

in other documents in the FTA administrative record for the project. The final agency environmental decision documents—Records of Decision (RODs) or Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSIs)—for the listed projects are available online at http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/environment/planning_environment_documents.html or may be obtained by contacting the FTA Regional Office for the metropolitan area where the project is located. Contact information for the FTA Regional Offices may be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

This notice applies to all FTA decisions on the listed projects as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including, but not limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4375], Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303], Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 470f], and the Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q].

The projects and actions that are the subject of this notice are:

1. *Project name and location:* Multimodal Terminal Facility; Brownsville, Texas. *Project sponsors:* City of Brownsville and the Brownsville Urban System (BUS). *Project description:* The project is the construction of a multimodal facility in the Brownsville central business district. The facility includes a bus terminal with bus bays and canopies, and automobile parking on a 5-acre site. *Final agency action:* FONSI issued August 21, 2006. *Supporting documentation:* Final Environmental Assessment: Multimodal Terminal Facility, August 2006.

2. *Project name and location:* Long Lake Station Parking Expansion; metropolitan Chicago, Illinois. *Project sponsor:* Metra Commuter Rail. *Project description:* Construction of parking facilities at the existing Metra Commuter Rail Station in the Village of Round Lake in Illinois. *Final agency action:* FONSI issued on July 18, 2006. *Supporting documentation:* Environmental Assessment, June 2006.

3. *Project name and location:* Market Street Plaza Improvement; Dayton, Ohio. *Project sponsor:* Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority. *Project description:* The project is the construction of an off-street bus terminal and layover area on the block bounded by Third and Fourth streets, and Main and Jefferson streets in Dayton. The site is currently occupied by the vacant Admiral Benbow hotel building, which will be demolished.

Final agency actions: FONSI issued on August 1, 2006; Section 106 Finding of No Adverse Effect. *Supporting documentation:* Environmental Assessment, June 2006.

4. *Project name and location:* BART Warm Springs Extension Project; metropolitan San Francisco, California. *Project sponsors:* San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART). *Project description:* This project is a 5.4-mile extension of the BART heavy rail system on the east side of San Francisco Bay from its current terminus at the Fremont Station in Fremont to a new station in Warm Springs. The extension will also include a new station at Irvington if sufficient funding is available. *Final agency actions:* ROD issued on October 24, 2006; Section 4(f) finding; Section 4(f) de minimis impact finding; Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement; project-level Air Quality Conformity determination; consultation with the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, resulting in DOI's issuance of a Biological Opinion. *Supporting documentation:* Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation: BART Warm Springs Extension issued on July 14, 2006.

5. *Project name and location:* Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project; metropolitan Washington, DC. *Project sponsors:* Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. *Project description:* The project is an extension of the Washington regional Metrorail system in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, Virginia. It will include approximately 23 miles of electrically-powered rapid rail transit operating in exclusive right-of-way with at-grade, aerial, and subway sections, 11 new stations, parking facilities, new and improved yard and shop facilities, new rail vehicles, and related systems and equipment. The project has two phases with the first phase extending from the existing Metrorail Orange Line near the West Falls Church Station through Tysons Corner to a temporary terminus at Wiehle Avenue in Reston. The second phase of the project will extend west of Wiehle Avenue to Dulles International Airport and eastern Loudoun County. Between Tysons Corner and the Airport, the project is generally aligned in the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway. *Final agency actions:* Amended ROD issued on November 17, 2006; Section 4(f) finding; Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement; project-level Air Quality Conformity determination. *Supporting*

documentation: Final Environmental Impact Statement issued on December 23, 2004; Environmental Assessment, February 2006.

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Brigid Hynes-Cherin,

Associate Administrator, for Planning and Environment, Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–33 (Sub-No. 234X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Washington County, MN

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 0.81-mile line of railroad known as the Stillwater Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 4.69 to milepost 5.50 near Stillwater in Washington County, MN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 55082 and 55083.¹

UP has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on 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 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 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.

¹ Pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(2), the railroad must file a verified notice with the Board at least 50 days before the abandonment or discontinuance is to be consummated. The applicant initially indicated a proposed consummation date of January 2, 2007, but because the verified notice was filed on November 14, 2006, consummation may not take place prior to January 3, 2007.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on January 3, 2007, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 14, 2006. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 26, 2006, with the Surface Transportation

² 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.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,300. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to UP's representative: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

UP has filed a combined environmental report and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by December 8, 2006. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), UP shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by UP's filing of a notice of consummation by December 4, 2007, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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

Decided: November 21, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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