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Francisco Estrada C.,

RTCA Advisory Committee.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Warren County, IA

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT, Warren County.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA will be issuing this notice to advise the public an EIS will be prepared for a proposed roadway project in Warren County, Iowa. The planned EIS will evaluate potential transportation improvement alternatives for serving West Des Moines, Des Moines, and Warren County between I-35 South/R35 and IA 5/South 11th Street.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael LaPietra, Environment and Realty Manager, FHWA Iowa Division Office, 105 Sixth Street, Ames, IA 50010, Phone 515-233-7302; or James P. Rost, Director, Office of Location and Environment, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010, Phone 515-239-1225.

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#### Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Transportation and Warren County, will prepare an EIS for the proposed Southwest Connector corridor study. The proposed project includes roadway improvements to provide a high-speed, 5-lane roadway between I-35 South/R35 and IA 5/South 11th Street.

The purpose of the SW Connector is to prepare for increased travel demand in and around Warren County, Des Moines, and West Des Moines. Construction of the proposed interchange and roadway will decrease congestion at the IA 5/I-35 south interchange and provide alternate means of travel between 11th Street and I-35 South as well as provide additional access to Des Moines, West Des Moines, and Warren County.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; (2) widening existing roadways; and, (3) constructing a roadway on a new location. The build alternative will include consideration of various alignments and grades.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held in 2007 and 2008. In addition, a public hearing will be held upon completion of the draft EIS. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the public meetings and public hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

A scoping meeting (the initial public meeting) will be held identifying significant issues to be addressed in the environmental impact statement. The date and location of the scoping meeting

have not yet been determined but will be advertised in various local media.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or Iowa Department of Transportation at the address provided in the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Dated: April 20, 2007.

Philip E. Barnes,

Division Administrator, FHWA, Iowa Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

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

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burdens. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on February 12, 2007 (72 FR 6656).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 29, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Ms. Gina Christodoulou, Office of Support Systems Staff, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont

Ave., NW., Mail Stop 43, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 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. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On February 12, 2007, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. 72 FR 6656. FRA received no comments after issuing this notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). 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 that 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. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The revised requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

**Title:** Foreign Railroads' Foreign-Based (FRFB) Employees Who Perform Train or Dispatching Service in the United States.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0555.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Railroads.

**Form(s):** None.

**Abstract:** The collection of information is used by FRA to determine compliance of FRFB train and dispatching service employees and

their employers with the prohibition against the abuse of alcohol and controlled substances. Because of the increase in cross-border train operations and the increased risk posed to the safety of train operations in the United States, FRA seeks to apply all of the requirements of 49 CFR part 219 to FRFB train and dispatching service employees. The basic information—evidence of unauthorized use of drugs and alcohol—is used by FRA to help prevent accidents/incidents by screening FRFB who perform safety-sensitive functions for unauthorized drug or alcohol use. FRFB train and dispatching service employees testing positive for unauthorized use of alcohol and drugs are removed from service, thereby enhancing safety and serving as a deterrent to other FRFB train and dispatching service employees who might be tempted to engage in the unauthorized use of drugs or alcohol.

**Annual Estimated Burden:** 28 hours.

**Title:** Special Notice for Repairs.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0504.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Railroads.

**Form(s):** FRA F 6180.8; FRA F 6180.8a.

**Abstract:** The Special Notice For Repairs is issued to notify the carrier in writing of an unsafe condition involving a locomotive, car, or track. The carrier must return the form after repairs have been made. The collection of information is used by State and Federal inspectors to remove freight cars or locomotives until they can be restored to a serviceable condition. It is also used by State and Federal inspectors to reduce the maximum authorized speed on a section of track until repairs can be made.

**Annual Estimated Burden:** 10 hours.

**Addressee:** Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer.

**Comments are invited on the following:** Whether the proposed collections of information are 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 estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

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**D.J. Stadler,**

*Director, Office of Budget, Federal Railroad Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

#### Alton and Southern Railway

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2007-27320]

The Alton and Southern Railway (ALS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Union Pacific Railroad (UP), has petitioned FRA for a temporary waiver of compliance with certain provisions of FRA safety regulations (hours of service of railroad employees). The waiver request seeks relief from 49 CFR Section 228.9(a)(1) for the ALS to utilize a computerized system of recording train and engine employee hours of duty data. The CFR requires that records maintained under Section 228.9(a)(1) be signed by the employee whose time is being recorded, or in the case of train and engine crews, signed by the ranking crew member. The ALS seeks to utilize a computerized system of recording hours of duty information that is currently being used by the UP. Without waiver permission, the record produced by the program would not comply with Section 228(a)(1) requirements for a "signature" of the employee or ranking crew member. The ALS proposes that each employee will have his or her own identification number (ID) and personal identification number (PIN). The PIN will remain confidential to the employee. The employee ID and PIN will be used to restrict access to a job