,800 records .....	15 minutes	1,200.00 hours ..	85.93	103,116.00
—(d)(1)(i) Requests for relevant qualification or training record from an entity other than current employer.	4,800 employees .....	250 record requests ....	5 minutes ...	20.83 hours .....	85.93	1,789.92
243.203(a)—(e)—Recordkeeping—Systems set up to meet FRA requirements—general requirements for qualification status records, accessibility.	10 railroads/contractors/training organizations/learning institutions.	10 record-keeping systems.	30 minutes	5.00 hours .....	85.93	429.65
—(f) Transfer of records to successor employer—If an employer ceases to do business and its assets will be transferred to a successor employer, it shall transfer to the successor employer all records required to be maintained under this part, and the successor employer shall retain them for the remainder of the period prescribed in this part.	1,155 railroads/contractors/training organizations/learning institutions.	3 railroads .....	30 minutes	1.50 hours .....	85.93	128.90
243.205(c)—Railroad identification of supervisory employees who conduct periodic oversight tests by category/subcategory.	746 railroads .....	100 identifications .....	5 minutes ...	8.33 hours .....	85.93	715.80
—(f) Notification by railroad of contractor employee non-compliance with federal laws/regulations/orders to employee and employee's employer.	300 contractors .....	360 (90 employee + 270 employer notices).	20 minutes (10 + 10).	60 hours (15.00 + 45).	85.93	5,155.80
—(i) and (j) Employer records of periodic oversight.	1,046 railroads/contractors.	150,000 records .....	5 minutes ...	12,500.00 hours	85.93	1,074,125.00
243.207(a)—Written annual review of safety data (Railroads with 400,000 annual employee work hours or more).	22 railroads .....	22 reviews .....	16 hours .....	352.00 hours .....	85.93	30,247.36
—(b) Railroad copy of written annual review at system headquarters.	22 railroads .....	22 review copies .....	5 minutes ...	1.83 hours .....	85.93	157.25
—(e) Railroad notification to contractor of relevant training program adjustments.	22 railroads .....	2 notifications .....	15 minutes	0.50 hour .....	85.93	42.97
243.209(a)—(b)—Railroad-maintained list of contractors utilized.	746 railroads .....	746 lists .....	30 minutes	373.00 hours .....	85.93	32,051.89
—(c) Railroad duty to update list of contractors utilized and retain record for at least 3 years showing if a contractor was utilized in last 3 years.	746 railroads .....	75 updated lists .....	15 minutes	18.75 hours .....	85.93	1,611.19
Total <sup>3</sup> .....	1,155 railroads/contractors/training organizations/learning institutions.	163,875 responses .....	N/A .....	16,549 hours .....	.....	1,429,526

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket No. FRA–2024–0002]

**Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On January 25, 2024, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR.

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 26, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find the particular ICR by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Arlette Mussington, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: [arlette.mussington@dot.gov](mailto:arlette.mussington@dot.gov) or telephone: (571) 609–1285 or Ms. Joanne Swafford, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: [joanne.swafford@dot.gov](mailto:joanne.swafford@dot.gov) or telephone: (757) 897–9908.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. See 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. On January 25, 2024, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting public comment on the ICR for which it is now seeking OMB approval. See 89 FR 5084. FRA received no comments related to the proposed collection of information.

Before OMB decides whether to approve this proposed collection of information, it must provide 30 days’ notice for public comment. Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect.

Comments are invited on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA’s estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to

determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

*Title:* State Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Action Plan.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0589

*Abstract:* Section 202 of the Rail Safety Improvement Act (RSIA)<sup>1</sup> of 2008 required the Secretary of Transportation<sup>2</sup> to identify the 10 States that have had the most-highway-rail grade crossing collisions, on average, over the prior three years, and to require those States to develop State highway-rail grade crossing action plans, within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Secretary. Section 202 further provided that these plans must identify specific solutions for improving safety at crossings, including highway-rail grade crossing closures or grade separations, and must focus on crossings that have experienced multiple accidents or are at high risk for such accidents.

In 2020, FRA issued a final rule titled, State Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Action Plans,<sup>3</sup> to implement the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) requiring fifty<sup>4</sup> States and the District of Columbia to develop and implement highway-rail grade crossing action plans. The final rule also requires ten States that developed highway-rail grade crossing action plans, as required by RSIA and FRA’s implementing regulation, to update their plans and submit reports to FRA describing actions they have taken to implement them.

