

collection involving activities that States are using for highway corridor management. Highway corridor management encompasses land acquisition, land owner agreements, land-use regulations, driveway management, and real property income agreements. Public agencies use corridor management to implement comprehensive plans, and minimize land use conflicts. The primary purpose of corridor management is to provide for future road construction, and to protect existing road safety and capacity. The Paperwork Reduction Act requires this notice to be published in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Please submit comments by November 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telefax comments to 202/493-2251; or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. All comments should include the docket number in this notice's heading. All comments may be examined and copied at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you desire a receipt, you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or, if you submit your comments electronically, you may print the acknowledgment page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lannie M. Graham, 202-366-2039, Office of Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Highway Corridor Management Research.

Background: The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century provides funding for expansion of selected Interstate corridors, such as I-69 which is a planned uniform connection between Michigan and Texas. The recently published FHWA regulations in 23 CFR Part 710 allow States to acquire real property in advance of road construction as long as specific performance criteria are met. In addition, 23 U.S.C. 156 requires States to charge fair market value for use of highway real property. FHWA proposes to send questionnaires to State, metropolitan, and local public agency officials to request information that will be used to document how transportation

agencies are coordinating legislative allowances, financial capabilities, and management opportunities to successfully implement corridor management procedures.

The FHWA surveys will collect both historical information and the current status of State and local highway corridor activities. Multiple case studies may be conducted in situations where States have multiple case examples. The collected information will be compiled for presentation at FHWA education workshops, conferences, and distributed through electronic means such as the Internet, CD-ROMs, video tapes, and audio recordings.

Respondents: Approximately 25 per State will include State, metropolitan, and local public agency officials associated with corridor management activities in the 50 States.

Frequency: This is a one-time survey conducted at multiple sites over a three-year period. A one-time, followup, survey may be required in selected circumstances.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 950 hours.

Public Comments Invited

You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Electronic Access

Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help. An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at telephone number 202-512-1661. Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** home page at <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the

Government Printing Office's database at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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James R. Kabel,

Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. We published a Federal Register Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on May 5, 2000 (65 FR 26269). We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by October 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Claretta Duren, (202) 366-4636, Infrastructure Core Business Unit, Federal Highway Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2125-0033
(Expiration Date: November 30, 2000).

Title: Statement of Materials and Labor Used by Contractor on Highway Construction Involving Federal Funds.

Abstract: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) compiles data on Federal-aid highway construction contracts of \$1 million or more and located on the National Highway System to establish highway construction usage factors. These usage factors quantify materials used, such as cement and bitumen, and the amount of aggregates produced and purchased by the contractor. Also quantified are the total labor hours utilized and associated gross earnings. Provisions in 23 CFR 635.126 facilitate the FHWA's efforts to compile this data, which is submitted to the FHWA by contractors and State Departments of Transportation on Form FHWA-47, Statement of Materials and Labor Used by Contractors on Highway Construction Involving Federal Funds. FHWA's estimates of current material usage and cost distribution on Federal-aid highway construction contracts are used by materials suppliers, highway contractors, engineers, economists and others to plan for future needs of the highway construction program and to document information on the usage of materials and labor in highway construction.

Affected Public: Federal-aid highway construction contractors and Departments of Transportation for the 50 States, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,450. There are an estimated 1,300 required reports annually. Approximately 433 contractors submit an average of 3 forms per year which require an average of 5 hours to complete. The estimated burden hours for the contractors to complete Part B of the form is 6,500 (433 contractors $\times$ 15 hours each) or (1,300 projects $\times$ 5 hours each). In addition, 52 Transportation Departments, including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, complete Part A on an average of 25 forms annually, requiring approximately one and one half (1.5) hours each. The estimated burden hours for the Transportation Departments is 1,950 (52 $\times$ 25 forms $\times$ 1.5 hours each).

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is 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.

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation (Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-7414)

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation (NYSW) seeks a waiver of compliance from the provisions of the *Track Safety Standards*, 49 CFR 213.237(a), regarding the continuous search of rail for internal defects. The NYSW operates infrequent seasonal passenger excursion trains over portions of three separate low tonnage main lines which are classified as Class 3 track and therefore, due to the operation of passenger trains, require a yearly inspection for internal rail defects.

The NYSW is petitioning for a waiver which would allow them to schedule inspections for internal rail defects on a tonnage based frequency, which would be the requirement of the *Track Safety Standards* absent any passenger train operation over these specific portions of track. The petitioner cites the low volume of traffic, the virtual non-existent history of train derailments over these track segments, and the NYSW's policy of performing visual track inspections prior to the operation of each passenger excursion trains as arguments in favor of relief.

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 2000-7414) 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 45 days of the date of this 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 (9 a.m.-5 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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Edward R. English,

Director, Office of Safety, Assurance and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33407]

Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction Into the Powder River Basin

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation (DM&E) has filed an application with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for authority to construct and operate new rail line facilities in east-central Wyoming, southwest South Dakota, and south-central Minnesota. The project, known as the Powder River Basin Expansion Project, involves approximately 280.9 miles of new rail line construction and would extend DM&E's existing rail line from Wall, South Dakota west to coal mines in Wyoming's Powder River Basin. Additionally, DM&E proposes to rebuild approximately 597.8 miles of existing rail line along its current system to standards acceptable for operation of unit coal trains. The project would require actions by a number of Federal agencies, including the Board, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS), the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation