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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236 as detailed below.

Docket Number FRA–2006–24563

*Applicant:* Long Island Rail Road, Mr. Brian J. Finn, Chief Engineer, Hillside Maintenance Complex, 93–59 183 Street, Hollis, New York 11423.

The Long Island Rail Road Company (LIRR) seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standard and Instructions, Title 49 CFR, Part 236, § 236.51, Track circuit requirements, to the extent that the LIRR be permitted to utilize single rail track circuits which do not provide for broken rail protection, in the vicinity of a new LIRR terminal called East Side Access (ESA). The ESA Project is a new rail and tunnel connection being developed, which will

operate from existing Harold Interlocking, located in Long Island City, Queens, New York, extending approximately 3.5 miles into a new eight track terminal at Grand Central Terminal (GCT), in New York City, New York. There is a total of 36 specified track circuits involved.

Applicant's justification for relief:

(1) The track speed for these circuits will be restricted to 15 mph.

(2) The track in this area will be inspected, a minimum of twice per week, for evidence of broken rail.

(3) The cost to provide broken rail protection in the area is estimated to cost \$30 million, due to the necessary installation of reactors in the negative return circuits. These reactors are necessary for LIRR's double rail track circuits in DC propulsion territory, to prevent leakage current from adjoining track circuits from keeping track relays energized, in the event of a broken rail.

(4) The installation of broken rail reactors would have an effect on the tunnel construction and the environmental impact study (EIS), due to increased ventilation plant requirements for the reactors.

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Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by the FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Docket No. FRA–2006–24326

*Applicants:* Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. W.E. Wimmer, Vice President—Engineering, 1400 Douglas Street, Mail Stop 0910, Omaha, Nebraska 68179.

Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Robert R. Otis, Manager Signal and Communication, Metro 94 Business Center, 425 Etna Street—Suite 38, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and the Canadian Pacific Railway jointly seek approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the rail locks on Bridge 15, located at milepost 2.4, on the UP Mankato Subdivision, near St. Paul, Minnesota.

The reason given for the proposed changes is that the remaining appliances on Bridge 15 provide the required protection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[NHTSA-2006-23700]

#### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on March 2, 2006 (71 FR 10753).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 12, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Rusnak, Office of Chief Counsel, NCC-110, telephone (202) 366-1834, fax (202) 366-3820; NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Motorcyclist Safety Grant Program.

*OMB Control Number:* N/A.

*Requested Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from the approval date.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Affected Public:* State Governments.

*Form Number:* HS-217.

*Abstract:* Section 2010 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Public Law 109-59, authorizes a grant program for States that adopt and implement effective motorcycle safety programs. Eligibility for the section 2010 grants is based on 6 grant criteria: (1) Motorcycle Rider Training Courses; (2) Motorcyclists Awareness Program; (3) Reduction of Fatalities and Crashes Involving Motorcycles; (4) Impaired Driving Program; (5) Reduction of Fatalities and Accidents Involving Impaired Motorcyclists; and (6) Fees Collected from Motorcyclists. To qualify for a section 2010 grant for the first fiscal year the State seeks to qualify, it must demonstrate compliance with at least 1 of the 6 grant criteria. To qualify for a section 2010 grant for the second and subsequent fiscal years it seeks to qualify, a State must demonstrate compliance with at least 2 of the 6 grant criteria.

The information collected for this grant program is to include application submissions and various reporting requirements. A State that seeks to qualify in the first fiscal year must submit an application containing information demonstrating that it satisfies 1 of the 6 grant criteria. For the second and subsequent fiscal years that it seeks to qualify, a State must submit an application containing information

demonstrating that it satisfies 2 of the 6 grant criteria.

A State's application would identify under which of the 6 grant criteria it intends to qualify for a section 2010 grant. With respect to each of the criteria selected, the proposed rule would require certain submissions from the State.

A State that receives grant funds also must indicate to NHTSA how it intends to expend grant funds for each fiscal year and how grant funds were expended each fiscal year. It is important for NHTSA to be notified about these activities so that it can effectively administer the grant program and account for the expenditure of funds. To reduce burdens, A State will document these activities largely by making use of mechanisms that have received PRA clearance for other similar highway safety programs. A State will first notify NHTSA of its obligation of funds in accordance with the applicable provisions of SAFETEA-LU by submitting a Program Cost Summary (HS-217), a form with existing PRA clearance, within 30 days of the award notification. A State will also report to NHTSA, as part of its annual Highway Safety Plan under 23 U.S.C. 402, on how it intends to expend grant funds for each fiscal year. This reporting requirement, however, will not be a significant extra burden for the States because they are already required by statute to submit an annual Highway Safety Plan. Finally, a State that receives grants funds must submit each fiscal year, as part of the Annual Report for its highway safety program pursuant to 23 CFR 1200.33, a report indicating how grant funds were expended and identifying the programs carried out with the grant funds. Again, this reporting requirement will not be a significant extra burden for the States because they are already required by regulation to submit an Annual Report for their highway safety program.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,560 hours.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 52 (fifty States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico).

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

*The 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