

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2003-16306]****Union Pacific Railroad Company; Notice of Postponement of Public Hearing**

On December 11, 2003, FRA published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) intent to be granted a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR Part 229. See 68 FR 69123. Specifically, UP requests relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 229.27(a)(2) Annual Tests and 49 CFR 229.29(a) Biennial Tests, applicable to all existing and future installations of electronic air brake equipment furnished by Wabtec Corporation of Wilmerding, Pennsylvania on UP locomotives.

As a result of the comments received by FRA concerning this waiver petition, FRA determined that a public hearing was necessary before a final decision could be made on this petition. Accordingly, on June 14, 2004, FRA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing that a public hearing was set to begin at 10 a.m. on July 13, 2004, at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington DC 20005. See 69 FR 33097. Subsequent to the issuance of that notice, FRA was informed by UP that it would like to postpone the scheduled public hearing in order to engage in additional outreach with the involved labor organizations. The commenter in this matter has informally agreed to postponement of the scheduled public hearing. Consequently, FRA is postponing the public hearing in this matter until further notice. A new public hearing will be rescheduled if any interested party notifies FRA, in writing, within 45 days of the date of this notice of its desire to have an opportunity for oral comment and specifies the basis for their request. Furthermore, no decision will be rendered in this matter without conducting a public hearing unless the party or parties originally requesting the public hearing formally withdraws that request. FRA will issue a notice in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the date of any new public hearing scheduled in this matter. All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (FRA-2003-16306) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management

Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. 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>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78). The Statement may also be found at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****[FTA Docket No. FTA-2004-18530]****Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Collection**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the following currently approved information collection: United We Ride State Coordination Grants.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before September 7, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, Pub. L. 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of

comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Elizabeth Solomon, United We Ride Initiative, (202) 366-0242.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, 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 approval of this information collection.

*Title:* United We Ride State Coordination Grants.

*Background:* The U.S. Departments of Transportation (DOT), Health and Human Services (HHS), Labor (DOL) and Education (DoED), have launched United We Ride (UWR), a five part initiative to enhance the coordination on human service transportation. UWR intends to break down the barriers between programs and set the stage for local and state partnerships that generate common sense solutions and deliver A-plus performance for those individuals who depend on transportation services to participate fully in community life. The UWR five initiatives include: (1) The Framework for Action, (2) A National Leadership Forum on Human Service Transportation Coordination, (3) State Leadership Awards, (4) State Coordination Grants, and (5) Help Along the Way.

The Congress and the Executive Branch are interested in ensuring that various human service transportation activities funded by various federal programs are better coordinated. The General Accounting Office (GAO) issued a report on "Transportation Disadvantaged Populations" (June 2003) that identified 62 different federal programs across eight federal agencies that provide funding that may be used to support community transportation services. The report points out that there are multiple public and private agencies that provide human service transportation in any one community, and services vary greatly in terms of eligibility requirements, hours or scope of operation, specific destinations and quality. Given the multiplicity of programs and the significant dollar amounts spent, more effective