

collect, detain, treat, and discharge stormwater runoff from new impervious surface that results from the roadway widening.

#### Probable Effects

The FHWA and WSDOT will evaluate all transportation, environmental, social, and economic effects of the alternatives. Potential areas of impact include: Natural and cultural resources; land use; social and economic elements; and, traffic and noise. All effects will be evaluated for both the construction period and the long-term period of operation. Indirect and cumulative impacts will also be evaluated. Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any significant effects will be developed.

#### Scoping

*Agency Coordination:* The project sponsors are working with the local, state and federal resource agencies to implement regular opportunities for coordination during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. This process will comply with SAFETEA-LU section 6002.

*Tribal Coordination:* The formal Tribal government consultation will occur through government-to-government collaboration.

The date and address of the public scoping meeting is given in the **DATES** section above. The WSDOT assures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, national origin and sex in the provision of benefits and services. For language interpretation services please contact Chris Tams at (360) 759-1310 or 1 (866) 279-0730. For information on the WSDOT Title VI Program, please contact the Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7098.

To ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposal will be accepted at the public meeting or may be sent to the Washington State Department of Transportation Southwest Region at the address provided above.

(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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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Informational Filing

In accordance with Section 236.913 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received an informational filing from the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra) to permit field testing of the railroad's processor-based train control system. The informational filing is described below, including the requisite docket number where the informational filing and any related information may be found. The document is also available for public inspection; however, FRA is not accepting public comments.

#### Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation

[Docket Number FRA-2008-0057]

Metra has submitted an informational filing to permit field testing of the railroad's processor-based train control system identified as Electronic Train Management System (ETMS). The informational filing addresses the requirements under 49 CFR 236.913(j)(1).

Specifically, the informational filing contains a description of the ETMS product and an operational concepts document, pursuant to 49 CFR 236.913(j)(1). The ETMS is a locomotive-centric, non-vital system designed to be overlaid on existing methods of operation and to provide an improved level of railroad safety through enforcement of a train's authority limits and both permanent and temporary speed restrictions. An associated temporary waiver petition has also been submitted to support field testing of Metra's ETMS pursuant to 49 CFR Sections 211.7 and 211.51, and can be found in the same docket as this informational filing (FRA-2008-0057).

Metra desires to commence field testing on or about July 1, 2008, or as soon as practicable thereafter, contingent upon FRA's acceptance and approval of their informational filing. Metra intends to test and develop ETMS on its Rock Island District between Chicago, IL and Joliet, IL.

Interested parties are invited to review the informational filing and associated documents at DOT's Docket Management facility during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket are available for inspection and copying on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications received into any of our dockets by name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the document, 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** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

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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) has received a request for temporary waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, and the nature of the relief being requested.

#### Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation

[Docket Number FRA-2008-0057]

The Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra) has submitted a temporary waiver petition to support field testing of its processor-based train control system, identified as Electronic Train Management System (ETMS), pursuant to 49 CFR Sections 211.7 and 211.51.

An informational filing, as required under 49 CFR Part 236, Subpart H, has also been prepared and submitted in conjunction with this waiver petition, and can be found in the same docket as this waiver petition (FRA-2008-0057).

ETMS is a locomotive-centric, non-vital system, designed to be overlaid on