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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Assessment and Delivery of Safety Funding at the Local Level.

Type of request: New information collection requirement.

Background: The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), 23 U.S.C. 148, established the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) as a core Federal-aid Highway Program. The overall purpose of this program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements. Using Federal and State funds to assist local agencies in improving safety on local roads is critical for reducing fatalities and serious injuries. However, State and local agencies face many challenges and barriers when identifying, prioritizing, developing, and implementing safety projects on local roads.

The requested information collection, in the form of an on-line survey tool, will be used to evaluate the extent, practices and processes State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) use to deliver or apply safety funding resources to local agencies for road safety improvement projects. The survey will also help identify challenges and barriers State DOTs and local agencies face when developing and implementing local road safety projects.

Survey respondents will be asked to provide information about training, technical support, and human resources provided to, or on behalf of local agencies, to assist in the identification, analysis, development, evaluation, and implementation of local road safety improvement projects. Respondents will also be asked to identify any challenges or barriers States and local agencies face when attempting to provide funding and other resources for local road safety projects.

Certain survey respondents will also be asked to provide feedback on Federal or State fiscal year expenditures applied to local road safety improvement projects over a three-year period and any methodologies used to identify a specific dollar amount or percentage of funds set aside for local road safety improvement projects.

The information will allow FHWA to assess the extent to which states are providing funds to local agencies for safety projects and to identify human resources and technical assistance states need in order to overcome barriers and challenges to developing and implementing local road safety improvement projects.

The survey will also help FHWA identify noteworthy practices that can be implemented in other States, with the ultimate goal of improving highway safety outcomes across the Nation.

Respondents: State DOTs.

Frequency: One time.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The total burden for this collection would be approximately 250 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the U.S. DOT's performance, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the U.S. DOT's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways 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.

Issued on: March 21, 2012.

Juli Huynh,

Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2012-0033]

Proposed Information Collection; Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 29, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Please identify the proposed collection of information before a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB Clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Sean H. McLaurin, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W55-336, NVS-420, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. McLaurin's telephone number is (202) 366-4800. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i.) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii.) The accuracy the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii.) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv.) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

Title: Extension of Clearance.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0001.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Form Number: This collection of information uses no standard form.

Abstract: The purpose of the NDR is to assist States and other authorized users in obtaining information about problem drivers. State motor vehicle agencies submit and use the information for driver licensing purposes. Other users obtain the information for transportation safety purposes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,847 hours.

Number of Respondents: The number of respondents is 51—the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondent, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued on March 22, 2012.

Terry Shelton,

Associate Administrator for the National Center for Statistics and Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35608]

North Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad, Inc.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Line of Southeastern Arkansas Economic Development District

North Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad, Inc. (NLA), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from Southeastern Arkansas Economic Development District (SAEDD), a noncarrier political subdivision of the State of Arkansas, and to operate, a 21.8-mile line of railroad extending between milepost 433.0 at or near Lake Village in Chicot County, Ark., and milepost 454.8 at or near the Louisiana/Arkansas border.

NLA states that, at the present time, the 21.8-mile line is impassable, but once Board authorization of the lease has been obtained and rehabilitation of the line has been completed, it will commence operations. NLA also states that it will interchange traffic with the Union Pacific Railroad Company, Arkansas Midland Railroad Company and Delta Southern Railroad.

According to NLA, the initial term of the lease agreement shall be for a 20-year period, beginning on the effective date of the Board's decision that approves the proposed transaction. NLA states that the lease does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier. NLA has included a copy of the lease agreement as part of its filing.

The earliest the transaction can be consummated is April 11, 2012, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption was filed).

NLA certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier. NLA further certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed \$5 million.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed no later than April 4, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD

35608, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Richard H. Streeter, Law Office of Richard H. Streeter, 5255 Partridge Lane NW., Washington, DC 20016.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "www.stb.dot.gov."

Decided: March 23, 2012.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Raina S. White,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35597]

Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company—Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement dated February 3, 2012, has agreed to grant nonexclusive overhead temporary trackage rights to Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company (N&BE), between Lock Haven, Pa. (milepost BR 194.2) and Driftwood, Pa. (milepost BR 139.2), a distance of approximately 55 miles.¹

The transaction may be consummated on or after April 11, 2012, and the temporary trackage rights are scheduled to expire on December 30, 2012. The purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to allow N&BE to operate bridge train service for temporary, seasonal traffic originating on the N&BE for delivery to an off-line destination.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the temporary trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease and Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), and any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set

¹ A redacted, executed trackage rights agreement between NSR and N&BE was filed with the notice of exemption. The unredacted version was concurrently filed under seal along with a motion for protective order, which will be addressed in a separate decision.