

August 1, 2000: FHWA request for submission of FY 2000 candidate projects.

September 2000: Selection of FY 2000 projects.

Early 2001 Call for FY 2001 projects (subject to available funding).

Solicitation Memorandum of June 5, 2000

Text of the solicitation memorandum of June 5, 2000, reads as follows:

Action: Request for Candidates National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program—Reply due: August 1, 2000

From: David H. Densmore, Director of Bridge Technology.

To: Resource Center Directors, Division Administrators, Federal Lands Highway Division Engineers.

The purpose of this memorandum is to solicit candidate bridge projects from the States for the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation (NHCBP) program. This program was established by section 1224 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, as amended by the TEA 21 Restoration Act (TEA-21). The program provides funding to assist the States in their efforts to preserve, rehabilitate, or restore the Nation's historic covered bridges. For the purposes of this program, the term "historic covered bridge" means a covered bridge that is listed or eligible for listing on the National Register for Historic Places.

This program provides for two categories of projects: First, for grants to assist the States in their efforts to rehabilitate or repair and to preserve the Nations's historic covered bridges; and second, for the conduct of research and technology transfer. The total available funding provided for this program in FY 2000 is \$8 million. Funding and specifics for the two project categories include:

1. Historic Covered Bridge Preservation, Rehabilitation, or Restoration. Of the funds provided for FY 2000, the FHWA will provide a minimum of \$7 million for this category. Grants will be awarded to States submitting applications that demonstrate a need for assistance in carrying out one or more eligible projects as outlined below:

- a. to preserve, rehabilitate, or restore a historic covered bridge.

- b. to preserve a historic covered bridge, including through: (i) installation of a fire protection system; (ii) installation of a system to prevent vandalism and arson; and (iii) relocation of a bridge to a preservation site.

2. Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Research. Of the funds provided for FY 2000, the FHWA will provide a maximum of \$1 million for this category. This phase of the program will be carried out through a separate Broad Agency Announcement (BAA), and is included here for information purposes only. The research projects will include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. collection and dissemination of information concerning historic covered bridges;

- b. development of educational programs relating to the history and construction technique of historic covered bridges; and

- c. conduct of basic research to find better means of protecting historic covered bridges from rot, fire, natural disasters, or weight-related damages.

To ensure the projects retain their historical significance, each project must be carried out in the most historically appropriate manner following the Department of Interior Standards, and the standards and guidelines approved by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties may be obtained at the following website, <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/secstan1.htm> and should be consulted for terms and definitions for the distinct approaches to treatment of historic properties, i.e. preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration. Although the Standards were developed for historic buildings the terms, guidelines, and suggested approaches are generally applicable to historic covered bridges.

We are requesting that all applications be submitted on or before August 1, 2000.

Please refer to the attached program summary for additional guidance. Using the explanation of the criteria and associated selection considerations, please assist your State department of transportation in determining the projects to be submitted.

Attached is an application form which is to be used for candidate projects. The State's application should describe the project in enough detail to demonstrate that it meets one or more of the goals of this program. The application should be completed and submitted to the Office of Bridge Technology along with any other supporting documents that provide a further description of the project including the scope of work and bridge plans.

Questions concerning this program should be addressed to Ms. Sheila Rimal Duwadi, Office of Bridge Technology, at (202) 366-4619, or to Mr. Bruce Eberle, Office of Human Environment, at (202) 366-2060.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; and 49 CFR 1.48)

Issued on: August 15, 2000.

Anthony R. Kane,

Federal Highway Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted

below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on December 14, 1999 [64 FR 69814-69815].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 22, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Block at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Research and Traffic Records (NTS-31), 202-366-6401. 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 6240, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: 2000 Motor Vehicle Occupant Safety Survey

OMB Number: 2127—New.

Type of Request: New information collection requirement.

Abstract: Purpose of this survey is to provide NHTSA with critical information needed to develop and implement effective strategies that meet the agency's mandate to improve traffic safety. The data will be used to identify information deficits among the public, obstacles to public safety, and targets for intervention activities in areas of occupant protection.

Affected Public: randomly selected members of the general public aged sixteen and older in telephone households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,845.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Departments estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A Comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on August 18, 2000.

Herman L. Simms,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[RSPA-98-4470]

Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Hazardous Liquid Advisory Committee Telephone Conference Meetings; Correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects a notice published August 3, 2000 (65 FR 47821) announcing the September 11, 2000, Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Advisory Committee meeting. The notice did not explain how the public could remotely participate in the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Whetsel, OPS, (202) 366-4431 or Richard Huriaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565.

Correction

The public may remotely participate by registering with Juan Carlos Martinez, (202) 366-1933, no later than September 1, 2000. The Office of Pipeline Safety will contact all registered individuals prior to the meeting to notify them of the conference call number.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 17, 2000.

Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33862]

Public Service Company of Colorado—Construction Exemption—Pueblo County, CO

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of Exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board conditionally exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C.

10901 the construction by Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) of a line of railroad, approximately 1,500 feet in length, in Pueblo County, CO.¹

DATES: The exemption will not become effective until the environmental review process is completed. Once that process is completed, the Board will issue a further decision addressing the environmental matters and making the exemption effective at that time, if appropriate, thereby allowing construction to begin. Petitions to reopen must be filed by September 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33862, to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Thomas W. Wilcox, 1920 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Da-To-Da Office Solutions, Room 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 466-5530. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

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Decided: August 16, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33908]

Arkansas Midland Railroad Company—Lease and Operation Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Arkansas Midland Railroad Company (AKMD), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease and operate

¹ On May 19, 2000, PSCo filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10901(d) to require BNSF to allow PSCo's proposed construction to cross BNSF's track. The proceeding is docketed as STB Finance Docket No. 33862 (Sub-No. 1), *Public Service Company of Colorado—Petition For Crossing Authority Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10901(d)*. The crossing proceeding remains pending.

pursuant to an agreement entered into with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), approximately 7.42 miles of UP's rail lines in North Little Rock, AR, as follows: (1) A portion of the Carlisle Industrial Lead from UP's milepost 130.33 to the end of the line at UP's milepost 131.38, including side tracks appurtenant thereto, and (2) from UP's milepost 292.00 to UP's milepost 297.93, including side tracks appurtenant thereto, connecting with UP's mainline in North Little Rock Yard near milepost 343.40. AKMD certifies that its projected revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after August 11, 2000.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33908, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, 8041 Manderson Circle, Omaha, NE 68134.

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Decided: August 15, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-571 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Strouds Creek and Muddlety Railroad—Abandonment Exemption—in Webster and Nicholas Counties, WV

Strouds Creek and Muddlety Railroad (SC&M) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 12.4-mile line of railroad between milepost BUE-0.0 at Allingdale and milepost BUE-12.4 at Muddlety Falls, in Webster and Nicholas Counties,