

the extension of LA 3139 (Earhart Expressway) from LA 3154 (Dickory Avenue) would be considered. The road expansion will follow a westward alignment and terminate in the vicinity of I-310. The approximate length of the proposed road component is 10 miles.

IV. Probable Effects

The environmental documents will be prepared in accordance with the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Accordingly, all potential impacts to the physical, natural, and socioeconomic environments will be evaluated. Concerns to be addressed in NEPA Documents include: aesthetics/visual resources, property value effects, local traffic and travel patterns, land use, noise and vibration, wetlands, construction impacts, Environmental Justice/Title VI issues, and cumulative impacts of concurrent and consecutive implementation of both alternatives.

V. Procedures

In accordance with the regulations and guidance by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), as well as 23 CFR part 450 and 23 policies, the NEPA Documents will include an evaluation of the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the alternatives. The NEPA Documents will also comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA) and with Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice. The NEPA Documents will also meet the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR part 93 and 23 CFR 450.322(b)(8)). After their publication, the draft NEPA Documents will be available for public agency review and comment.

The Final NEPA Documents will consider the public and agency comments received during the public and agency circulation of the NEPA Documents and will identify the preferred alternatives. Opportunity for additional public comment will be provided throughout all phases of the project development.

Issued on: September 5, 2001.

William A. Sussman,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 590X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—Between Memphis and Cordova, in Shelby County, TN

On August 24, 2001, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Memphis to Cordova Branch, extending from milepost ONI 224.00 near Memphis to milepost ONI 210.66 near Cordova, in Shelby County, TN, a distance of 13.34 miles. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 38111, 38112, 38117, 38120, 38122, and 38018, and includes the station of Cordova at milepost ONI 210.66.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in CSXT's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by December 12, 2001.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than October 3, 2001. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 590X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Louis E. Gitomer, Esq., Ball Janik, LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Replies to the

CSXT petition are due on or before October 3, 2001.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at www.stb.dot.gov.

Decided: September 6, 2001.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 5, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 15, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1205.

Form Number: IRS Form 8826.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Disabled Access Credit.

Description: Code section 44 allows eligible small businesses to claim a non-refundable income tax credit of 50% of the amount of eligible access expenditures for any tax year that exceed \$250 but do not exceed \$10,250. Form 8826 figures the credit and the tax limit.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper: 26,133.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—7 hr., 39 min.

Learning about the law or the form—42 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS—51 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 240,424 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Mary A. Able,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before November 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, FAX Number (202) 906-6518, or e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post any comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at www.ots.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from Sonja White, National Coordinator, Community Affairs, (202) 906-7857, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;

b. The accuracy of OTS'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;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Minority Thrift Certification Form.

OMB Number: 1550-0096.

Form Number: OTS Form 1661.

Regulation requirement: N/A.

Description: This information is needed to help OTS maintain a reliable source of information regarding the universe of minority-owned thrifts, in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 308 of FIRREA.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Savings Associations and Savings Banks.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: .5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden: 16 hours.

Clearance Officer: Sally W. Watts, (202) 906-7380, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

Dated: September 7, 2001.

Deborah Dakin,

Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations & Legislation.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974, Amendment of Three Systems of Records

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e), notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposes amending three existing systems of records (44VA01, 58VA21/22 and 81VA01) to: (1) Amend a routine use in one system (44VA01) to clarify that information released under the routine use is at VA's initiative and that certain names and address are released only to Federal law enforcement entities under the routine use; (2) add a routine use relating to release of information about representative misconduct to each of the systems; (3) amend two of the systems (58VA21/22 and 81VA01) to clarify what individuals are covered by the systems; (4) add a statement of purpose to each of the systems; and (5) to update information such as citations and contact information in each of the systems.

DATES: The proposed amendments will be effective 30 calendar days from the date this publication, September 13, 2001, unless comments are received before this date which would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273-9289; or e-mail comments to "OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov". All relevant material received before October 15, 2001, will be considered. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30