

approval of the FAA and the Working Group Chair.

The Secretary of Transportation determined the formation and use of ARAC is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

ARAC meetings are open to the public. However, RPWG meetings are not open to the public, except to the extent individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. The FAA will make no public announcement of the RPWG meetings.

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**Brenda D. Courtney,**

*Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0020]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated March 8, 2012, the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR Part 234. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0020.

UP seeks a waiver from the portion of 49 CFR Section 234.223, Gate arm. Section 234.223 requires that "each gate arm shall start its downward motion not less than three seconds after flashing lights begin to operate \* \* \*."

UP also requests that the normal position of the gate arm down and the flashing lights dark not be considered as an activation failure, partial activation, or a false activation under 49 CFR 234.5.

This waiver petition is related to the Illinois high-speed passenger rail project on the route between Chicago, IL, and St. Louis, MO; on UP's Joliet and Springfield Subdivisions. This route is owned and maintained by UP. High-speed passenger operation will be conducted by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) or another operator designated by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

At farm private crossings (also known as field access crossings), which are currently not protected by active

warning devices, IDOT has requested UP install active warning devices that operate differently than standard active warning devices. Currently, there are 24 field access crossings proposed for the installation of the nonconventional crossing warning system.

At the field access crossings involved, the normal operation would require the gate arms to be in the lowered position with no flashing lights activated. Upon the train's approach, the flashing lights and bells would then activate. To allow for the landowner to bring vehicles or farm equipment across the crossing, it would be necessary to unlock a pushbutton box and operate the pushbutton. The gate would then return to the upright position and operate as a conventional active warning system for either 8 hours, or if "reset," via pushbutton within the box. If not manually reset to the gate arm down condition, at the end of 8 hours the gate arms would then return to the down position.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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 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 by June 25, 2012 will be considered by FRA before

final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

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 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), or online at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

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**Ron Hynes,**

*Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on November 16, 2011 (76 FR 71122-71123).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 11, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jessica Cicchino, Ph.D., Contracting Officer's Technical Representative, Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NTI-131), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W46-491, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Cicchino's phone number is 202-366-2752 and her email address is [jessica.cicchino@dot.gov](mailto:jessica.cicchino@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Instrumented On-Road Study of Motorcycle Riders.

*Type of Request:* New information collection request.

*Abstract:* Motorcycle crashes and fatalities have become a rapidly escalating traffic safety problem on our Nation's roads. In 2010, 4,502 motorcyclists were killed in the United States, which is more than double the 2,106 motorcyclist fatalities that occurred when fatalities reached a low in 1997. Motorcycles made up 3% of the registered vehicles in the United States in 2010 but motorcyclists accounted for 14% of the total traffic fatalities.

Knowledge of both how riders successfully avoid crashes and of behaviors that correlate with and contribute to crash risk is crucial to developing effective countermeasures to reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities. Data describing actual events are difficult to collect. Riders and law enforcement officers are not always aware of what caused a crash after the fact. It is even more difficult to identify behavioral factors associated with safe riding, and the actions of riders during evasive maneuvers that did not result in a police-reportable crash. Studies using instrumented vehicles to collect data on the real-world driving of passenger car and truck drivers have provided unprecedented information describing actual events occurring for drivers as they negotiate the roadway system. The goal of this study is to collect similar data from motorcycle operators using instrumented motorcycles.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will be conducting on-road instrumented vehicle data collection with a total of 160 motorcycle riders to examine motorcycle riders' behaviors as they typically ride. Volunteers will be recruited to have their motorcycles outfitted for one year with instrumentation such as cameras, GPS, and accelerometers that will capture data on normal riding behavior whenever their motorcycles are ridden.

Before participating in the on-road portion of the study, participating motorcycle riders will be asked to complete intake questionnaires that will ask about their demographics, riding history, self-reported behavior, and perceptions. After completing the on-road study, participants will be asked to complete a short debriefing questionnaire that will focus on their experiences riding with the instrumentation in the past year. This subjective data will be combined with the objective data from the instrumentation on actual riding

behavior to help NHTSA develop a better understanding of if a rider's demographic characteristics, riding history, self-reported behavior, and perceptions are linked to his or her behavior on the road.

*Affected Public:* Participation in the study will be voluntary. Each of the 160 participants in the on-road instrumented motorcycle portion of the study will be asked to complete intake questionnaires, capturing demographic characteristics, riding history, self-reported behavior, and perceptions, during his or her instrumentation session and to complete a debriefing questionnaire as the instrumentation is being removed from his or her motorcycle one year later.

*Estimated Total Burden:* The intake questionnaires are estimated to take 75 minutes to complete, and the debriefing questionnaire is estimated to last 15 minutes. Intake questionnaires will be completed during the time when the respondent's motorcycle is being instrumented, and the debriefing questionnaire will be completed while the instrumentation is being removed from the respondent's motorcycle after the one-year period of on-road data collection. This results in an estimated burden of 200 hours of burden for the intake questionnaires (160 respondents  $\times$  75 minutes), and 40 hours of burden for the debriefing questionnaires (160 respondents  $\times$  15 minutes).

The total estimated information collection burden for this project is 240 hours over one year: 200 hours for the intake questionnaires and 40 hours for the debriefing interviews. The respondents will not incur any record-keeping burden or record-keeping cost from the information collection.

*Comments are invited on the following:* (i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (iii) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) 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.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

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**Jeff Michael,**

*Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board****Information Collection Activities**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (Board) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reinstatement without change of the seven previously approved collections described below.

Comments are requested concerning each collection as to (1) whether the particular collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate.

**DATES:** Written comments are due on June 11, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be identified as "Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board," and should refer to the title of the specific collection(s) commented upon. These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer, by fax at (202) 395-5167; by mail at Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20500; or by email at [OIRA\\_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s) send your request to [accounting\\_and\\_reporting@stb.dot.gov](mailto:accounting_and_reporting@stb.dot.gov) or call Paul Aguiar at (202) 245-0323. [Federal Information Relay Service