

job training. According to Stevens, this will allow them to hone their recently acquired driving skill set and put them to work as a productive employee. If the exemption is not granted, Stevens will not be able to immediately begin training and employing new drivers due in large measure to DMV delays in delivering CDL documents. Stevens believes it is the safer approach to allow these new drivers to begin practicing their driving skills immediately under the requested exemption.

The exemption would apply only to those drivers who passed the CDL skills test, hold a CLP, and operate the CMV under supervision of a CDL holder who is somewhere in the vehicle. Stevens will ensure this level of safety by maintaining proper, up-to-date records for all drivers in possession of a CLP who have passed the CDL skills test.

A copy of Stevens' application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

V. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on Stevens' application for an exemption from the requirement in 49 CFR 383.25(a)(1). All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2022-0054]

Request for Information Regarding FRA's Public Blocked Crossing Portal

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

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: Section 22404 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), requires FRA to maintain a blocked crossing portal to receive information from the public regarding blocked highway-rail grade crossings. Section 22404 of BIL also requires FRA to submit a report that describes the nature of blocked highway-rail grade crossings, FRA's process for reviewing and using information received through the blocked crossing portal, FRA's engagement with affected parties, and whether the blocked crossing portal continues to be an effective method to collect blocked crossing information and what changes could improve its effectiveness. This RFI is soliciting comments on how FRA's engagement with affected parties and changes to the portal and related operations can improve the effectiveness of the portal.

DATES: Written comments on this RFI must be received on or before August 15, 2022. FRA will consider comments filed after this date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES:

Comments: Comments related to this RFI may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number (FRA-2022-0054) for this RFI. Please note that comments submitted online via www.regulations.gov are not immediately posted to the docket. Several business days may elapse after a comment has been submitted online before it is posted to the docket.

Privacy Act: DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. To facilitate comment tracking and response, commenters are encouraged to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

Docket: For access to the docket to read comments received, please visit <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow

the online instructions for accessing the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information related to this RFI, please contact James Payne, Staff Director, Highway-Rail Crossing and Trespasser Programs Division (telephone: 202-493-6005, email: james.payne@dot.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2019, FRA created a dedicated blocked crossing portal website (<https://www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings/>) to allow the public to voluntarily submit information about blocked crossings to FRA.¹ Users of FRA's blocked crossing portal are asked to provide information about the location, date, time, duration, and immediate impacts of each blocked crossing incident. FRA uses the data collected to gain information about where and when blocked crossing incidents are occurring (as well as the duration and immediate impacts of these incidents). FRA does not, however, forward the information collected to a railroad, State, or local agency for response.

In addition to mandating that FRA maintain an online portal and corresponding database to receive and store information about blocked highway-rail grade crossings, section 22404(i) of BIL requires FRA to submit a report to Congress that discusses, among other things, whether FRA's blocked crossing portal continues to be an effective method to collect blocked crossing information, as well as changes that could be made to improve its effectiveness. Specifically, section 22404 of BIL requires FRA to submit a report that describes: (1) frequent and long-duration blocked highway-rail grade crossings, including the locations, dates, durations, and impacts resulting from such occurrences; (2) FRA's process for verifying the accuracy of the complaints submitted to the blocked crossing portal; (3) FRA's use of the data compiled by the blocked crossing portal to assess the underlying causes and overall impacts of blocked crossings; (4) FRA's engagement with affected parties to identify and facilitate solutions to frequent and long-duration blocked highway-rail grade crossings identified by the blocked crossing portal; and (5) whether the blocked crossing portal continues to be an effective method to collect blocked crossing information and what changes could improve its effectiveness.

¹ Law enforcement personnel can also submit information about blocked crossings to FRA through a separate portal, access to which is restricted to law enforcement personnel with usernames and passwords managed by FRA.

Therefore, FRA is issuing this RFI to solicit public comment on changes that could be made to FRA's blocked crossing portal to improve its effectiveness. Specifically, FRA is looking for public comment on how the information reported to the blocked crossing portal can be used to improve safety at grade crossings and the well-being of affected communities.

FRA is also seeking public comment and feedback on additional information that should be captured by the blocked crossing portal. In particular, FRA would like to know what additional information the public and industry would like to see captured on this site. In addition, FRA would like to know how it can improve the user experience of the blocked crossing portal website.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments to the electronic docket in response to this RFI. Please refer to the **ADDRESSES** section above for guidance on how to submit comments to the electronic docket.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Carolyn R. Hayward-Williams,

Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2022-0117]

Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: **INSPIRE (Motor); Invitation for Public Comments**

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 14, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number

MARAD-2022-0117 by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2022-0117 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2022-0117, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Mead, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-459, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5723, Email James.Mead@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel INSPIRE is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “Day charters.”

—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* “Florida.” (Base of Operations: Tampa, FL)

—*Vessel Length and Type:* 42' Motor

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2022-0117 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or

a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel's coastwise endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the application, and address the eligibility criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

Go to the docket online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2022-0117 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit the information you claim to be confidential commercial information by email to SmallVessels@dot.gov. Include in the email subject heading “Contains Confidential Commercial Information” or “Contains CCI” and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential claim highlighting or denoting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

In the event MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.