

immediately begin the process of developing the overall structure of the FTAA Agreement, including (1) drafting the general provisions of the Agreement, including but not limited to the purposes and objectives of the Agreement, the preamble, the scope and coverage of the obligations, general exceptions, the relationship between the FTAA Agreement and the WTO Agreements, and the relationship between the FTAA Agreement and other regional integration agreements, and (2) making recommendations on institutions which might be required to implement the Agreement, including the human and financial resource implications for any institutional proposals.

2. Public Comments

The TPSC previously has requested public comments on several FTAA issues, including: general US positions and objectives in the FTAA, see 63 FR 128 (July 6, 1998), and 64 FR 248 (December 28, 1999); specific rules of origin in the FTAA, see 66 FR 87 (May 4, 2001); scope of the environmental review for the FTAA pursuant to Executive Order 13141, see 65 FR 233 (December 4, 2000); identification of private sector experts on electronic commerce for the Joint Committee of Experts on Electronic Commerce, see 65 FR 40 (February 29, 2000), 65 FR 150 (August 3, 2000), 64 FR 94 (May 17, 1999), and 63 FR 151 (August 6, 1998); and market access and other issues under the FTAA, see 64 FR 71 (April 14, 1999). The TPSC also asked for comments on the operation of the FTAA Committee of Government Representatives on the Participation of Civil Society, see 63 FR 145 (July 29, 1998); and the TPSC provided notice in 65 FR 121 (June 22, 2000) that the FTAA Committee of Government Representatives on the Participation of Civil Society had issued a request for public comments on trade matters related to the FTAA process.

Written Comments

Written comments, with as much specificity as possible, are invited on:

- (a) Any aspect of the FTAA preliminary draft consolidated text; and
- (b) The newly established FTAA Technical Committee on Institutional Issues.

Persons submitting written comments should provide the original plus twenty (20) typed copies to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 1724 F St., N.W., Fifth Floor, Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-3475, no later than 12 Noon,

August 22, 2001. If possible, comments should be submitted before this date.

Comments should state clearly the position taken and should describe with particularity the evidence supporting that position. Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room (Room Three) at the address noted above.

Business confidential information will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. Any business confidential material must be clearly marked as such on the cover letter or page and each succeeding page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary thereof. If the submission contains business confidential information, twenty copies of a public version that does not contain confidential information must be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "non-confidential."

Nonconfidential submissions will be available for public inspection at the USTR Reading Room in the annex of the Office of the USTR, 1724 F St., N.W., Room Three, Washington, D.C. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb at (202) 395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To be assured of consideration in this round of negotiations, comments should be submitted by no later than 12 Noon on Wednesday, August 22, 2001.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Environmental Impact Statement or Possible Environmental Assessment on the Riverview Corridor Transit Project Located in the Cities of St. Paul and Bloomington, MN

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement or possible Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing this notice to advise interested agencies and the public that, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared for the Riverview Corridor Transit Project in the cities of St. Paul and Bloomington, Minnesota. Based on the definition of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternative after the scoping period, an Environmental Assessment document could be determined to be the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the proposed action. This decision will be made at the end of the scoping period, and will depend upon the nature of the proposed action and its expected impacts.

DATES: One Interagency Scoping Meeting and two Public Scoping Meetings will be held on the following dates and times at the locations indicated.

Interagency Scoping Meeting

July 31, 2001, 2 pm to 4 pm, Metro State University, 700 East 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106.

Public Scoping Meetings

July 31, 2001, 6 pm to 8 pm, Metro State University, 700 East 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106.

August 1, 2001, 6 pm to 8 pm, West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of analysis and impacts to be considered should be sent by August 13, 2001 to: Molly Grove, Metro Transit, 560 Sixth Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411-4398; Telephone: (612) 349-7533, Fax: (612) 349-7675; Email: molly.grove@metc.state.mn.us; TTY: (612) 349-7439 (attention Molly Grove).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joel P. Ettinger, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region V, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 2410, Chicago, IL 60606; Telephone: (312) 353-2789.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FTA (the federal lead agency) in cooperation with the Metropolitan Council (the local lead agency) anticipates the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Riverview Corridor Transit Project. As in the Summary, the determination may be made that an Environmental Assessment is the appropriate level of environmental documentation, based on the proposed action definition. This decision will be made at the end of the scoping process and it will depend upon the nature of the proposed action and its expected impacts.

