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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that FHWA and USACE have taken final agency actions by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of Tennessee: SR-32 (US-321), Project Number 15005-1234-04, PIN 101422.00, Cocke County, Tennessee. The proposed action will improve access to high tourism areas within the region, improve the roadway to meet current design standards, improve traffic operational efficiency, reduce crashes, meet the legislative intent of the Improving Manufacturing, Public Roads, and Opportunities for a Vibrant Economy (IMPROVE) Act, and enhance economic development opportunities. The Selected Alternative (Build Alternative A) will begin on SR-73 just south of Stonebrook Drive and continue north on new location west of Stonebrook Drive for approximately 1.4 miles before crossing existing SR-32. After crossing existing SR-32, the Selected Alternative (Build Alternative A) continues north on new location to just north of SR-339 (Jones Cove Road), where it then follows the existing SR-32 alignment, except where it straightens out several curves, to north of Middle Creek Road where it again travels on new location to align with existing SR-32 at the SR-32/Wilton Springs Road intersection. The Selected Alternative (Build Alternative A) continues through the intersection to connect with the existing 4-lane divided section of SR-32 north of the bridge over Cosby Creek. The Selected Alternative (Build Alternative A) will result in the realignment of the entrance to the Foothills Parkway, which is

under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service (NPS). Coordination with the NPS has been ongoing throughout project development. The NPS concurred with FHWA's proposed Section 4(f) *de minimis* use determination related to impacts associated with the Foothills Parkway on March 3, 2023.

The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, approved on March 16, 2022, in the FHWA FONSI issued on July 13, 2023, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The EA, FONSI, and other project records are available by contacting the FHWA or TDOT at the addresses provided above. The FHWA EA and FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/sr-32-project.html>, or viewed at the TDOT—Environmental Division, James K. Polk Building, Suite 900, 505 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0334, the Cocke County Mayor's Office, 360 East Main Street, Newport, Tennessee 37821, or the TDOT Construction Office, 1046 Cosby Highway, Newport, Tennessee 37821

This notice applies to all 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 and 23 U.S.C. 128].
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 [23 U.S.C. 138 and 49 U.S.C. 303].
4. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536]; 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 [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*].
6. *Social and Economic:* Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d)(1)]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209].
7. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Clean Water Act (Section 404, Section 401, and Section 319) [33 U.S.C. 1251-1377].
8. *Hazardous Materials:* Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. 9601-9675].

9. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species; E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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

**Daniel Hinton,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0144]

#### Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on September 14, 2023, Akron Barberton Cluster Railway (ABCR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the federal hours of service laws contained at title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 21103. The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2010-0144. Specifically, ABCR requested an extension of the existing relief from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which in part, provides that a train employee may not be required or allowed to remain or go on duty after that employee has initiated an on-duty period each day for 6 consecutive days, unless that employee has had at least 48 hours off duty at the employee's home terminal. ABCR seeks to continue to allow a train employee to initiate an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days followed by 24 hours off duty. ABCR states that it employs nine train and engine service employees who would use this waiver with set hours, set days off, and no layovers at away from home locations. ABCR further explains that it has support from all employees for the extension of relief.

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).

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 and a public hearing, 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 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by December 15, 2023 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can 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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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**John Karl Alexy,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2018-0033]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on July 25, 2023, the Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation, Inc.

(MSTRP), doing business as The Steam Railroading Institute, petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 240 (Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2018-0033.

Specifically, MSTRP requests to extend its relief from § 240.201(d), which requires that only certified persons operate locomotives and trains. The current relief allows noncertified persons to operate a locomotive as part of a “Hands on the Throttle” program on Great Lakes Central Railroad owned and operated tracks. In support of its petition, MSTRP notes that the relief would only apply to persons participating in the program, and that participants would have a valid driver’s license and be under the direct supervision of a certified and qualified locomotive engineer. Further, all movements would take place during daylight hours and at restricted speed. MSTRP states that the program generates interest in steam locomotive technology to preserve knowledge and heritage of railroading into the future.

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).

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 and a public hearing, 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 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by December 15, 2023 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can 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 document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) solicits comments

from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request Concerning Information Reporting for Form W-12

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form W-12, *IRS Paid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) Application and Renewal*.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 15, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Andrés Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to [pra.comments@irs.gov](mailto:pra.comments@irs.gov). Please include, “OMB Number: 1545-2190—Public Comment Request Notice” in the Subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, at (202) 317-5746, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov](mailto:RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**