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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Franklin and Warren Counties, MO

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed improvements to Route 47 between Route 94 in Warren County and Fifth Street in the city of Washington in Franklin County, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Peggy Casey, Environmental Projects Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 3220 West Edgewood, Suite H, Jefferson City, MO 65109, Telephone: (573) 636-7104; or Mr. Kevin Keith, Chief Engineer, Missouri Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102, Telephone: (573) 751-2803.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), will prepare an EIS for the replacement of the existing bridge over the Missouri River and relocation or reconstruction of Route 47 between Route 94 in Warren County and Fifth Street in the city of Washington in Franklin County, Missouri. A location study will run concurrently with the preparation of the EIS and will provide definitive alternatives for evaluation in the EIS. The EIS will fully analyze the issues, problems, and potential social and environmental impacts associated with improving or realigning Route 47 and constructing a new bridge. The goals of the proposed action are to improve safety, reduce congestion, and improve the reliability of Route 47 during Missouri River flood events.

The proposed project is located between Route 94 on the north in Warren County and Fifth Street on the south in the city of Washington in Franklin County. The project is approximately 4 miles in length.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) no build; (2) bridge replacement on existing location with

improvements to the existing alignment; and (3) new alignments.

To date, preliminary information has been issued to local officials. As part of the scoping process, an interagency coordination meeting will be held with federal and state resource agencies. In addition, informational meetings with the public and community representatives will be held to solicit input on the project and reasonable range of alternatives. A location public hearing will be held to present the findings of the draft EIS (DEIS). Public notice will be given announcing the time and place of all public meetings and the hearing. The DEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or MoDOT at the addresses provided above. Concerns in the study area include potential impacts to natural resources, cultural resources, and neighborhoods at the southern end of the study area. Improvements to the existing alignment could impact cultural resources and adjacent residences. Realignment of Route 47 with a new bridge location would have increased cost and natural (floodplain, wetland) and human impacts.

(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.)

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Peggy J. Casey,

Environmental Projects Engineer, Jefferson City.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2008-0038]

Agency Information Collection Activities; New Information Collection: Survey of Over-the-Road Bus Companies About Accessible Transportation for Individuals With Disabilities

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA invites comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a new Information Collection Request (ICR). The new ICR is associated with a review of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) implementing regulations for over-the-road bus companies, contained in 49 CFR part 37 subpart H. The regulatory review is required by section 37.215. The collected information would assist DOT with the decision to modify or retain the requirements contained in the ADA regulations. This notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 23, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Department of Transportation (DOT) Docket Management System (DMS) Docket Number FMCSA Docket Number FMCSA-2008-0038 using any of the following methods:

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

- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery:** West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this Notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below:

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgement that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or post card or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78; Apr. 11, 2000). This information is also available at <http://Docketinfo.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Chandler, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Office of Enforcement and Compliance, Commercial Passenger Carrier Safety Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-5763, or e-mail peter.chandler@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On September 28, 1998, DOT issued final regulations, in response to the ADA, which required operators of over-the-road buses to provide service accessible (OTRBs) to persons with disabilities and to ensure that all new OTRBs were accessible to such persons, including those who use wheelchairs. DOT is required by 49 CFR 37.215 to review the various requirements within the ADA regulations for OTRB companies. As part of this review, DOT is required to consider certain factors, including the percentage of accessible OTRBs in the fleets of OTRB companies, the success of such companies at meeting the requests of passengers with disabilities for accessible OTRBs in a timely manner, ridership of OTRBs by passengers with disabilities, volume of complaints by passengers with disabilities, and the cost and service impacts of these requirements. After the review, DOT is required to decide whether it is appropriate to revise the ADA regulations for OTRB companies (i.e. whether certain provisions of the ADA regulations should be removed,

modified, or made more stringent). DOT has a currently approved information collection under control number 2100-0019 to provide the Agency with data for use in its review of the ADA-related requirements and to monitor compliance by OTRB companies. Such data are reported to FMCSA. For the section 37.215 review, FMCSA is providing data and analytical support to the DOT's Office of the Secretary. Additional data collection from OTRB companies is necessary in order for DOT to conduct an effective review and make an informed regulatory policy decision. Specifically, data about bus fleet accessibility, fulfillment of accessible bus requests, and ridership and volume of complaints by passengers with disabilities, are needed from OTRB companies. FMCSA would send letters to approximately 3,800 registered OTRB companies that will be requested to complete and submit an enclosed form.

Title: Survey of Over-the-Road Bus Companies about Accessible Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities.

Type of Information Collection

Request: New information collection.

Respondents: Private entities that operate OTRBs, are primarily in the business of transporting people, and whose operations affect commerce.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,800.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated average burden per response is 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 950 hours [3,800 responses × 15 minutes/60 minutes per response = 950 hours].

Frequency of Response: This proposed information collection is planned to be conducted only once in a year. FMCSA may request the information be reported a second time 12 months after the initial request for a second 12-month period of data. A decision to request the information for a second time will be based upon the number of responses and the content of such responses to the initial request.

Public Comments Invited: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including but not limited to: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of DOT's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the

request for OMB's clearance for this information collection.

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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 waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the parties seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

BNSF Railway Company

(Docket Number FRA-2008-0034)

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has submitted a waiver petition to extend the deadline established by 49 CFR 236.18(b) for the complete implementation of their Software Management Control Plan (SMCP), pursuant to 49 CFR 211.7.

BNSF's development and implementation of software tools to handle the gathering of office and field information has taken significantly longer than anticipated. Once those systems were built, the metadata (data used to define hardware and software configurations) to describe the types of units, modules, software, and other parameters has also taken much longer than anticipated. While BNSF is continuing to develop software, gather metadata on processor-based software and modules, gather field software information, and resolve differences in office and field data, much of the needed information has required suppliers to perform extensive searches through their archives, reformat the data, and populate the metadata.

Since many processor-based units actually need to be powered down to verify the software, BNSF is gathering additional hardware information at the same time to minimize the impact of operations. Gathering hardware modification level information on cabinets and modules goes beyond the requirements of 49 CFR 236.18 (unless software related); but BNSF asserts that this safety improvement is required.