

(13) Conducting research to identify, share, and test best practices to promote transportation and livability linkages;

(14) Disseminating research results and advances in state of the practice through peer exchanges, workshops, conferences, etc.;

(15) Meeting additional priorities as determined by the Secretary; and

(16) Refining the scope and research emphases through active outreach and consultation with stakeholders.

The FHWA is issuing this notice to: (1) Announce the STEP Implementation Strategy for the FY 2013 STEP in anticipation of future surface transportation legislation, and (2) Solicit comments on proposed research activities to be undertaken in the FY 2013 STEP via the STEP Web site. The STEP Implementation Strategy can be found at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/about_step/strategy/. That Strategy updates information on the graphs and charts regarding historical planning and environment research funding, and adds information about the proposed FY 2013 STEP including proposed funding levels, goals, and potential research activities. We invite the public to visit this Web site to obtain additional information on the STEP, as well as information on the process for forwarding comments to the FHWA regarding the STEP implementation plan. The URL for the STEP Web site is: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/>.

The FHWA will use this Web site as a major mechanism for informing the public regarding the status of the STEP.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 507.

OMB Approval for Specific Forms, Surveys, Questionnaires: Burden Statement

This collection of information is voluntary and will be used to identify potential research for the creation of a research plan for the FHWA STEP Program. Public reporting burden is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. No confidential information will be collected; therefore, no assurances of confidentiality will be provided. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 2125-0627 (Expiration 6/30/14). Send comments regarding this

burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Authority: 5 CFR 1320.8.

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Victor M. Mendez,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2012 0073]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel ACURA JIGGER; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2012-0073. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979, Email Joann.Spittle@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel ACURA JIGGER is:

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: "Charter the vessel for recreational fishing, cruising waterways, water activities/swimming, snorkeling."

Geographic Region: "Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and North Carolina."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2012-0073 at <http://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 issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: June 21, 2012.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Request for Comment

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on or before July 30, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carole Guzzetta at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Impaired Driving and Occupant Protection, W44-219, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Guzzetta's phone number is 202-366-3665 and her email address is carole.guzzetta@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting public comments on the following information collection was published on December 16, 2011 (**Federal Register**/Vol. 76, No. 242/pp. 78334-78335).

OMB Control Number: 2127-New.

Title: Effectiveness of Child Passenger Safety Information for the Safe Transportation of Children.

Form No.: NHTSA Form 1174.

Type of Review: Regular.

Respondents: Parents and caregivers of children less than 13 years of age will respond to a series of questions after viewing child passenger safety messages.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600 participants will be recruited for the testing sessions.

Estimated Time Per Response: 75 minutes per testing session.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 750 hours.

Frequency of Collection: The survey will be administered a single time.

Abstract: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to collect information from parents and caregivers of children less than 13 years of age about their knowledge, behavior, and perceptions of various child passenger safety (CPS) messages. Demographic information about the participants will also be collected. Participation in the study will be voluntary. Parents and caregivers will be recruited at various urban, suburban, and rural locations where they often go with child passengers (e.g., child care centers). They will be asked

to participate in the study which will require them to go to a computer lab center, read CPS messages and respond to questions about these messages using touch-screen computers to reduce survey length and minimize recording errors. No personally identifiable information will be collected during the study. NHTSA will use the findings from this proposed collection of information to better understand how information and perceptions of CPS messages influence parents and caregivers to seek the most appropriate restraint systems for their children (less than 13 years of age). Findings of the study may be used to revise current CPS messages being publicized in the nation.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or by email at oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or fax: 202-395-5806.

Comments Are Invited On: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department of Transportation, 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 respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 25, 2012.

Jeff Michael,

Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 1099X]

Sunflour Railroad, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Roberts and Marshall Counties, S.D.

Sunflour Railroad, Inc. (SRI), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon 8.1 miles of rail line between milepost 228.2 at the east property line of 454th Avenue, located approximately one mile west of Claire City, and milepost 236.3 located at the western terminus of the line at Washington Avenue in Veblen, in Roberts and Marshall Counties, S.D. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 57224 and 57270.

SRI has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 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, this exemption will be effective on July 28, 2012, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹

¹ 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