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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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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 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), 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. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting public comments on the following information collection was published on August 5, 2013 (**Federal Register**/Vol. 78, No. 150/pp. 47488–47489).

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on or before November 29, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alan Block at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NTI–131), W46–499, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Block’s phone number is 202–366–6401 and his email address is [alan.block@dot.gov](mailto:alan.block@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 2127–0667.

*Type of Request:* Renewal.

*Title:* Focus Groups for Traffic Safety Programs, Interventions and Countermeasures.

*Form No.:* This collection of information uses no standard form.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Respondents:* Each year NHTSA anticipates conducting 140 focus groups

annually, or 420 over the three year period under a renewed clearance. Likely respondents are licensed drivers 18 years of age and older who have not participated in a previous focus group session. In some cases, stakeholders such as law enforcement and health officials may participate in the focus groups. Each respondent would participate in one focus group.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* There will be an average of 10 participants per focus group, for an annual total of 1,400 respondents and a three year total of 4,200 respondents.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Each respondent would participate in a single focus group that would average 80 minutes in duration. Participants will be recruited by intercept or telephone using a brief screening questionnaire estimated to take no more than another 10 minutes, for a total of 90 minutes.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* The total estimated annual burden would be 140 groups × 10 participants × 90 minutes = 2,100 hours. Total estimated burden under the three year period covered by the clearance would be 6,300 hours.

*Frequency of Collection:* Focus groups will be conducted on an as-needed (periodic) basis during each of the three years covered by the clearance.

*Abstract:* The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to renew its generic clearance to conduct focus groups. NHTSA anticipates the need to periodically conduct focus group sessions to refine its efforts to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities. Session participation would be voluntary and the focus group participants would receive remuneration for their involvement. The respondents would not incur any reporting cost from the information collection. The respondents also would not incur any record keeping burden or record keeping cost from the information collection. Focus group topics will include: Strategic messaging (e.g., slogans or advertisement concepts concerning seat belt use, impaired driving, driver distraction, tire pressure monitoring), problem identification (e.g., discussions with high-risk groups on beliefs, attitudes, driving behaviors, or reactions to interventions and countermeasures), and resource development (e.g., testing materials designed to communicate essential information about traffic safety issues such as vehicle or equipment performance rating systems). For each focus group project, NHTSA will submit an individual Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

detailing the specific nature and methodology of planned focus group sessions prior to any collection activity covered under this generic clearance.

**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](mailto: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 October 25, 2013.

**Jeffrey Michael,**

*Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0113]

#### Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

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

**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

reinstatements of previously approved collections.

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

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 30, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number NHTSA–2013–0113 using any of the following methods:

*Electronic submissions:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Docket Management Facility, M–30, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

*Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Fax:* 1-(202) 493–2251.

*Instructions:* Each submission must include the Agency name and the Docket number for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form for all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comments (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 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Russell Pierce, Contracting Officer's Technical Representative, Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NTI–132), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W46–472, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Pierce's phone number is (202) 366–5599 and his email address is [russell.pierce@dot.gov](mailto:russell.pierce@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must 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 promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a

document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 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 of 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; and

(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 public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

#### **Medical Review Guidelines and Medical Advisory Board Practices**

*Type of Request*—New Information Collection.

*OMB Clearance Number*—None.

*Form Number*—NHTSA 1228.

*Requested Expiration Date of Approval*—3 years from date of approval.

*Summary of the Collection of Information*—The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to collect information from an individual in the Medical Review Department in each of the 50 State Driver Licensing Agencies and The District of Columbia about their State's driver medical review structure and processes. The information collected will be used to produce a short narrative describing each State's medical review structure and processes, plus several appendices with tables displaying each individual State's responses to the questions, and totals for each response. Data will be collected, according to each respondent's preference, via a Microsoft Word document distributed and collected via email or a print version distributed and collected via US mail, and the responses will consist primarily of checkbox response types and fill-in-the-blank options when non-standard checkboxes are selected. Additionally, survey respondents will be provided with a short narrative that describes their State's medical review processes, and asked to review and edit/update the narrative as necessary to ensure its accuracy.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information*—NHTSA was established to reduce the number of deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on the Nation's highways. As part of this statutory mandate, NHTSA is authorized to conduct research as a foundation for the development of motor vehicle standards and traffic safety programs.

