

rescinding these Acquiescence Rulings effective May 8, 2000, the date the final rules go into effect. By revising our regulations and rescinding these Acquiescence Rulings, we are restoring uniformity to our nationwide system of rules in accordance with our commitment to the goal of administering our programs through uniform national standards as discussed in the preamble to the 1998 acquiescence regulations, 63 FR 24927 (May 6, 1998).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance; 96.005 Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners; 96.006 Supplemental Security Income.)

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Kenneth S. Apfel,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3274]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "1900: Art at the Crossroads"

AGENCY: U.S. Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 [79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459], the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 [112 Stat. 2681 *et seq.*], Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999 [64 FR 56014], and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended by Delegation of Authority No. 236-1 of November 9, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "1900: Art at the Crossroads," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the temporary exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY, from on or about May 18, 2000, to on or about September 10, 2000, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Paul W.

Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, 202/619-5997, and the address is Room 700, United States Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: March 31, 2000.

William B. Bader,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Douglas and Franklin Counties, KS

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project on U.S. Highway 59 in Douglas and Franklin Counties, Kansas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt C. Dunn, P.E., Engineering Services Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 3300 South Topeka Boulevard, Suite 1, Topeka, Kansas 66611-2237, Telephone: (785) 267-7281; Warren L. Sick, Assistant Secretary and State Transportation Engineer, Kansas Department of Transportation, 915 Harrison, Topeka, Kansas 66612, Telephone (785) 296-3285.

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Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve U.S. Highway 59 in Douglas and Franklin Counties, Kansas. The proposed project would involve the improvement of the existing U.S. 59 corridor between the cities of Lawrence and Ottawa, a distance of about 27.2

kilometers (17 miles) in length. The KDOT has held three public information meetings on proposed improvements to U.S. 59. An environmental assessment was prepared for a proposed limited access facility on new alignment. The high level of public concern expressed and the potential for significant impacts has led to the decision to prepare an EIS.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demands and to improve safety. Also, under consideration in this proposal is a new connection with the existing Interstate Highway 35 near Ottawa. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) improving the existing alignment; and (3) construction on a new alignment.

Comments are being solicited from appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and from private organizations and citizens who have interest in this proposal. A public hearing will be held once the draft EIS is completed. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. The FHWA has determined that a formal scoping meeting is not necessary.

Comments and/or suggestions from all interested parties are requested to ensure that the full page of issues related to this proposed action, and significant environmental issues in particular, are identified and reviewed. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or the KDOT at the address provided above.

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

Issued on March 16, 2000.

David R. Geiger,

Division Administrator, Kansas Division, Federal Highway Administration, Topeka, Kansas.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2000-7166]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel HAGGAI.