

use the information on the engine trend monitoring system to ensure engine reliability by analyzing the trend indicators and performing inspections or replacing engine parts as indicated. The respondents are an estimated 1800 part 135 operators. The estimated annual recordkeeping burden is 10,800 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 2, 2000.

Steve Hopkins,

Manager, Standards and Information Division, APF-100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Availability and Public Hearing of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the Buffalo Inner Harbor Project, New York

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public hearing of the draft supplemental environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing this notice to advise the public and interested agencies that a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) will be available on the Buffalo Inner Harbor Project. This Draft SEIS is in response to a court order and is limited in scope to the issue of historic preservation. The Draft SEIS will address events and information that became available subsequent to the Final EIS (FEIS), which was issued February 12, 1999.

The Draft SEIS was prepared pursuant to an order filed in a civil action filed by Preservation Coalition on October 6, 1999, in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York under civil action number 99-CV-745S against FTA, NFTA, the New York State Thruway Authority, Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC), and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The Preservation Coalition challenged the Buffalo Inner Harbor Project on environmental and historic preservation grounds. On March 31, 2000, District Court Judge William M. Skretny ordered that a SEIS be prepared to consider the information learned during archaeological investigations conducted after the FEIS.

The court established a compressed timetable for the public comment period

on the Draft SEIS. In accordance with the order, the Draft SEIS will be available for public comment between May 10, 2000, and May 31, 2000.

Written comments must be received by 5:00 PM on May 31, 2000. A public hearing on the project will be held on May 24, 2000, from 7 to 9:00 p.m.

DATES: Comment due date/time: May 31, 2000, 5:00 PM. Public hearing date/time: May 24, 2000, 7-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments are to be sent to Ruta Dzenis, AICP, Project Director, Empire State Development Corporation, 420 Main Street, Suite 717 Liberty Building, Buffalo, NY 14202. The address of the public hearing is Erie County Community College, Downtown Campus, Main Auditorium, Buffalo, NY 14203. The Auditorium entrance is along the Clinton Street side of the building and is accessible to the disabled. If there is a need for a translator for the hearing impaired or other special accommodations please notify Ms. Mary Coleman, Empire State Development Corporation, at (716) 856-8111 by Tuesday, May 16, 2000. Copies of the Draft SEIS are available by contacting Ms. Coleman. Copies of the draft SEIS are also available for review at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Central Branch, Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14202; the Niagara Falls Public Library, 1425 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14305; and the University of Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning Library, Hayes Hall, South Campus, Buffalo NY 14216.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anthony G. Carr, FTA Region II, One Bowling Green, Room 429; New York, NY 10004. Telephone (212) 668-2170.

Following the public comment period, a Final SEIS that responds to the comments will be prepared and made available to the public.

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Letitia Thompson,

Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region II.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2000-7111]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That all Nonconforming 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL Passenger Car Models Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that all nonconforming 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL passenger car models are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that all 1992-1994 Mercedes-Benz SE and SEL passenger car models that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is June 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to