

amount of superelevation that would have to be added to the existing superelevation in order for the forces to be balanced (same on both rails) as the train negotiates a curve. In practice, trains seldom operate at a balanced speed for the given curvature and superelevation. CSXT points out in its petition that the RTL-II has been successfully tested at curving speed producing more than 6 inches of cant deficiency and the wheel unloading was well within established limits.

CSXT states that the new track safety standards limit the roll angle when the coaches are placed on an elevated track corresponding to the amount of cant deficiency to 5.7 degrees. The standards also limit the roll angle to 8.6 degrees when the vehicle is placed on seven inches of superelevation. The measurements for the RTL coaches are 7.5 degrees and 8.8 degrees, respectively. The roll angle between the floor of a passenger-carrying vehicle's floor and the horizontal results in a limitation on the amount of "g's" felt by passengers in a lateral direction. However, considering the long operating history, CSXT and Amtrak believe the equipment will be acceptable for the testing and demonstration runs requested in this petition.

The CSXT petition contained a test plan prepared by Amtrak which addresses a number of safety-related

items which were included in the testing back in 1995 and 1996. Each public or private highway/grade crossing not equipped with active warning devices and where the test speeds will be more than 10 mph greater than the maximum timetable speed would be flagged or barricaded.

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, 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 (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number 2000-7783) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by ERA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular

business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs, Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning August 2, 2000, through August 2, 2002.

Dated: August 8, 2000.

By direction of the Acting Secretary.

**Marvin R. Eason,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS****Advisory Committee on Cemeteries  
and Memorials; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials, authorized by 38 U.S.C. 2401, will be held Saturday, September 9, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 10, 2000, from 9 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m., at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn, 3180 West Market Street, Akron, OH 44333-3365 in Akron, OH. This will be the Committee's second meeting of 2000.

The purpose of the Committee is to review the administration of VA's cemeteries and burial benefits program.

On Saturday, September 9, the Committee will be updated on National Cemetery Administration (NCA) issues, including cemetery construction, budget, legislation, military funeral honors and other issues related to the provision of headstones and markers. Additionally, the Committee will also be updated on the 50th anniversary of the Korean War commemoration and the

progress of the construction of the WWII Memorial. In the afternoon, the Committee will tour and continue the meeting at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. The Committee will be briefed by the cemetery director on issues related to the opening and dedication of the new national cemetery.

On Sunday, September 10, the committee will convene at 9 a.m. to discuss NCA issues and make recommendations and endorsements. In the afternoon, the committee will participate in the dedication ceremony of the new Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, OH.

The meeting will be open to the public. Individuals wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mrs. Paige Lowther, National Cemetery Administration, [phone (202) 273-5157] no later than 12 noon (ET), September 1, 2000.

Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file a statement with the committee. Individuals wishing to appear before the committee should indicate this in a letter to Mrs. Paige Lowther, Designated Federal Official, National Cemetery Administration (40),

810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. In any such letters, the writers must fully identify themselves and state the organization, association or person(s) they represent. In addition, to the extent practicable, letters should indicate the subject matter to be discussed. Oral presentations should be limited to 10 minutes in duration. Individuals wishing to file written statements to be submitted to the Committee must also mail, or otherwise deliver, them to Mrs. Lowther.

Letters and written statements as discussed above must be mailed or delivered in time to reach Mrs. Lowther by 12 noon (ET), September 1, 2000. Oral statements will be heard between 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (ET), September 9, 2000, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn, 3180 West Market Street, Akron, OH 44333-3365 in Akron, OH.

Dated: August 8, 2000.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Marvin R. Eason,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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