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For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Region VI—Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The Small Business Administration—Region VI—Houston Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Houston, Texas, will hold a public meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 15, 1997. The meeting will be conducted at the Texas Commerce Bank National, Heritage Room, Third Floor, located at 510 Park Street, Beaumont, Texas 77704. This meeting will be conducted to discuss such business as may be presented by members of the District Council, the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and others attending. For further information, write to Milton Wilson, Jr., District Director, at the Small Business Administration, 9301 Southwest Freeway, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77074-1591 or call (713) 773-6500.

Dated: April 30, 1997.

**Michael P. Novelli,**

*Director, Office of Advisory Councils.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Wright, Stearns and Sherburne Counties, MN

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Tier I environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed highway capacity improvements on existing or new alignments that connect Interstate 95 (I-94) and Truck Highway 10 (TH 10) between the cities of Becker and St. Cloud, Minnesota. The proposed alignment connections being studied include existing and new crossings of the Mississippi River. The Tier I EIS includes the analysis needed for a location decision.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Martin, Federal Highway Administration, Galtier Plaza, Box 75, 175 Fifth Street East, Suite 500, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2901, Telephone (612) 291-6120; or Ed Idzorek, Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation—District 3, 3725 12th Street North, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56302, Telephone (320) 654-5546.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, will prepare a Tier I EIS on a proposal to improve highway capacity for connections between Interstate 94 (I-94) and Trunk Highway 10 (TH 10) between the cities of Becker and St. Cloud, Minnesota, including a crossing of the Mississippi River. The area of the proposed improvements is located in Wright, Stearns and Sherburne Counties. Expansion of highway capacity is considered necessary within the next 20 years to provide for projected traffic demands in an area of rapid growth and development.

The Tier I EIS study will be initiated in late 1997 to examine the feasibility and potential impacts of the following alternative alignments:

- No Build.
- Utilize the existing TH 24 corridor from I-94 northeast (through the city of Clearwater) approximately 4 kilometers (km) then north on the current alignment of a local road to connect to TH 10 at a point approximately 2 km northwest of the existing TH 10/TH 24 intersection.

- A new alignment east of the city of Clearwater that intersects with I-94 at a point approximately 2.5 km southeast of the existing TH 24/I-94 interchange, continuing in a north-northeast direction until it intersects with CSAH 8 then continues north on an existing local road alignment to intersect with TH 10 at a point approximately 2 km northwest of the existing TH 10/TH 24 intersection.

- A new alignment east of the city of St. Cloud that intersects I-94 approximately 2.8 km northwest of the existing TH 24 interchange, continues northeast across the Mississippi River and then north to connect to TH 10 in the vicinity of the existing intersection of CSAH 3 with TH 10.

- A new alignment west of the city of Becker that intersects I-94 approximately 1 km west of the freeway rest area west of the Hasty interchange, continuing north on the alignment of existing Barton Road then north on a new alignment across the Mississippi River to continue along the current alignment of CSAH 53. Approximately 2 km south of TH 10, the alignment turns north to intersect with TH 10 at a point approximately 1.3 km east of the existing intersection of TH 10 and CSAH 53.

The Tier II EIS will be prepared in 15 to 20 years, when the need for increased river crossing capacity is imminent. At that time, design alternatives for the preferred alignment will be considered and environmental impacts and mitigation will be studied in greater detail.

The "I-94/TH 10 Regional Connection Scoping Document and Draft Scoping Decision Document" will be published in the Spring of 1997. A press release will be published to inform the public of the document's availability. Copies of the scoping document will be distributed to agencies, interested persons and libraries for review to aid in identifying issues and analyses to be contained in the EIS. A 30-day comment period for review of the document will be provided. A public scoping meeting will also be held during the comment period to afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the proposed action.

Coordination has been initiated and will continue with appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the proposed action. Public meetings have been held in the past and will continue to be held, with public notice given for the time and place of the meetings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(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)

Issued on: May 1, 1997.

**Stanley M. Graczyk,**

*Project Development Engineer, Federal Highway Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 CFR Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 CFR part 235 and 49 U.S.C. App. 26, the following railroads have petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR part 236 as detailed below.

Block Signal Application (BS-AP)-No. 3422

*Applicant:* Norfolk Southern Corporation, Mr. C. M. Golias, Chief Engineer S&E Engineering, 99 Spring Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Norfolk Southern Corporation seeks approval of the proposed modification of the traffic control system, on the single main track, at Carrollton, Missouri, milepost S-211.2 and WB Junction, Missouri, milepost S-212.8, on the Kansas City District-Westward, Illinois Division, consisting of the following:

1. Discontinuance and removal of the No. 7 power-operated switch and 40LD controlled signal at WB Junction, milepost S-212.8, associated with the installation of an electrically locked hand-operated switch outside control point limits;
2. Discontinuance and removal of controlled signals 38L, 38RA, and 38RB, associated with the installation of back

to back automatic intermediate signals 2113 and 2114 at Carrollton, milepost S-211.2; and

3. Conversion of No. 37 power-operated switch at Carrollton, milepost S-211.2 to an electrically locked hand-operated switch.

The reason given for the proposed changes is to reduce maintenance costs without affecting safety.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the protestant in the proceeding. The original and two copies of the protest shall be 3 filed with the Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590 within 45 calendar days of the date of issuance of this notice. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on May 2, 1997.

**Grady Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8822

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8822, Change of Address.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 7, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instruction should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Change of Address.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1163.

*Form Number:* 8822.

*Abstract:* Form 8822 is used by taxpayers to notify the Internal Revenue Service that they have changed their home or business address or business location.

*Current Actions:* Line 2 is deleted because Form 942 was replaced by Schedule H, Form 1040, which is covered by line 1, and Forms 940 and 940-EZ were moved to line 8 of the form.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,500,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 16 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 387,501.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the