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In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Dated: May 14, 2001.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impacts Statement San Diego County, CA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Oceanside, San Diego County, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Lewis, Senior Transportation Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 980 9th Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2724; Telephone (916) 498-5035. Internet address: Jeff.Lewis@fhwa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation and the City of Oceanside will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct an interchange at State Route 78 and Rancho Del Oro Drive in the City of Oceanside.

The new interchange is considered necessary to minimize existing and future traffic congestion at adjacent interchanges and arterial roadways in Carlsbad and Oceanside. The proposed project includes a new overcrossing structure and four new ramp connections from Rancho Del Oro Drive to SR78. Alternatives under consideration include the following: (1) Taking no action; (2) construction of a tight diamond interchange to connect SR78 and Rancho Del Oro Drive; (3) shifting the existing roadway and constructing the new diamond interchange to the north; (4) construction of a tight diamond interchange, shifted to the north with

Rancho Del Oro realigned to the west; and (5) construction of an offset diamond, located north of State Route 78 with a fly-over structure for on- and off-ramps. All alternatives will accommodate the addition of an eastbound truck-climbing lane between El Camino Real and College Boulevard.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Public scoping meetings are anticipated to be held at appropriate locations in or near the cities of Oceanside and/or Carlsbad in summer/fall of 2001. After the draft EIS is made available for public and agency review, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the public scoping meetings and public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above. The views of agencies having knowledge about the historic resources potentially affected by the proposal or interested in the effects of the project on historic properties are solicited.

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

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Senior Transportation Engineer, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; Webcast for the National Corridor Planning and Development Program and the Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); DOT.

ACTION: Notice of June 7, 2001 webcast following solicitation of intent to apply for fiscal year (FY) 2002 grants.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the FHWA will host a

webcast following the May 7, 2001, publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting intent to apply for FY 2002 funds from the National Corridor Planning and Development Program (NCPD program) and the Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program (CBI program). Specific instructions on the format and content of a statement of intent to apply were provided in that notice. The NCPD and the CBI programs are discretionary grant programs funded by a single funding source. These programs provide funding for planning, project development, construction and operation of projects that serve border regions near Mexico and Canada and high priority corridors throughout the United States.

DATES: The webcast will be held on June 7, 2001 from 1 pm until 3:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: The entry point for viewing the webcast and information on asking questions during the webcast are available at the Midwest Resource Center website whose office will operate the webcast:

<http://www.mrc.fhwa.dot.gov/theater/>

A link to that site is available at the NCPD/CBI program website:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep10/corbor/corbor.html>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For program issues: Mr. Martin Weiss, Office of Intermodal and Statewide Programs, HEPS-10, (202) 366-5010; or for legal issues: Mr. Robert Black, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-30, (202) 366-1359; Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington DC, 20590. For webcast issues: Mr. Clayton Marcuson, HRC-05, (708) 283-3593; Federal Highway Administration, 19900 Governors Drive, Suite 301, Olympia Fields, Illinois, 60461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: States and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are, under the NCPD program, eligible for discretionary grants for: Corridor feasibility; corridor planning; multistate coordination; environmental review; and construction. Border States and MPOs are, under the CBI program, eligible for discretionary grants for: Transportation and safety infrastructure improvements, operation and regulatory improvements, and coordination and safety inspection improvements in a border region.

The webcast on June 7, 2001, will be open to the public but is targeted to officials of States and MPOs and those expecting to work with such officials to develop statements of intent to apply for FY 2002 funding. The FHWA will begin the webcast by providing additional

background on the history of the NCPD/CBI program and on program administration. Subsequently, a question and answer session will be held.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; sec. 1118 and 1119, Pub.L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107 at 161 (1998); and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Vincent F. Schimmoller,

Deputy Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for a Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), sections 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of Federal railroad safety regulations. The individual petitions are described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum

[Docket Number FRA-2001-8888]

Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (TVRM) seeks to renew a waiver from compliance with 49 CFR Part 240.201(d), which was originally granted and became effective on November 19, 1993, for a period of one year. Specifically, the original waiver allowed TVRM to operate without complying with the requirement of 49 CFR Part 240.201(d), which provides that only certified persons may operate trains or locomotives. The waiver affects only persons who participate in the engineer charter "Engineer for a Day" program. The TVRM plans to conduct this program on its own trackage from Mile Post No. 0.00 East Chattanooga Depot to Mile Post No. 3.0 Grand Junction Depot, a distance of three miles. Individuals participating in the program would be allowed to operate the train and experience the hands-on duties of a locomotive engineer.

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 No. FRA-2001-8888) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of the notice will be considered by FRA 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 at the above address. All written communications are also accessible on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 589X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Logan County, WV

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 1.63-mile line of its railroad between milepost CMA 0.00 at Stollings and milepost CMA 1.63 at Fort Branch, in Logan County, WV. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 25646 and 25076.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic moving over the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR

1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment and discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 26, 2001, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by June 4, 2001. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 14, 2001, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Natalie S. Rosenberg, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

CSXT has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environmental and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 1, 2001. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).