

**Background:** The FHWA developed and published in 1998 an "Older Driver Highway Design Handbook, Recommendation and Guidelines" for highway designers, traffic engineers and highway safety specialists involved in the design and operation of highway facilities. The Handbook provides practitioners with a practical information source that links older driver road user characteristics to highway design, operational, and traffic engineering recommendations by addressing specific roadway features. A new, revised handbook, "Guidelines and Recommendations to Accommodate Older Drivers and Pedestrians," was published in 2001 that documents new research findings and technical developments since the 1998 publication.

A series of workshops began in 1998 to familiarize practitioners with the recommendations and guidelines. Over 30 workshops have been presented to approximately 900 practitioners, and the workshops are continuing with additional workshops scheduled to provide information to practitioners from the new, revised handbook.

This survey is needed to determine if recommendations and guidelines presented to practitioners in past workshops are being utilized in new and redesigned highway facilities to accommodate the needs and functional limitations of an aging population of road users. The survey is also needed to gauge the success of the workshop presentations in imparting information and determine if adjustments should be considered for future workshops.

**Respondents:** Participants in past workshops, including highway designers, highway engineers and highway safety specialists; and future workshop participants.

**Frequency:** This one-time survey will be conducted initially with a selection of past participants (approximately 500). Thereafter, a survey of participants will be conducted annually, consisting of approximately 50 percent of the participants who attended workshops during that year (approximately 125). The survey will be mailed, and for those participants with known e-mail addresses, the survey will be administered electronically to reduce completion time.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** The FHWA estimates that each respondent will be able to complete the survey in approximately 10 minutes. For the initial survey to approximately 500 respondents, total burden hours would be 84 hours. Future annual surveys to approximately 125

respondents are estimated at 21 burden hours.

#### Public Comments Invited:

You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

#### Electronic Access:

Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help. An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at telephone number 202-512-1661. Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's database at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We published a

**Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on July 14, 2000 (65 FR 43824). We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by September 24, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of these information collections, including: (1) Whether the proposed collections are necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**Title:** Design/Build Research Study.

**Abstract:** The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Section 1307, prescribes the interim provisions under which projects can be advanced utilizing design/build contracting procedures. TEA-21 mandates that regulations will be developed to carry out the amendments made by section 1307. With the increased funding available under TEA-21, States are expected to increase their use of design/build contracting to advance projects. One unique aspect of design/build contracting is that it authorizes construction at the time the project agreement is signed. This allows the contractor to begin construction on a parcel of land as soon as it is acquired. The contractor is responsible for maintaining access, availability of utilities and any related safety concerns for vacant landowners, homeowners and/or businesses that await acquisition of, or relocation from, their property for right-of-way purposes. The FHWA Office of Real Estate Services, in conjunction with South Carolina State University, will conduct a survey of the approximately 100 property owners, residents, business owners and various contractors who were involved in a recent design/build project in Virginia. The purpose is to ascertain their perceptions of the prime contractor's ability and responsiveness to possible safety-related, access or utility issues that may have affected them. The information will be collected by telephone/written surveys, personal

interviews and/or site visits. The information gathered from the survey will be used by the Office of Real Estate Services to assist in the drafting of the regulations as prescribed in TEA-21 and any subsequent guidance issued to the states.

**Respondents:** Approximately 100 affected property owners, residents, business owners and various contractors involved in a recent design/build project in Virginia.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 30 minutes per response; total estimate of 50 burden hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Walterscheid, 202-366-9901, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Real Estate Services, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD 2001-10444]

##### 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 ISIS.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Public Law 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 24, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD 2001-10444. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 am and 5 pm, E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title V of Public Law 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR § 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested

parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

##### Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. Name of vessel: ISIS. Owner: James E. Treach.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the applicant: "Its principle dimensions are length—50'11", beam—14'0", and draft-6'6". The ISIS tonnage is unknown, as measured pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 14502"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "The ISIS intended use is a commercial passenger vessel carrying 12 or less passengers, and operating off the coast of California;"

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1975. Place of construction: Hudson Boat Co., Taiwan ROC

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "The ISIS is in the operation of taking customers off-shore cruising. It is expected that, should this waiver be granted, little or no impact will be felt by other commercial passenger vessel operators;"

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "Further, it is expected that the granting of this waiver to the ISIS will have no impact on U.S. shipyards."

Dated: August 17, 2001.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD 2001-10445]

##### 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