FRA uses the collection of information to ensure that States meet the congressional mandate and devise and implement suitable plans to reduce/eliminate highway-rail grade collisions in their States. FRA reviews these crossing action plans and grade crossing

action plan revisions to ensure that these plans include the following: (1) identify specific solutions for improving safety at highway-rail grade crossings, including highway-rail grade crossing closures or grade separations, (2) focus on crossings that have experienced multiple accidents or are at high risk for such accidents, and (3) cover a five-year period.

On January 25, 2024, FRA published a 60-day **Federal Register** notice that reflected 5,991 total burden hours and responses of 27. See 89 FR 5084. Upon further review, FRA has determined that the initial requirement to submit State Action Plans (SAPs) under 49 CFR 234.11(b) has already been completed. While all States have submitted their SAPs, States may voluntarily continue to provide updates to their approved plans which FRA will review and file. FRA also anticipates that additional clarification on some of these changes may be needed in order to support an upcoming report to Congress.<sup>5</sup> FRA’s burden estimate reflects the time needed for States to respond to any follow up questions with respect to updated Plans or, potentially, approved plans that have not been updated as FRA prepares its report. As a result, the paperwork burden associated with this ICR has been significantly reduced from 5,111 hours to 880 hours for this submission, with the number of responses reduced from 27 to 17.

For additional clarity FRA is including the updated burden table for publication with this 30-day **Federal Register** notice.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change, (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Form(s):* N/A

*Respondent Universe:* 50 States + District of Columbia.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 17.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 880 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent:* \$75,637.

<sup>1</sup> Public Law 110–432 (Oct. 16, 2008).

<sup>2</sup> See delegation to FRA Administrator at 49 CFR 1.89.

<sup>3</sup> See 85 FR 80648 (Dec. 14, 2020).

<sup>4</sup> In the published 60-day notice, the number of States required to develop and implement a highway-rail grade crossing action plan is shown as 40 States. In this 30-day notice, FRA has made a correction to the number of States from 40 to 50.

<sup>5</sup> Section 11401(c) of the FAST Act and section 22403 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117–58 (Nov. 15, 2021), require FRA to prepare a report to Congress that contains an analysis and evaluation of State highway-rail grade crossing programs, including strategies to improve highway-rail grade crossing safety that were identified by States in their SAPs.

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234.11(b)—New State highway-rail grade crossing action plans.	<i>The requirement under this section has been completed; therefore, there is no paperwork burden associated with this section.</i>				
—(c)(1) Updated action plans (10 listed States in § 234.11(e))—Grouped into high, medium, and low burden plans.	10 States	2 plans (1 medium +1 low).	360.00 hours (240 + 120).	360.00 hours	\$30,934.80
—(c)(2) Implementation reports (10 listed States in § 234.11(e))—Grouped into high, medium, and low burden reports.	10 States	2 reports (1 medium +1 low).	160.00 hours (120 + 40).	160 hours	13,748.80
—(f)(2) Notification to FRA by State or District of Columbia of another official to assume responsibilities described under § 234.11(e)(6).	50 States + District of Columbia.	2.70 notifications	5.00 minutes	0.22 hours	18.90
—(g) Review and approval	50 States + District of Columbia.	10 updated plans (5 medium + 5 low).	60 hours 48 +24)	360 hours (240 + 120).	30,934.80
—(g) FRA review and approval of State highway-rail grade crossing action plans: Disapproved plans needing revision (10 listed States in § 234.11(e)) Grouped into high, medium, and low revised plans.	<i>The estimated paperwork burden for this requirement is included above under (g), Review and approval.</i>				
<b>Total</b>	50 States + District of Columbia.	17 responses	N/A	880 hours	75,637

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD–2024–0046]

**Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: DUCHESS (MOTOR); Invitation for Public Comments**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from

interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor’s vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 26, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2024–0046 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD–2024–0046 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2024–0046, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information

provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23–461, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–0903. Email: [patricia.hagerty@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.hagerty@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel DUCHESS is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Requester intends to offer passenger sightseeing trips and charters.
- Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* California. Base of Operations: Emery Cove Marina, Emeryville, California.
- Vessel Length and Type:* 44’ motor yacht

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2024–0046 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in

<sup>6</sup> The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the 2022 (STB) Full Year Wage A&B data series using employee group 200 (Professional & Administrative) hourly wage rate of \$49.10. The total burden wage rate (straight time plus 75 percent) used in the table is \$85.93 (\$49.10 × 1.75 = \$85.93).