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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5325]

Notice of Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee

In accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*) (the Act) there will be a meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee on Thursday, March 23, 2006, from approximately 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday, March 24, from approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Department of State, Annex 44, Room 840, 301 4th St., SW., Washington, DC. At this meeting the Committee will conduct its ongoing review function with respect to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Peru Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from the Pre-Hispanic Cultures and Certain Ethnological Material from the Colonial Period; and, with respect to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of the Republic of Cyprus Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Pre-Classical and Classical Archaeological Objects. This meeting is for the Committee to satisfy its ongoing review responsibility of the effectiveness of agreements pursuant to the Act and will focus its attention on Article II of the MOUs. This is not a meeting to consider extension of the MOUs. Such a meeting or meetings will be scheduled at some time in the future at which time a public session will be held.

The Committee's responsibilities are carried out in accordance with provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*). The U.S.—Peru MOU, the U.S.—Cyprus MOU, the designated lists of restricted categories, the text of the Act, and related

information may be found at <http://exchanges.state.gov/culprop>.

The meeting on March 23-24 will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

Dated: March 2, 2006.

C. Miller Crouch,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Environmental Impact Statement for the Denton County, TX, Transportation Authority Commuter Rail Project

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) issue this notice to advise interested agencies and the public of their intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for transportation improvements in Denton and Dallas Counties, Texas. Transit improvements will be considered generally between Denton and Carrollton along the former Missouri Kansas Texas (MKT) Railroad line that parallels I-35E, as recommended by the DCTA Board of Directors in May 2005 following a study of the transportation needs in the corridor and an analysis of alternative solutions. The relationships of concurrent projects such as the I-35E Environmental Analysis (EA) being conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Northwest Corridor Light Rail Transit project being advanced by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), and others, will also be considered in the EIS process.

Transportation improvements are needed to meet current and future travel demands and to upgrade the transportation facilities in the corridor. The EIS will evaluate the recommended regional rail alignment, the No-Build Alternative, a Transportation Systems Management (TSM) alternative, and any additional reasonable alternatives that emerge from scoping.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* Written or electronic comments on the scope of the EIS, including the purpose and need for transportation action in the corridor,

and alternatives and impacts to be considered, should be sent to the project team's public involvement coordinator (see **ADDRESSES** below) by March 31, 2006. *Scoping Meetings:* Public scoping meetings will be held on February 28, 2006, in Denton, TX, and March 2, 2006, in Lewisville, TX, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the locations shown in **ADDRESSES** below.

ADDRESSES: *Written or electronic comments* on the EIS scope should be sent to: Judy Meyer, Public Involvement Lead, c/o Public Information Associates, P.O. Box 570, Allen, Texas 75013; Phone: 888-724-5328; Fax: 214-495-0479; E-mail: Judy.Meyer@dfwair.net.

Scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

6-8 p.m., Martin Luther King Recreation Center, 1300 Wilson St., Denton, TX 76205.

Thursday, March 2, 2006

6-8 p.m., Lewisville Senior Center, 1950 S. Valley Parkway, Lewisville, TX 75067.

Information on the time and place of the public scoping meetings will be provided in the local newspapers and other media outlets. The scoping information packet is available on the Internet at <http://www.RailDCTA.net>. The packet is also available in hardcopy form by contacting Judy Meyer as indicated above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Sweek, Community Planner, Federal Transit Administration, Region VI; (817) 978-0550.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Scoping of the EIS

The FTA, in cooperation with the DCTA, will prepare an EIS for transportation improvements along the MKT Railroad line that parallels I-35E between Denton and Carrollton. Interested individuals, organizations, businesses and Federal, state and local agencies are invited to participate in determining the scope of the EIS, including the purpose and need for transportation action in the corridor, alternative alignments, alternative station locations, impacts to be evaluate, and environmental or community resources to be protected. Specific suggestions on additional alternatives to be examined and issues to be addressed are welcome and will be considered in the development in the final study scope. Scoping comments may be made orally or in writing not later than March 31, 2006. See **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** above. Additional information on the EIS process, the purpose and need, alternatives, and anticipated impact