

statement (EIS) would be prepared for the above project. This Tier 1 EIS was approved on June 7, 1996, and a Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by FHWA on August 5, 1996. Subsequent to initiation of the Tier 1 EIS, Clark County committed to obtaining all rights-of-way and constructing an interim facility with local funds. The 20-year design facility was originally expected to be at least partially Federally funded. Recently, Clark County concluded that no Federal-aid Highway funds will be required. Since the use of Federal-aid Highway funds for the project are no longer anticipated, there is no major Federal action warranting FHWA's involvement in the environmental process.

Therefore, at the request of Clark County, Nevada, the previously noticed environmental process is hereby terminated and withdrawn. FHWA will not prepare a Tier 2 environmental document.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Number 20.205, Highway Research, 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

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 party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

VIA Rail Canada, Incorporated (Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM-97-4)

VIA Rail Canada, Incorporated (VIA) seeks a temporary waiver of compliance with the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR Part 223.9(c), which requires FRA certified glazing in all windows of passenger cars, for fifteen passenger coaches rebuilt in 1997. VIA states that the contractor who rebuilt the cars

failed to equip the cars with FRA certified glazing. VIA plans to use the coaches to operate a special train on September 21, 1997, between Toronto, Ontario, and Buffalo, New York, for Canadian Buffalo Bills fans. A second trip is planned for November 1997. VIA is working with the contractor to replace the windows with FRA certified glazing and requests the waiver to ensure the equipment is available. VIA states that the fifteen coaches have standard VIA safety glazing in all locations and are equipped with four emergency egress windows per coach, not FRA certified.

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 party desires an opportunity for oral comment, 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 (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number RSGM-97-4) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Mail Stop 10, Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. Any protest to the special train movement of September 21, 1997, must be filed prior to September 15, 1997. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at FRA's temporary docket room located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 7051, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. 97-2866]

Notice of Request for the Extension of Currently Approved Information 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: Environmental Assessments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before November 3, 1997.

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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 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: *Environmental Assessments*—Mr. Joseph Ossi, Office of Planning, (202) 366-1613.

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: Environmental Assessments (OMB Number: 2132-0011).

Background: The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1960, as amended, and its implementing regulations, require that all Federal agencies consider and document the social, economic, and environmental impacts of proposed Federal actions. For FTA, approvals of grants to State

and local public agencies and authorities for the construction of transit facilities and for other transit activities are Federal actions subject to this NEPA requirement. A method used by FTA for the consideration and documentation of impacts is the Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment evaluates alternatives to the proposed project and describes the probable adverse effects of the proposed project and the alternatives considered, including land use impacts, traffic impacts, noise, residential and business displacements, impacts on parks, wetlands, and historic sites, and other possible impacts. The Environmental Assessment is conducted by the grant applicant, in cooperation with FTA. It allows FTA and the grant applicant, prior to a decision to proceed with the grant, in the case of FTA, or with the project itself, in the case of the transit authority seeking FTA grants funds, to assess the environmental consequences of proposed transit projects and alternative, less costly or less harmful methods for achieving project objectives. The Environmental Assessment also provides opportunities for public involvement and coordination with other interested government agencies. When it is completed, it includes a detailed description of the project alternative for which the grant funds will be provided, a description that includes any measures that have been incorporated into the project to reduce environmental harm and adverse impacts on the surrounding community.

Respondents: State and local government agencies and authorities seeking FTA grants.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: An average of 120 hours for each Environmental Assessment. There are an average of 60 such assessments per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 7,200 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

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Gordon J. Linton,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. 97-2865]

Notice of Request for the Extension of Currently Approved Information 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: Americans with Disabilities Act.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before November 3, 1997.

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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 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: *Americans with Disabilities Act*—Mr. Arthur Andrew Lopez, Director, Office of Civil Rights, (202) 366-4018.

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: Americans with Disabilities Act (OMB Number: 2132-0555).

Background: On July 26, 1990, the President signed into law civil rights legislation entitled, "The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990" (ADA) (Pub. L. 101-336). It contains sweeping changes for individuals with disabilities

in every major area of American life. One key area of the legislation addresses transportation services provided by public and private entities. Some of the requirements under the ADA are: (1) No transportation entity shall discriminate against an individual with a disability in connection with the provision of transportation service; (2) All new vehicles purchased by public and private entities after August 25, 1990, must be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs; (3) Public entities that provide fixed route transit must provide complementary paratransit service for persons with disabilities, who are unable to use the fixed route system, that is comparable to the level of service provided to individuals without disabilities; and (4) Transit authorities who are able to substantiate that compliance with all service criteria of the paratransit provisions would cause undue financial burden, may request a temporary time extension in implementing ADA complementary paratransit service.

On September 6, 1991, DOT issued a final rule implementing the transportation provisions of ADA (Title 49 CFR Parts 27, 37 and 38), which includes the requirements for complementary paratransit service by public entities operating a fixed route system and the provision of nondiscriminatory accessible transportation service. The regulation sets forth the changes needed to fulfill the Congressional mandate to substantially improve access to mass transit service for persons with disabilities. Effective January 26, 1997, paratransit plans are no longer required. However, if FTA reasonably believes that an entity may not be complying with all service criteria, FTA may require an annual update to the entity's plan. In addition, all other ADA compliance requirements must still be satisfied. The information collected provides FTA with a basis for monitoring compliance. The public entities, including recipients of FTA funds, are required to provide information during triennial reviews, complaint investigations, resolutions of complaints, and compliance reviews.

Respondents: State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, non-profit institutions, and small business organizations.

Estimated Annual Burden on

Respondents: 100 hours for each of the 750 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 75,000 hours.

Frequency: Annual.