As our population ages, age-related impairments in safe driving abilities will become more prevalent. The private automobile remains by far the most often used and most preferred means of meeting community mobility needs among older adults. Along with the increase in the number of older drivers, an increase in the driving exposure of older adults is likely, both in terms of the frequency of their trips and the distances they drive. In addition, due to increased physical frailty, older individuals are also most likely to be seriously injured or killed in an automotive crash. Therefore, driver medical review practices are likely to assume a more prominent role in the years ahead.

Medical review guidelines and practices can help evaluate drivers referred to a State motor vehicle licensing agency for reexamination due to concerns about unsafe driving performance possibly resulting from suspected age or medical condition related impairments in visual, physical, or mental abilities. Society has an interest in ensuring that these medical review guidelines and practices are in place and are effective in reducing motor vehicle crashes, injury, and death. This data collection will provide NHTSA with an accurate description of current medical review practices across the country. This is a necessary first step in identifying which structures and processes work best.

*Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)*—TransAnalytics (NHTSA's Contractor) plans to enlist the assistance of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) to identify the most appropriate contact in each State, for distribution of the survey and the narrative summary for review and update.

*Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Record Keeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information*—There will be approximately 70 questions on the survey requiring checkbox responses, and an occasional fill-in-the-blank response required when "other" is

checked. We estimate the time to complete the survey for the medical review contact in each State to be 2.5 hours. Additionally, we estimate 2.5 hours of time for each medical review contact to review and edit the narrative describing their State's medical review structure and process. This estimate includes the time that may be required to respond to telephone contacts made by TransAnalytics if necessary, to follow-up or clarify survey responses. The total estimated annual burden will be 255 hours (5 hours for each respondent, 50 States + Washington, DC). Survey respondents will incur no costs from the data collection and will incur no record keeping burden and no record keeping cost from the information collection.

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

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**Jeffrey Michael,**

*Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 314 (Sub-No. 6X)]

#### Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Linn County, Iowa

Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company (CCP)<sup>1</sup> has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 0.49-mile line of railroad extending between milepost 230.24 and milepost 229.75 in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 52302.

CCP has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the Line to be rerouted over other lines; (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 two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11

<sup>1</sup> CCP is an indirect subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company (CNR) and is controlled by Grand Trunk Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of CNR.

(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 November 29, 2013, unless stayed pending reconsideration.<sup>2</sup> 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),<sup>4</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by November 12, 2013. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 19, 2013, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to CCP's representative: Audrey L. Brodrick, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

CCP has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA issued an environmental assessment (EA) on October 23, 2013. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC

<sup>2</sup> This notice was scheduled to be published in the **Federal Register** during the time that the agency was closed due to a lapse in appropriations. Because publication of this notice has been delayed, the effective date of the exemption will also be delayed to provide adequate notice to the public.

<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> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

20423-0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed by November 7, 2013.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or 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), CCP shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by CCP's filing of a notice of consummation by October 30, 2014, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: October 24, 2013.

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

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35755]

#### BNSF Railway Company, CBEC Railway Inc., Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd., and Union Pacific Railroad Company—Joint Relocation Project Exemption—In Council Bluffs, Iowa

On September 30, 2013, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), CBEC Railway Inc. (CBEC), Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. (IAIS), and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) (collectively, applicants) jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(5) to participate in a joint relocation project in Council Bluffs, Iowa (the City).

The purpose of the joint relocation project is to facilitate the reconstruction of Interstates 80 and 29 in Council Bluffs. The Council Bluffs Interstate System (CBIS) Improvements Project is a public works project initiated by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) that involves the joint relocation project and an acquisition by IAIS of a line of railroad owned by BNSF.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Iowa Interstate R.R.—Acquis. Exemption—Line of BNSF Ry.*, FD 35751 (filed Aug. 7, 2013). The