

incentivize students to retest, instead of giving up because they could not complete the testing protocol in a precise order. We believe this could be a valuable step in reducing the driver shortage and welcoming new qualified drivers into the commercial driving industry.”

V. FMCSA Safety Analysis and Decision

FMCSA reviewed the FLHSMV application and the public comments and denies the exemption request. The Agency believes that conducting the elements of the CDL skills test in the required order (*i.e.*, pre-trip inspection, vehicle control skills test, on-road skills test) is the best practice for the safety of the CDL applicant, the examiner, and any motorists who must share the public roadway with the CDL applicant during the on-road portion of the CDL skills test. The current regulations provide flexibility for retesting, depending on when the failure in the three-part CDL skills test happens. If the CDL applicant fails step 1, the pre-trip inspection, the test ends, and the candidate must come back to take the entire test. If the candidate passes step 1, the pre-trip inspection, but fails step 2, the basic vehicle control portion, the test ends, and the candidate must come back to repeat step 2, the basic vehicle control, and take step 3, the on-the-road portion. Finally, if the candidate passes steps 1 and 2, but fails step 3, the on-the-road portion, the candidate must return to repeat step 3.

The sequence of the skills test ensures that an applicant has demonstrated sufficient knowledge and skills to safely attempt the next step in the testing process. The current regulations also provide flexibility, in that generally, applicants are not required to retake portions of the test which have been successfully completed. Moreover, with the implementation of the Federal Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements, the Agency believes SDLAs should see a reduction in the percentage of applicants who fail portions of the CDL skills test.

For the above reasons, FLHSMV's exemption application is denied.

Sue Lawless,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program; Northeast Corridor Project Inventory

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Northeast Corridor Project Inventory.

SUMMARY: FRA is publishing the 2024 Northeast Corridor (NEC) Project Inventory (2024 NEC Project Inventory), which is a requirement of the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program for projects on the Northeast Corridor (FSP-NEC). FRA was required to publish the NEC Project Inventory not later than one year after the enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and every two years thereafter.

DATES: Applicable April 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The NEC Project Inventory can be found at: <https://railroads.dot.gov/elibrary/nec-inventory>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FSP was reauthorized and revised in the BIL, title II, U.S.C. 22106 and 22307, Public Law 117-58 (2021); codified at 49 U.S.C. 24911. Under the FSP, the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) is directed to develop and implement a program for issuing grants, on a competitive basis, to fund projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service, including privately operated intercity passenger rail service if an eligible applicant is involved. The FSP also requires the Secretary to, among other things, develop and publish an NEC Project Inventory to: (1) create a predictable project pipeline that will assist Amtrak, States, and the public with long-term capital planning, and (2) use the NEC Project Inventory when selecting projects located on the NEC for FSP funds. 49 U.S.C. 24911.

In compliance with the above, FRA is publishing the 2024 NEC Project Inventory, which will be available on

April 18, 2024, at: <https://railroads.dot.gov/elibrary/nec-inventory>. The 2024 NEC Project Inventory supersedes the prior November 2022 publication. Subsequently, FRA will publish an FSP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) soliciting applications for NEC Projects listed on the 2024 NEC Project Inventory. FRA will then evaluate applications and select projects consistent with the NOFO.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Paul Nissenbaum,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Formerly Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

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

ACTION: Receipt of petition.

SUMMARY: Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear), who acquired Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper Tire), has determined that certain Cooper Discoverer SRX replacement passenger car tires do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139, *New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles*. Cooper Tire filed a noncompliance report dated August 19, 2021, and amended it on August 24, 2021. Additionally, Goodyear petitioned NHTSA on August 20, 2021, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. This notice announces receipt of Goodyear's petition.

DATES: Send comments on or before May 20, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket and notice number cited in the title of this notice and submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Send comments by mail addressed to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-