

that provision would otherwise prevent the U.S. Executive Directors of the EBRD from voting in favor of these projects.

This Determination shall be reported to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 10, 2006.

Daniel Fried,

Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss transport airplane and engine (TAE) issues.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2006, starting at 11 am eastern daylight time. Arrange for oral presentations by July 28, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Room 810, Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Linsenmeyer, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-207, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-5174, FAX (202) 267-5075, or e-mail at john.linsenmeyer@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. III), notice is given of an ad hoc ARAC meeting to be held August 3, 2006 at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., Room 810, Washington, DC. The meeting/teleconference is being held to consider the report on new advisory material from the Avionics Systems Harmonization Working Group (ASHWG). The report from the ASHWG is a critical part of FAA's effort to develop new guidance for integration of new electronic flight deck display systems for transport category airplanes.

The agenda will include:

- Opening Remarks.
- ASHWG Report.

- FAA update on future activities regarding Advisory Circular 25-11.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to the availability of meeting room space. Please confirm your attendance with the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than July 28, 2006. Please provide the following information: Full legal name, country of citizenship, and name of your industry association, or applicable affiliation. If you are attending as a public citizen, please indicate so.

For persons participating domestically by telephone, the call-in number is (202) 366-3920; the Passcode is "8348" To insure that sufficient telephone lines are available, please notify the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of your intent to participate by telephone by July 28, 2006. Anyone calling from outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long-distance charges.

The public must make arrangements by July 28, 2006, to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Transport Airplane and Engine Issues or by providing copies at the meeting. Copies of the document to be presented to ARAC for decision by the FAA may be made available by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

If you need assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for the meeting or meeting documents, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

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Tony F. Fazio,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-25074]

Notice of Request for Comments on Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection: OMB Control Number 2126-0031 (Annual and Quarterly Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Passengers) (Formerly OMB 2129-0003)

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announces its intent to submit a currently approved Information Collection Request (ICR), Annual and Quarterly Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Passengers, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR describes the relevant information collection activities and their expected costs and burdens. The Agency published a **Federal Register** notice providing a 60-day comment period on this ICR in April 2006 (71 FR 18136, Apr. 10, 2006). The Agency received two comments in support of continuation of this information collection.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 14, 2006. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT/FMCSA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Toni Proctor, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Office of Research and Analysis, Washington, DC 20590; phone (202) 366-2998; Fax (202) 366-3518; e-mail Toni.Proctor@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual and Quarterly Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Passengers (formerly OMB Control Number 2129-0003). On September 29, 2004, the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) transferred this information collection (IC) from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), now a part of the Research and Innovative Technology

Administration (RITA), to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Information (FMCSA) (69 FR 51009, Aug. 17, 2004).
FMCSA IC: OMB Control No. 2126-0031.

Form No.: MP-1.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Respondents: Class I Motor Carriers of Passengers.

Number of Respondents: 26.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.5 hours.

Expiration Date: August 31, 2006.

Frequency: Quarterly and Annually.

Total Annual Burden: 195 hours [130 responses x 1.5 hour per response = 195 hours].

Background

The Annual and Quarterly Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Passengers is a mandated reporting requirement applicable to certain motor carriers of passengers. Motor carriers (both interstate and intrastate) subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations are classified on the basis of their gross carrier operating revenues.¹ Class I passenger motor carriers are required to file with the Agency motor carrier quarterly and annual reports (Form MP-1) providing financial and operating data (see 49 U.S.C. 14123). Under the financial and operating statistics (F&OS) program, FMCSA collects balance sheet and income statement data along with information on tonnage, mileage, employees, transportation equipment, and related data. The Agency uses this information to assess the health of the industry and identify industry changes that could affect national transportation policy. The data also indicate company financial stability and operational characteristics. The data and information collected are made publicly available and used by FMCSA to determine a passenger carrier's compliance with the F&OS program

¹ For purposes of the Financial & Operating Statistics (F&OS) program, passenger carriers are classified into the following two groups: (1) Class I carriers are those having average annual gross transportation operating revenues (including interstate and intrastate) of \$5 million or more from passenger motor carrier operations after applying the revenue deflator formula in the Note of 49 CFR 1420.3; (2) Class II passenger carriers are those having average annual gross transportation operating revenues (including interstate and intrastate) of less than \$5 million from passenger motor carrier operations after applying the revenue deflator formula as shown in Note A of § 1420.3. Only Class I carriers of passengers are required to file Annual and Quarterly Report Form MP-1, but Class II passenger carriers must notify the Agency when there is a change in their classification or their revenues exceed the Class II limit.

requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 1420.

The F&OS reporting regulations were formerly administered by the Interstate Commerce Commission. They were transferred to the U.S. Department of Transportation on January 1, 1996, by Section 103 of the ICC Termination Act of 1995 (ICCTA) (Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, December 29, 1995), now codified at 49 U.S.C. 14123. On September 30, 1998, the Secretary transferred the authority to administer the F&OS program to BTS (63 FR 52192). Effective September 29, 2004, the Secretary transferred this program responsibility from BTS and redelegated it to FMCSA (69 FR 51009, Aug. 17, 2004). FMCSA will publish a final rule that transfers and redesignates the F&OS program reporting requirements, currently at 49 CFR 1420, from BTS (now RITA) to FMCSA.

We particularly request comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FMCSA to meet its goal of reducing commercial motor vehicle crashes, and the usefulness of the information with respect to this goal; (2) the accuracy of the estimated IC burden; (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 respondents (including use of automated collection techniques and other information technologies) without reducing the quality of the collected information. The Agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB approval of this IC.

Issued on: July 7, 2006.

David H. Hugel,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: DesertXpress High Speed Train Between Victorville, CA and Las Vegas, NV

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed

DesertXpress high-speed train project. The project includes passenger stations, a maintenance facility, and a new railroad line along the I-15 corridor between Victorville, California and Las Vegas, Nevada. FRA is issuing this notice to solicit public and agency input into the development of the scope of the EIS and to advise the public that outreach activities conducted by the FRA will be considered in the preparation of the EIS. Federal cooperating agencies for the EIS are the Surface Transportation Board (STB), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Alternatives to be evaluated and analyzed in the EIS include (1) take no action (No-Project or No-Build); and, (2) construction of a privately financed steel-wheel-on-steel-rail high-speed train, including a proposed station in Victorville and a station in Las Vegas, and a maintenance facility in Victorville. Several alternative routings would be considered in the EIS.

DATES: Three scoping meetings will be held during July of 2006. Scoping meetings will be advertised locally and are scheduled for the following cities on the dates indicated below:

- July 25, 2006, Las Vegas Nevada at The White House, 3260 Joe Brown Drive time 5-8 pm.
- July 26, 2006, Barstow, California at the Ramada Inn, 1571 E. Main Street, time 12-2 pm, and
- July 26, 2006, Victorville, California at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds Building 3, time 5-8 pm.

Persons interested in providing comments on the scope of the EIS should do so by August 15, 2006. Comments can be sent to Mr. David Valenstein at the FRA address identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Valenstein, Environmental Program Manager, Office of Railroad Development, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Avenue, (Mail Stop 20), Washington, DC 20590, (telephone 202/ 493-6368). Information and documents regarding the environmental review process will be made available through the FRA's Web site: <http://www.fra.dot.gov> at Passenger Rail, Environment, Current Reviews, DesertXpress.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FRA will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed DesertXpress high-speed train project. The FRA is an operating administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation and is primarily responsible for railroad safety