

until approximately 11:30 a.m. and is open to the public.

The agenda for the committee meeting will include a summary of the work of the Fine Arts Office since its last meeting on April 30, 2009 and the announcement of gifts and loans of furnishings as well as financial contributions from January 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

Public access to the Department of State is strictly controlled and space is limited. Members of the public wishing to take part in the meeting should telephone the Fine Arts Office at (202) 647-1990 or send an e-mail to [BurdenVK@State.gov](mailto:BurdenVK@State.gov) by October 30 to make arrangements to enter the building. The public may take part in the discussion as long as time permits and at the discretion of the chairman.

Dated: October 1, 2009.

**Marcee Craighill,**

*Secretary, Fine Arts Committee, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Notice of Intent To Request Reinstatement From the Office of Management and Budget of an Expired Information Collection Activity, Request for Comments; Flight Attendant Duty/Rest/Fatigue Field Study**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate an expired information collection. In response to a Congressional directive to conduct a flight attendant fatigue study, FAA's Civil Aerospace Medical Institute, has initiated a comprehensive analysis of fatigue in flight attendants across a range of operational conditions.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by December 28, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carla Mauney on (202) 267-9895, or by e-mail at: [Carla.Mauney@faa.gov](mailto:Carla.Mauney@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

*Title:* Flight Attendant Duty/Rest/Fatigue Field Study.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement without change of an expired collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0736.

*Forms(s):* There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

*Affected Public:* A total of 210 Respondents.

*Frequency:* The information is collected on occasion.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* Approximately 45 minutes per response.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* An estimated 4,725 hours annually.

*Abstract:* In response to a Congressional directive to conduct a flight attendant fatigue study, FAA's Civil Aerospace Medical Institute, has initiated a comprehensive analysis of fatigue in flight attendants across a range of operational conditions. The specific goals of this project are to systematically assess activity patterns, fatigue, and performance on- and off-duty in 210 flight attendants of various levels of seniority from U.S.-based network, low-cost, and regional carriers embarking on domestic and extended international flights.

*Addresses:* Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Carla Mauney, Room 712, Federal Aviation Administration, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES-200, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 16, 2009.

**Carla Mauney,**

*FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES-200.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### **Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236**

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236, as detailed below.

#### **Docket Number FRA-2009-0082**

*Applicant:* Norfolk Southern Corporation, Mr. B.L. Sykes, Chief Engineer C&S Engineering, 1200 Peachtree Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

The Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) seeks approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the control signals and power-operated switches at CP-Rose, Milepost PT-234.4, on the NS Pittsburgh Division, Pittsburgh Line, Relay Tracks #1, #2, and #3 Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Four signals are to be removed and two power-operated switches to be converted to hand-operation.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to eliminate facilities no longer needed for present day operation.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and include a concise statement of the interest of the party in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statement, an application may be set for public hearing.

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 FRA-2009-0082) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Communications received within 45 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. 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://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the 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 DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 19, 2009.

**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35237]

#### Eastern Iowa Industrial Center Rail Project—Construction and Operation Exemption—City of Davenport, IA

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Environmental Assessment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Surface Transportation Board (Board) procedures for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and consistent with the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing NEPA at 40 CFR 1506.3, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is preliminarily recommending that the Board adopt an Environmental Assessment (EA) issued by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the City of Davenport. This EA is titled "Eastern Iowa Industrial Center Railroad Extension in Davenport, Eldridge, and Scott County, Iowa."

The EA concludes that the construction of an approximately 2.8-mile rail line would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. SEA has independently reviewed the EA and agrees with its analysis and conclusions. Therefore, SEA has determined that the EA meets the standards for an adequate environmental analysis under NEPA and can be adopted, should the Board so decide.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By petition filed with the Board on July 21, 2009, the City of Davenport seeks an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 to construct an approximately 2.8-mile rail line in southern Eldridge, northern Davenport, and an unincorporated area of Scott County, Iowa.<sup>1</sup> The proposed project, known as the Eastern Iowa Industrial Center Rail Project, would provide freight rail service to the Eastern Iowa Industrial Center (EIIC), an industrial park located along Interstate 80. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a rail connection between the EIIC and the Eldridge Line of the Iowa Chicago & Eastern Railroad and to promote economic development in the area.

The City of Davenport anticipates that traffic on the proposed route would consist of two trains (one round trip) per week, and each train would have two to three rail cars. As industrial development in the area continues, train traffic would be expected to increase to a maximum of two trains (one round trip) per day for the foreseeable future. Goods to be shipped over the rail line would vary depending on the specific industries that may locate along the route but would likely consist of

agricultural equipment, manufactured parts, and corn.

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the City of Davenport conducted a streamlined environmental review of the proposed project, and on March 17, 2008, released an Environmental Assessment (EA) titled "Eastern Iowa Industrial Center Railroad Extension in Davenport, Eldridge, and Scott County, Iowa." The EA addressed the environmental impacts that may result from the proposed Eastern Iowa Industrial Center Rail Project and concluded that the proposed project will have no significant adverse social, economic or environmental impacts. Following a public comment period and a public hearing, which was held in Davenport, Iowa, on April 28, 2008, FHWA determined that the project will not have any significant impact on the human and natural environment in a "Finding of No Significant Impacts" (FONSI) dated July 8, 2008.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10901, the Board is the Federal agency responsible for granting authority for the construction and operation of new rail line facilities. In accordance with NEPA, the Board must take into account in its decision-making the environmental impacts of its actions. In its regulations implementing NEPA, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) strongly encourages agencies to reduce paperwork and duplication of efforts. One of the methods identified by CEQ to accomplish these goals is adopting the environmental documents prepared by other agencies. Accordingly, pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.3, the Board may adopt the FHWA's EA as its own since the action analyzed by the FHWA is substantially the same as that being proposed by the City of Davenport.

SEA carefully reviewed the EA and conducted an independent assessment of the proposed rail project. Based on this review and assessment, SEA concludes that the EA adequately assesses the environmental impacts of the proposed action and can be adopted. SEA further concludes that the information in the record is adequate and no supplemental or additional environmental review is required. Consequently, SEA preliminarily is recommending that the Board adopt the EA.

Copies of the EA and the subsequent FONSI have been distributed to appropriate Federal, state and local agencies; tribes; and the public and will be made available to additional parties upon request. The EA and FONSI are also available for review on the Board's Web site (<http://www.stb.dot.gov>) by

<sup>1</sup> In an amendment filed on September 8, 2009, the City of Davenport clarified that it also seeks operation authority.