

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. At the Chairperson's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting should notify the Executive Director no later than August 26, 1996. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than August 26, 1996. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meetings, that person should submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than August 19, 1996.

Information on Services for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Lieutenant Plunkett as soon as possible.

Dated: August 5, 1996.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**Research and Development Programs Meeting**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

DATES AND TIMES: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on September 11, 1996, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 4:15 p.m. on August 22, 1996. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by August 29, 1996, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the August 29 date will be answered at the meeting in the discussion period. The individual,

group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by August 29 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102. Suggestions for specific R&D topics as described below and questions for the September 11, 1996, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is 202-366-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA intends to provide detailed presentations about its research and development programs in a series of public meetings. The series started in April 1993. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information regarding the agency's research and development programs. This fourteenth meeting in the series will be held on September 11, 1996.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on the specific agenda topics to be presented. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by close of business at 4:15 p.m. on August 22, 1996. Before the meeting, it will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the information numbers listed elsewhere in this notice. NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to six, in priority order, so that the presentations at the September 11 R&D meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific R&D topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other R&D topics of specific interest to their organizations.

Specific R&D topic is:

On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects.

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are:

Air bag assessment research,
Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing),
Advanced glazing research,
Vehicle aggressivity and fleet

compatibility,
Upgrade side crash protection,
Upgrade seat and occupant restraint systems,
Child safety research (ISOFIX),
Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing,
Truck crashworthiness/occupant protection,
Highway traffic injury studies,
Head and neck injury research,
Lower extremity injury research,
Thorax injury research,
Human injury simulation and analysis,
Refinements to the Hybrid III dummy, and
Advanced frontal test dummy.
Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are:
Strategic plan for NHTSA's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) program for 1997-2002,
Estimation of safety benefits for ITS collision avoidance systems,
Truck tire traction,
Portable data acquisition system for crash avoidance research (DASCAR),
Systems to enhance EMS response (automatic collision notification),
Crash causal analysis,
Human factors guidelines for crash avoidance warning devices,
Longer combination vehicle safety,
Drowsy driver monitoring,
Driver workload assessment,
Pedestrian detection devices for school bus safety,
Preliminary rear-end collision avoidance system guidelines,
Preliminary road departure collision avoidance system guidelines,
Preliminary intersection collision avoidance system guidelines, and
Preliminary lane change/merge collision avoidance system guidelines.

National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) topics are:
Status of National Accident Sampling System (NASS), including implementation of electronic data collection and changes in sampling,
NCSA information services, including electronic access to collected information, and
Special crash investigation studies of air bag cases.

Separately, questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than close of business on August 29, 1996, will be answered. A transcript of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and copies of the suggestions offered by commenters will be available for public inspection in the NHTSA's

Technical Reference Division, Room 5108, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. Copies of the transcript will then be available at 10 cents a page, upon request to NHTSA's Technical Reference Division. The Technical Reference Division is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to participants as necessary, during the Research and Development Programs Meeting. Thus, any person desiring the assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers, taped texts, braille materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Rita Gibbons on 202-366-4862 by close of business September 4, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4862. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

Issued: August 9, 1996.

William A. Boehly,

Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 33006]

Berlin Mills Railway, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad, Inc.

Berlin Mills Railway, Inc. (BMS), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from the New Hampshire and Vermont Railroad, Inc., 5.5 miles of rail line located between Milepost 154.6, at Berlin, NH, and Milepost 149.1, at Gorham, NH. BMS will operate the property.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after August 5, 1996.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10902.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33006, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Kelvin J. Dowd, Esq., Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 347-7170.

Decided: August 1, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 33001]

Fort Worth and Western Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—Line of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

Fort Worth and Western Railroad Company (FWWR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire a rail line of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company extending from Milepost 0.82, at Belt Junction, to Milepost 1.29, a distance of approximately 0.47 miles, in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX. FWWR will operate the property.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after July 31, 1996.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33001, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Kevin M. Sheys, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, 1020 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 293-6300.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10902.

Decided: August 1, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 33012]

Warren & Trumbull Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Consolidated Rail Corporation

Warren & Trumbull Railroad Company (WTRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) 12.9 miles of rail line (Lordstown Cluster Lines) in the State of Ohio between Milepost 15.5 and Milepost 17.3, in North Warren; between Milepost 17.3, in Warren, and Milepost 20.0, in North Warren; between Milepost 57.0, at Deforest, and Milepost 58.5, at Niles; between Milepost 62.1, at Niles, and Milepost 66.4, at Youngstown; between Milepost 0.0, at Brier Hill, and Milepost 0.7, at Leadville; and between Milepost 4.1, at Ohio Works Junction, and Milepost 6.0, at Girard. In addition, WTRC will acquire incidental trackage rights to operate over the Conrail line between Youngstown and Warren, OH, for the purpose of connecting operations over the Lordstown Cluster Lines and between these lines and WTRC's existing lines, and facilitating an interchange with Conrail at its Haselton Yard. WTRC will operate the property.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after August 2, 1996.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33012, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a

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