

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2008-11. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSEArca-2008-11 and should be submitted on or before February 26, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Public Federal Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing; Region IX Regulatory Fairness Board

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Region IX Regulatory Fairness Board and the SBA Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a National Regulatory Fairness Hearing on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 10 a.m. The forum is open to the public and will take place at the San

Francisco Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 235 Montgomery Street, 12th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104. The purpose of the meeting is for Business Organizations, Trade Associations, Chambers of Commerce and related organizations serving small business concerns to report experiences regarding unfair or excessive Federal regulatory enforcement issues affecting their members.

Anyone wishing to attend or to make a presentation must contact Gary Marshall, in writing or by fax in order to be placed on the agenda. Gary Marshall, Business Development Specialist, SBA, San Francisco District Office, 455 Market Street, 6th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105-2420, phone (415) 744-6771 and fax (202) 481-2018, e-mail: Gary.marshall@sba.gov.

For more information, see our Web site at www.sba.gov/ombudsman.

Cherylyn H. Lebon,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6090]

Notice of Receipt of Application for a Presidential Permit to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a New Border Crossing Facility on the U.S.-Canada Border at Buffalo, New York and Fort Erie, Ontario

SUMMARY: The Department of State hereby gives notice that, on January 15, 2008, it received an application for a Presidential Permit to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new border crossing facility on the U.S.-Canada border at Buffalo, NY and Fort Erie, Ontario. The proposed new crossing, a vehicular bridge across the Niagara River, would be approximately one and one half miles north of the existing Peace Bridge across the Niagara River and would connect to existing roads via an interchange with State Route 198 (Scajaquada Expressway) leading to Interstate Route 190 (I-190, the Niagara Section of the New York State Thruway). The application was filed by the Ambassador Niagara Signature Bridge Group (ANSBG). According to the application, ANSBG is an unincorporated unit of the Detroit International Bridge Company (DIBC), a Michigan corporation. As stated in the application, DIBC, along with a related Canadian corporation, the Canadian Transit Company (CTC), own and operate the Ambassador Bridge across

the Detroit River, connecting Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario and DIBC and CTC are ultimately owned by Manuel J. and Matthew T. Maroun.

The Department of State's jurisdiction over this application is based upon Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended, and the International Bridge Act of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 535, et seq. As provided in E.O. 11423, the Department is circulating this application to relevant Federal and State agencies for review and comment. Under E.O. 11423 and the International Bridge Act, the Department has the responsibility to determine, taking into account input from these agencies and other interested stakeholders, whether this proposed border crossing is in the U.S. national interest.

DATES: Interested members of the public are invited to submit written comments regarding this application on or before April 28, 2008 to Ms. Eleanore Fox, Officer for Border Affairs, via e-mail at WHACAN@state.gov or by mail at WHA/CAN—room 3917, Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Eleanore Fox, Officer for Border Affairs, via e-mail at WHACAN@state.gov or by mail at WHA/CAN—room 3917, Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520. General information about Presidential Permits is available on the Internet at <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/permit>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This application and related environmental documents are available for review in the Office of Canadian Affairs, Department of State, during normal business hours.

Dated: January 31, 2008.

Alex Lee,

Director, Office of Canadian Affairs,
Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in California

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) pursuant to its assigned responsibilities under 23 U.S.C. 327, as well as certain Federal

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

agencies, are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, Freeman Gulch Four-Lane project between post miles 45.9 to 62.3 along State Route 14 in Kern County, State of California. Those actions grant approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is advising the public of final actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). These actions have been taken by Caltrans pursuant to its assigned responsibilities under 23 U.S.C. 327, as well as by certain Federal agencies. A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before August 4, 2008. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Gassner, Senior Environmental Planner, Caltrans, 2015 E. Shields Avenue #100, Fresno, CA 93726; weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific time); telephone (559) 243-8243; e-mail: sarah_gassner@dot.ca.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that Caltrans, pursuant to its assigned responsibilities under 23 U.S.C. 327, and certain Federal agencies have taken final agency actions by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following State Route 14 project in the State of California. The Freeman Gulch Four-Lane project would improve safety within the 16.4-mile project limits and provide four-lane route continuity along the entire length of State Route 14. The project is located in Kern County and proposes to convert the existing two-lane conventional highway into a four-lane divided controlled access expressway from 0.8 mile north of Redrock Inyokern Road to 2.2 miles south of the junction with U.S. Highway 395.

The actions by Caltrans and certain Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project, approved by Caltrans on October 3, 2007. The EA/FONSI, and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the address provided above.

This notice applies to Caltrans and certain Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to the

following Federal environmental statutes and Executive orders:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; and Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128].

2. *Air:* Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].

3. *Land:* Landscape and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 319].

4. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Safe Drinking Water Act [42 U.S.C. 300(f) -300(j)(6)]; and Wetlands Mitigation [23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(m) and 133(b)(11)].

5. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)]; and Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712].

6. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469c]; Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 [16 U.S.C. 470aa *et seq.*]; and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act [25 U.S.C. 3001-3013].

7. *Social and Economic:* Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d)(1)]; Farmland Protection Policy Act [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209]; and The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended.

8. *Hazardous Materials:* Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act [42 U.S.C. 9601-9675]; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986; and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [42 U.S.C. 6901-6992(k)].

9. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; and E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

Issued on: January 29, 2008.

Nancy Bobb,

Director, State Programs, Federal Highway Administration, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Martin Associates (WB993-1-1/25/08), for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

For Further Information Contact: Mac Frampton, (202) 245-0317.

Anne K. Quinlan,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0379]

Proposed Information Collection (Time Record (Work-Study Program); Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public