

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by April 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 2021-0002 by any of the following methods:

Website: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Chandler, 617-866-8679/david.chandler@dot.gov; Martha Kenley, 202-604-6879/Martha.kenley@dot.gov, Office of Civil Rights, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: On-the-Job Training (OJT) Program Report.

Background: The Findings in a September 2011 Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report concerning FHWA's administration of the OJT requirements indicated that FHWA needs to strengthen its stewardship and oversight of the OJT Program. Specifically, the GAO report cited, "FHWA does not know what these programs have accomplished or how effectively these activities have advanced the broader goal of bringing underrepresented individuals into the highway construction workforce, because FHWA has performed only limited assessments of these programs over their nearly 40-year history."

The OJT regulations (23 CFR 230.111(a)) require State DOT recipients to determine annually which contracts should include Training Special Provisions and the minimum number of trainees or trainee hours to be specified in those provisions. By delegated authority from the FHWA Office of Civil Rights (HCR), this information is submitted by the State DOT to the respective FHWA division office for concurrence and approval of the total number of training slots or hours. This total number then becomes the State DOT's annual OJT program goal.

Once an OJT goal is set, the regulations at § 230.111(b) require State DOTs that do not meet their annual goals to evaluate and report the reasons for the shortfall and remedial steps to be taken in the next calendar year. This information is due to FHWA no later than 30 days after the calendar year. Notwithstanding these requirements, there is no prescribed format for reporting this information to FHWA, so State DOT reports are varied. Further, there is no general reporting requirement that would allow HCR to evaluate the effectiveness of the OJT program nationally in meeting the primary objective: To employ, train, and upgrade minorities and women in the highway construction trades. Without any broader reporting requirement, FHWA lacks the necessary data to provide meaningful stewardship and oversight or to measure the effectiveness of OJT Programs nationally, as cited in GOA's 2011 Report. In addition, this lack of data limits FHWA's ability to respond to requests from stakeholders, including Congress, regarding program accomplishments.

The information FHWA proposes to collect in its OJT Program Report is based on existing requirements found in 23 CFR 230, Subpart A; therefore, State DOTs should have this information readily available. Use of the OJT Program Report is optional, and it will be made available through the Civil Rights Connect System currently used by FHWA recipients.

Respondents: A maximum of fifty-three recipients may respond using the OJT Program Report provided by HCR.

Frequency: Every year by January 30th.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The estimated number of hours for each of fifty-three (53) recipients to compile and submit the requested data is estimated to be not more than four (4) employee hours annually.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 212 hours for fifty-three (53) recipients annually.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: February 3, 2021.

Michael Howell,

Information Collection Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) in Texas

AGENCY: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by TxDOT and Federal agencies.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by TxDOT and Federal agencies that are final. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to an assignment agreement executed by FHWA and TxDOT. These actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP), from US 59/I-69 at Spur 527 to I-45 at Beltway 8 North, in Harris County, Texas.

DATES: By this notice, TxDOT is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of TxDOT and Federal agency actions on the NHHIP will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before the deadline. For the NHHIP, the deadline is 150 days from the date of publication. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such a

claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carlos Swonke, Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701; telephone: (512) 416-2734; email: carlos.swonke@txdot.gov. TxDOT's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (central time), Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The NHHIP includes construction of roadway improvements to add four managed express (MaX) lanes on I-45 from Downtown Houston to Beltway 8 North, reroute I-45 to be parallel with I-10 on the north side of Downtown Houston and parallel to US 59/I-69 on the east side of Downtown Houston, realign sections of I-10 and US 59/I-69 in the Downtown area to eliminate the current roadway reverse curves that limit capacity, and depress US 59/I-69 between I-10 and Spur 527 south of Downtown to remove the problematic weaving sections. The NHHIP also includes reconstruction of mainlanes and frontage roads; addition of bicycle/pedestrian realms along the streets that cross the freeways, including a 15- to 17 foot-wide pedestrian realm that will create a buffer between the bicycle/pedestrian traffic and the vehicular traffic; addition of sidewalks along frontage roads; and addition of pass-through lanes on I-10 that will separate traffic desiring to go to Downtown from traffic destined to go through Downtown. The total project length is approximately 25.3 miles. The purpose of the NHHIP is to implement an integrated system of transportation improvements that would manage I-45 traffic congestion in the NHHIP area through added capacity, MaX lanes, options for SOV lanes, and improved operations; improve mobility on I-45 between US 59/I-69 and Beltway 8 North by accommodating projected population growth and latent demand in the project area; provide expanded transit and carpool opportunities; bring I-45, I-10, and US 59/I-69 up to current design standards to improve safety and operations; improve the capabilities of I-45 as an emergency evacuation route; improve stormwater drainage on I-45; and support the projected significant increase in travel on the regional highways in the Houston-Galveston area.

The actions by TxDOT and Federal agencies and the laws under which such actions were taken are described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), the Record of Decision (ROD) issued on February 3, 2021, and other

documents in the TxDOT project file. The FEIS, ROD, and other documents in the TxDOT project file are available by contacting the TxDOT Houston District Office at TxDOT Houston District Office, Advanced Project Development Director, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251, or by phone by calling (713) 802-5070. The FEIS and ROD can also be viewed and downloaded from the following website: www.ih45northandmore.com.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for the NHHIP are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Notice is hereby given that TxDOT and Federal agencies have taken final agency actions by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the NHHIP in the State of Texas.

This notice applies to all TxDOT and Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. General: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].
2. Air: Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)].
3. Land: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303]; Landscaping and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 319].
4. Wildlife: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and Section 1536], Marine Mammal Protection Act [16 U.S.C. 1361], Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661–667(d)], Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703–712].
5. Historic and Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [54 U.S.C. 300101 *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)–11]; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act [54 U.S.C. 312501 *et seq.*]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001–3013].
6. Social and Economic: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)–2000(d)(1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201–4209].

7. Wetlands and Water Resources: Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C. 1251–1377] (Section 404, Section 401, Section 319); Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [16 U.S.C. 4601–4604]; Safe

Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [42 U.S.C. 300(f)–300(j)(6)]; Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 [33 U.S.C. 401–406]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271–1287]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931]; TEA–21 Wetlands Mitigation [23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(m), 133(b)(11)]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001–4128].

8. Executive Orders: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0442; FMCSA–2014–0216; FMCSA–2015–0322; FMCSA–2015–0323; FMCSA–2016–0007; FMCSA–2016–0008; FMCSA–2018–0056]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 11 individuals from the requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have “no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.” The exemptions enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.