I. Scoping

The FTA and Metropolitan Council invite interested individuals, organizations and federal, state and local agencies to participate in defining the alternatives to be evaluated in the environmental document; in identifying social, economic or environmental impacts to be evaluated; and suggesting alternatives that are less costly or have fewer environmental impacts while achieving similar transportation objectives. An information packet, referred to as the Scoping Booklet, will be circulated to all federal, state or local agencies having jurisdiction in the project, and all interested parties currently on the Riverview Corridor mailing list. Other interested parties may request this Scoping Booklet by contacting Molly Grove at (612) 349-7533.

Two public scoping meetings will be held in the study area. The first will be held from 6 pm to 8 pm on July 31, 2001 at the Metro State University. The second meeting will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on August 1, 2001 at the West 7th Community Center. One Interagency Scoping Meeting will be held from 2 pm to 4 pm on July 31, 2001 at the Metro State University. People with special needs should call Molly Grove at (612) 349-7533. The buildings are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Scoping comments may be made at the public scoping meetings or in writing by August 13, 2001. Comments or questions should be directed to Molly Grove at the address provided above.

II. Description of Study Area

The study area to be analyzed is the Riverview Corridor, which extends 12.3 miles from the Mall of America in Bloomington, through downtown Saint Paul and Saint Paul's Lower East Side. The corridor includes one key roadway (Interstate 35E) two major arterial roadways, West 7th Street and Shepard Road, which traverses the corridor with

a railroad alignment and parallels the Mississippi River floodplain.

The Riverview Corridor study area can be described as long and narrow, aligned along a southwesterly to northeasterly axis. The study area limits are generally the Mississippi River on the southeast, I-35E and 7th Street on the northwest, 24th Avenue South and the Mall of America on the southwest, and Arcade Street on the northeast.

Several transportation issues have been identified for the Riverview Corridor. These include mobility limitations, development activity, projected residential population growth, transit captive residents, projected employment growth, efficient connections from the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport to downtown Saint Paul, traffic congestion, and pedestrian vehicular safety.

III. Alternatives

In March 1999, the FTA, in cooperation with the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) issued the Notice of Intent to prepare a Major Investment Study and possible Environmental Impact Statement for the Riverview Corridor in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Major Investment Study (MIS) defined and evaluated two transit technologies for the Riverview Corridor: light rail transit (LRT) and bus rapid transit (BRT). Each technology was reviewed using criteria developed to measure key characteristics important in meeting project goals. These evaluation measures included mobility, economic revitalization and land use, environmental impacts, and cost-effectiveness. Based on the alternative evaluation conducted during the MIS process, the RCRRA chose BRT along 7th Street and a portion of the Canadian Pacific Railroad (CPR) right-of-way as the locally preferred alternative. This action was endorsed by the City of St. Paul and the Metropolitan Council.

The alternatives proposed for consideration in the Riverview Corridor Transit Project environmental document include:

1. *No-Build Alternative*—The No-Build Alternative includes current roadway and transit networks, plus committed and funded transportation projects.

2. *Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Alternative*—The TSM comprises lower cost capital improvements to the existing transportation system to improve transit operations, travel time reliability, and traffic flow. The TSM alternative includes all programmed improvements defined in the No-Build alternative.

3. *Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)*

Alternative—A busway would extend from the Mall of America in Bloomington to the Lower East side of Saint Paul. BRT alignment options include West 7th Street, the Canadian Pacific Rail Line, I-35E and Shepard Road. Depending on BRT alignment location and design, modifications to the I-35E/Shepard Road and TH 5/Shepard Road interchanges will be evaluated as part of this project.

