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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information on the forthcoming changes and the related data specifications can be found on the FHWA Office of Highway Policy Information website at the following link: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/data_collection_federal_register_notice.cfm.

Electronic Access

A copy of this notice, all comments received on this notice, and all background material may be viewed online at: www.regulations.gov using the docket number listed above. Electronic retrieval assistance and guidelines are also available at: www.regulations.gov. An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from the Office of the Federal Register's website at: www.FederalRegister.gov and the U.S. Government Publishing Office's website at: www.GovInfo.gov.

Background

The FHWA's Office of Highway Policy Information serves as the national source for highway data, providing DOT, Congress, and the transportation community with informational products in a timely manner to inform the development and implementation of decisions, policies, legislation, programs, and performance goals. Per 23 CFR 1.5 and 23 CFR 420.105(b), State departments of transportation (State DOT) must provide data that supports FHWA's responsibilities to Congress and to the public. The 500-Series Program is a series of reporting forms, designed by FHWA in consultation with the States, for State DOTs to collect data on State and local highway system funding, motor fuel distribution, licensed drivers, and registered motor vehicles. The series of reporting forms is a mechanism that State DOTs use to submit the data to FHWA and fulfill statutory obligations. The Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics serves as a reference for State DOTs to report the data required for the 500-Series Program.

The FHWA's Motor Fuel and Highway Funding Team, which manages the 500-Series Program, currently collects aggregate motor vehicle registration and licensed driver data annually from the States through FHWA-Form 561 and FHWA-Form 562.¹ The purpose is to capture a

summary of active registrations, licenses, and related information on taxation and fees. This information allows policy and decisionmakers to understand transportation fleet composition and driver population trends over time, and the related revenue yields associated with licensed driver and registered vehicle-related transactions. The FHWA utilizes this data to support Federal-aid system investment analysis and decisionmaking, and to perform roadway safety/crash and vehicle fuel economy studies. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) use vehicle registration data as input to determine safety grant program funding and data system user fees, respectively, to allocate to and levy against States and jurisdictions.

Discussion of Changes

Through the development and implementation of enhanced data reporting specifications, FHWA will transition to the collection of non-Personally Identifiable Information (PII), record-based, raw/unprocessed registered vehicle and licensed driver data annually from State agencies (e.g., State DOTs, Departments of Motor Vehicles (DMV)). This data collection method will help address longstanding data concerns evident in the current reported data; help obtain data at a high level of granularity needed to support various regulatory activities and research initiatives, both existing and forthcoming; facilitate States' collection of data for reporting purposes; ensure the completeness and consistency of reported data; and contribute to determinations regarding allocations of AAMVA-related program fees.

Request for Comments

Although comments may address any component of the enhanced data reporting specifications, FHWA is specifically requesting comments on the data elements to be reported by the States per the enhanced data reporting guidance. This information is published on the web page referenced under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section in this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2006-25837]

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated May 20, 2024, the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 219 (Control of Alcohol and Drug Use). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2006-25837.

Specifically, CATS requests relief for its fixed guideway public transit Blue Line (LYNX BLE) operation that shares limited connections in a corridor with Norfolk Southern Railway's (NS) freight operations. CATS and NS share 3 highway-rail grade crossings (East Hebron Street, Sweden Road, and East 16th Street), but they "do not share any trackage or train control systems."

In support of its request, CATS states that it "has already adopted and enforces a comprehensive set of drug and alcohol policies compliant with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) . . . requirements for covered employees that apply to the entirety of the CATS light rail service."¹ Further, CATS states that the relief will "preserve consistency throughout the CATS System with regard to its already-existing drug and alcohol policies." Without the requested relief, CATS would be required to comply with Part 219 only at the 3 named highway-rail grade crossings. CATS asserts that "preserving the system-wide applicability of the rules rather than having a set of different regulations applicable at these three (3) locations, would avoid confusion, promote consistency and, thus, enhance safety."

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire

¹ See Petition at 8, "CATS employees are fully subject to, and CATS complies with FTA's Part 655 Requirements."

¹ <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/eforms/mv-dl.htm>.

an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by October 21, 2024 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.transportation.gov/privacy. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

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John Karl Alexy,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2002-12409]

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated July 17, 2024, Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to extend the existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 238 (Passenger Equipment Safety Standards). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2002-12409.

Specifically, PATH requests continued relief from § 238.305(c)(10) and (d), *Interior calendar day*

mechanical inspection of passenger cars, and § 238.317(a)(1), *Class II brake test*, for its fleet of passenger vehicles. PATH seeks an extension of its waiver from the requirement that a car must be removed from service on the day following its calendar day interior mechanical inspection and seeks permission for a car to remain in service up to eight calendar days following notification, so the car can be brought to the PATH running repair or main repair facility. In support of this request, PATH states that “due to the confined geography of the system and limited track storage areas, cutting cars from consists . . . cannot be done during the workday without having significant adverse effect upon passenger service.”

Further, PATH requests continued relief from the requirement to perform a Class II brake test during specific periods of time at terminal locations. PATH explains that terminal dwell times are less than five minutes and “the [c]onductor does not have adequate time to remain at the rear of the train while the [e]ngineer changes operating position to perform the [b]rake [t]est, and then walk forward to the conductor operating position between the first and second car.” In support of its request, PATH states that “the typical train will undergo a Class II test approximately ten times every day.”

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by October 21, 2024 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the

document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Petition for Exemption From the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

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

ACTION: Grant of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: This document grants in full the American Honda Motor Co., Inc.'s (Honda) petition for exemption from the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard (theft prevention standard) for its Acura (confidential) vehicle line beginning in model year (MY) 2025. The petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the theft prevention standard. Honda also requested confidential treatment for specific information in its petition. Therefore, no confidential information provided for purposes of this notice has been disclosed.

DATES: The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with the 2025 model year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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