

February 16, 2024, at 89 FR 12411, is extended. Comments should be received on or before April 2, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA–2023–0143 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2023-0143/document>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

- *Submissions Containing Confidential Business Information (CBI):* Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Confidential Business Information” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this request for information (RFI) (FMCSA–2023–0143), indicate the specific section of this document to which your comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document

so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2023-0143/document>, click on this RFI, click “Comment,” and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Confidential Business Information (CBI)

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the RFI contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as “PROPIN” to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the RFI. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Analysis Division, Office of Policy, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket.

B. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this RFI as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2023-0143/document> and choose the document to review. To view comments, click this RFI, and click “Browse Comments.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

C. Privacy Act

DOT posts comments received, 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. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

I. Background

On February 16, 2024, FMCSA published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting information from the public, including commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers, to assist the Agency’s Truck Leasing Task Force (TLTF) in reviewing such leases to identify terms and conditions that may be unfair to drivers.

The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) filed a comment to the public docket requesting that the comment period be extended. OOIDA stated:

This will give drivers and other members of the public sufficient time to collect and submit leasing information. We also believe extending the comment period will allow feedback from OOIDA members and other drivers who will be attending the Mid-America Trucking Show that will be held March 21st through 23rd in Louisville, Kentucky.

FMCSA believes it appropriate to extend the March 18, 2024, deadline to provide interested parties additional time to submit responses to the docket. Therefore, FMCSA extends the comment period until April 2, 2024.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2020–0038]

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 on December 20, 2023, and February 29, 2024, the City of San Clemente, California, (the City) and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) 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 222 (Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2020-0038.

Specifically, the City and Metrolink (Petitioners) jointly seek relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 222.59(a)(1), to continue use of a Pedestrian Audible Warning System (PAWS), which is similar to a wayside horn, when approaching seven highway-rail grade crossings, instead of a locomotive horn. Petitioners also request to extend relief from certain provisions of 49 CFR part 222, appendix E (Paragraphs 4 and 6), to allow a minimum sound level of 80 dB(A) and direction of the PAWS. The seven crossings that are the subject of this request are:

- Dije Court—USDOT Number 922847D—MP 203.95—pedestrian—3 PAWS
- El Portal—USDOT Number 922848K—MP 204.04—pedestrian—2 PAWS
- Corto Lane—USDOT Number 026977D—MP 204.56—pedestrian—3 PAWS
- Pier Service Road—USDOT Number 026997P—MP 204.73—private—4 PAWS
- T Street—USDOT Number 922849S—MP 205.16—pedestrian—3 PAWS
- Lost Winds—USDOT Number 922850L—MP 205.56—pedestrian—2 PAWS
- Calafia—USDOT Number 026637S—MP 206.00—pedestrian—2 PAWS

In support of its request, Petitioners submitted maintenance, communication, and malfunction/response plans for the PAWS.

In its February 26, 2024, addendum, Petitioners note their plans to augment the existing fencing system along “the beach trail from Mile Post 203.71 . . . to Mile Post 206.00.” They explain that the plan “is in response to the current deficiency in fencing elevation along certain portions of the trail and is intended to improve the public safety of the area.”

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 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 May 13, 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 our 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 regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2007-28454]

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 on January 23, 2024, and February 13, 2024, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) 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 232 (Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2007-28454.

Specifically, UPRR requests to extend its existing waiver in this docket, which provides conditional relief from the requirements for performing the single car air brake test (SCABT) as prescribed in 49 CFR 232.305(b)(2), *Single car air*

brake tests. The relief allows UPRR to replace non-FRA condemnable wheelsets on railcars as part of an in-train wheelset replacement program at North Platte, Nebraska; South Morrill, Nebraska; and Roseville, California, without the need to also perform the SCABT as required, if the car has not received a SCABT within the previous 12 months.

In support of its request, UPRR states that the in-train repair “wheel change outs have allowed for a reduced stress state[,] resulting in fewer derailments attributed to broken rails, joint bars, and other track infrastructure deterioration.” UPRR also asserts that there has been a “41% reduction in wheel, axle, and bearing related incidents” on UPRR.

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 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.

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