IV. Probable Effects/Potential Impacts for Analysis

The FTA and Metropolitan Council will evaluate each alternative for significant environmental, social and economic impacts. Anticipated primary environmental issues include: Land use, historic and archaeological resources, traffic and parking, noise and vibration, parklands, neighborhoods and environmental justice, floodplain encroachment, coordination with ongoing related transportation and economic development projects, and construction impacts. Other issues the EIS or EA will address include natural areas, rare and endangered species, air and water quality, groundwater, energy, potentially contaminated sites, displacements and relocations, ecosystems, water resources, and energy impacts. The impacts will be evaluated both for the construction period and the long-term period of operation of each alternative. In addition, cumulative effects of the proposed project and any irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources will be identified. Measures to avoid or mitigate any significant adverse impacts will be developed.

V. FTA Procedures

In accordance with the regulations and guidance established by the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ), as well as the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 771 (23 CFR Part 771) of the FHWA/FTA environmental regulations and policies, the EIS or possible EA, based on the definition of alternative(s) at the end of the scoping process, will include an evaluation of the social, economic and environmental impacts of each of the alternatives selected for evaluation. The environmental document will also comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA), with the Executive Order 12898 regarding Environmental Justice and will meet the requirements of the US Environmental Protection Agency's transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR 93 and 23 CFR 450.322(b)(8)). After its publication, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) or EA

document will be available for public and agency review and comment. Public hearings will be held on the DEIS or EA document.

If the proposed build alternative(s) require the preparation of an EIS, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will consider comments received during the DEIS public review and will identify the preferred alternative. Opportunity for additional public comment will be provided throughout all phases of project development.

Issued on: July 9, 2001.

Joel P. Ettinger,

Region V Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Chicago, Illinois.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. I) notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC), to be held at 11 AM on Monday, July 30, 2001, by conference call in the Administrator's Office, room 5424, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting; Review of Programs; New Business; and Closing Remarks.

Attendance at meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact not later than July 25, 2001, Marc C. Owen, Advisory Board Liaison, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-6823.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory Board at any time.

Issued at Washington, DC on July 6, 2001.

Marc C. Owen,

Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T.D. 01-53]

Extension of Customs Approval for SGS Control Services, Incorporated as a Commercial Gauger

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of customs approval for SGS Control Services, Inc. as a commercial gauger.

SUMMARY: SGS Control Services, Inc. of Houston, Texas, has applied to U.S. Customs under Part 151.13 of the Customs Regulations for an extension of Customs approval as a commercial gauger for their Pasadena, Texas site, to gauge petroleum product, animal and vegetable oils, and organic compounds. Customs has determined that this company meets all of the requirements for an extension of Customs approval as a commercial gauger. Specifically, SGS Control Services, Inc., Pasadena, Texas, has been granted approval to gauge petroleum product under Chapter 27 and Chapter 29, animal and vegetable oils under Chapter 15 and organic compounds under Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Therefore, in accordance with Part 151.13 of the Customs Regulations, SGS Control Services, Inc. is hereby approved to gauge the products named above.

Location: SGS Control Services, Inc. approved site is located at, 530 North Witter, Pasadena, Texas, 77506.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Parker, National Quality

Manager, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1500 North, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 927-1060.

Dated: July 2, 2001.

Ira S. Reese,

Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Application for Recordation of Trade Name: "Red Bull North America, Inc."; Correction

ACTION: Notice of application for recordation of trade name; correction.

SUMMARY: In a document published in the **Federal Register** on June 14, 2001, Customs announced that an application has been filed for recordation of the trade name "Red Bull North America, Inc." under section 42 of the Act of July 5, 1946, as amended (15 U.S.C. 1124). There was an error in that document regarding the trade name for which the application for recordation was filed. This document corrects that error.

Correction of Publication

In the **Federal Register** issue of June 14, 2001, in FR Document 01-14987, on page 32414, in the second column, correct the first sentence of the Summary paragraph to read as follows:

"Application has been filed pursuant to section 133.12, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 133.12), for the recordation under section 42 of the Act of July 5, 1946, as amended (15 U.S.C. 1124), of the trade name 'Red Bull North America, Inc.'"

Dated: July 6, 2001.

Joanne Roman Stump,

Chief, Intellectual Property Rights Branch.

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