

Administration, 555 Zang Street, Suite 250, Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1010. Telephone (303) 969-6730 x383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal to improve a 7-mile segment of Interstate 25 (I-25) in and near Pueblo, Colorado. Improvements are necessary to address a deteriorating roadway and bridges with inadequate geometrics, safety, and existing and future traffic demand.

Alternative under consideration include taking no action, reconstruction of the interstate on essentially the existing alignment, and reconstruction on existing and new alignment. These alternatives are further described as follows:

—*No Action Alternative*—This alternative provides only for minor improvements, repairs, and other maintenance actions. The existing four-lane highway will otherwise remain unchanged.

—*Existing I-25 Alignment Alternative*—This alternative consists of reconstructing I-25 to six lanes on essentially the same location, reconfiguring and eliminating access points to the interstate to improve safety, and providing other improvements to the local street system to enhance system connectivity and traffic movement near the interstate.

—*Modified I-25 Alignment Alternative*—This alternative consists of rebuilding I-25 to six lanes and providing the other improvements included in the Existing Alignment Alternative, except the alignment would be shifted to accommodate different interchange configurations.

Incorporated into and studied with the build alternatives will be Transportation System Management strategies and design variations of grade and alignment.

The preliminary alternatives have been developed with the cooperation of public and agency work groups, and will be developed further during the preparation of the EIS, in conjunction with the FHWA, CDOT, and other federal and state agencies, the City of the Pueblo, the County of Pueblo, the Pueblo Area Council of Governments, and residents of the community.

The public will be invited to participate in project scoping to ensure that the full range of issues are considered and all significant issues are identified. The location and time of the scoping meeting will be scheduled during the month of February 2003 and will be announced in the local media.

Public meetings will occur throughout the development of the EIS and a public hearing will be held. Prior to the hearing the draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment. Public notice will be given of the time and place of all public meetings and the hearing.

Comments or questions regarding this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA at the address provided above.

(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.)

Issued on January 16, 2003.

William C. Jones,

Division Administrator, Lakewood, CO.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on November 5, 2002. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Walker, Maritime Administration, MAR-810, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5076; FAX: 202-366-6988, or E-MAIL: richard.walker@marad.dot.gov.

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Inventory of American Intermodal Equipment.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0503.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners of U.S. steamship and intermodal equipment leasing companies.

Form(s): None.

Abstract: This collection consists of an intermodal equipment inventory that provides data essential to both the government and the transportation industry in planning for the most efficient use of intermodal equipment. Further, this collection is intended to assure that containers and related intermodal equipment are obtainable in the event of a national emergency.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 66 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments are Invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 21, 2003.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Ex Parte No. 333]

Meetings of the Board

Time and Date: 10 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2003.

Place: The Board's Hearing Room, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

Status: The Board will meet to discuss among themselves the following agenda items. Although the conference is open for public observation, no public participation is permitted.

Matters to be Considered: STB Finance Docket No. 34178, *Dakota,*

Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation and Cedar American Rail Holding, Inc.—Control—Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation.

STB Finance Docket No. 33697, *National Railroad Passenger Corporation—Petition for Declaratory Order—Weight of Rail*. STB Finance Docket No. 33995, *SF&L Railway, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway Corporation Between La Harpe and Peoria, IL.*

STB Finance Docket No. 33996, *Kern W. Schumacher and Morris H. Kulmer—Continuance in Control—SF&L Railway, Inc.*

STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X), *SF&L Railway, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Hancock, McDonough, Fulton and Peoria Counties, IL.*

STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 11X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Lake County, OH.*

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 617X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Lake County, OH.*

STB Finance Docket No. 34114, *Yolo Shortline Railroad Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Port of Sacramento.*

STB Finance Docket No. 34304, *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.*

STB Ex Parte No. 282 (Sub-No. 20), *Railroad Consolidation Procedures—Exemption for Temporary Trackage Rights.*

Contact Person for More Information: A. Dennis Watson, Office of Congressional and Public Services, Telephone: (202)565-1596, FIRS:1-800-877-8339.

Dated: January 22, 2003.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34308]

Central Midland Railway Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Central Midland Railway Company (CMRC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate approximately 8.65 miles of rail line

and related industrial tracks currently owned and operated by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP). The rail line, known as the Lackland Sub-Division, extends from milepost 10.35 at Rock Island Junction, MO, to milepost 19, located west of Vigus, MO. CMRC certifies that the projected annual revenues from the leased line will not result in the creation of a Class I or Class II rail carrier. The effective date of the exemption was January 15, 2003 (7 days after the notice was filed) and the parties expected to consummate the transaction on January 19, 2003.

If this 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 will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34308, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on John Broadley, John H. Broadley & Associates, 1054 31st Street NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20007.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: January 17, 2003.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Security Administration

Port Security Grant Program; Application Notice Describing the Categories of Interest and Establishing the Closing Date for Receipt of Applications Under the Port Security Grant Program—Round 2

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for the Port Security Grant Program.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the Port Security Grant Program is to support efforts for port security at critical national seaports in the areas of security assessments and mitigation strategies, enhanced facility and operational security.

The Port Security Grant Program will fund projects in two categories: (1) security assessments and mitigation strategies, and (2) enhanced facility and operational security to include proof-of-concept projects. Transportation Security Administration is coordinating with the Maritime Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard in this effort. Applicants may be submitted by critical national seaports/terminals/vessels (commuter or ferry service) as specified in the Broad Agency Announcement. Authority for this program is contained in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2002, Pub. L. 107-117, 115 Stat. 2230 and FY 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, Pub. L. 107-206, 116 Stat. 820.

DATES: The program announcements and applications for the Port Security Grant Program—Round 2 are expected to be available on or about January 14, 2003. Applicants must be received on or before 2 p.m. EST, February 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The Broad Agency Announcement, application and instructions for preparing and submitting an application for the Port Security Grant Program will be available through the Internet at <https://www.portsecuritygrants.dottsa.net>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Heying, Transportation Security Administration, Office of Maritime and Land Security, 400-7th Street, SW., TSA-8, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 772-1118, email:

Mary.Heying@tsa.dot.gov or, Ms. Tracey Ford, Grants Officer, Maritime Administration, Office of Acquisition, 400-7th Street, SW., Room 7310, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-1744, email: Tracey.Ford@marad.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Total anticipated funding available for Port Security Grant Program—Round 2 is \$104,093,293. This amount does not include funding for Port Incident Training and Exercises, which will be addressed separate from this program and is not covered by this Announcement. Awards under this program are subject to availability of funds.

Port Security Grant Program—Round 2 Categories

Category 1: Security Assessments and Mitigation Strategies—Award based on proposed security assessments that ascertain vulnerabilities of physical or operational security of a port, multiple terminals, terminal, or vessel (commuter or ferry service) and identify mitigation strategies.