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Docket Number: OST-98-4912.

Date Filed: December 14, 1998

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: January 11, 1999.

Description: Application of Tahoe Air Corp. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41120 and Subpart Q, applies for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to authorize it to engage in scheduled interstate and overseas air transportation of persons, property and mail.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Federal Transit Administration (FTA); Environmental Impact Statements: City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statements.

SUMMARY: The FHWA in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) will be prepared for proposed improvements to the transportation system in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Don Neumann, Programs Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 209 Adams St., Jefferson City, MO 65101, Telephone: (573) 636-7104 or Ms. Joan Roeseler, Director of Program Development Planning, FTA Region 7, 6301 Rockhill Road, Suite 303, Kansas City MO, 64131, Telephone (816) 523-0204 or Mr. Bob Innis, Transportation Corridor Improvement Group, East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, 10 Stadium Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63102, Telephone (314) 421-4220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA and the FTA in cooperation with the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, the Bi-State Development Agency, and the Missouri Department of Transportation, will prepare Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for proposed improvements to the

transportation system in the Northside, Southside and Daniel Boone study areas in the City of St. Louis and in St. Louis County, Missouri. The transportation improvements are being defined in conjunction with Major Transportation Investment Analyses (MTIAs) for the three study areas. Each MTIA includes the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping process, the identification and evaluation of multi-model transportation facility and/or service alternatives, and the selection of a preferred design concept and scope in the study area.

The Northside study area is from St. Louis Central Business District (CBD) to Florissant. The study limits are generally Chouteau Avenue on the south, the Mississippi River on the east, Lindbergh Boulevard on the north and New Florissant Road/Lucas and Hunt Boulevard/Union Boulevard/Kingshighway Boulevard on the west. The Northside study area covers approximately 77 square miles.

The Southside study area is from the St. Louis CBD to Mehlville. The study limits are generally Interstate 64 on the north, the Mississippi River on the east, the Meramec River on the south and Gravois Avenue/Hampton Avenue on the west. The Southside study area covers approximately 84 square miles.

The Daniel Boone study area is from I-170 to Chesterfield. The study limits are generally Page Avenue/the Missouri River on the north, Eatherton Road/Wild Horse Creek Road (Highway CC)/Kehrs Mill Road on the west, north of Manchester Road (Highway 100) on the south and Interstate 170 on the east. The Daniel Boone study area covers approximately 85 square miles.

Improvements to the study areas are considered necessary to provide for a safe and efficient transportation network. Alternatives under consideration include: taking no action; Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Transportation Systems Management (TSM), Busway/High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV), Transit, and Improvements to Existing Roadways, such as, additional travel lanes, interchange improvements and intersection widening.

The scoping process will involve all appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in these proposals. An interagency scoping meeting will be held on January 22, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Federal Highway Administration Division Office in Jefferson City, Missouri. Public scoping meetings will be held on January 19, 20, and 21, 1999,

between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the study areas to engage the regional community in the decision making process and to obtain public comment. Subsequent public meetings will be conducted as the studies progress. In addition, public hearings will be held to present the findings of the draft EIS (DEIS). The DEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearings.

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 actions and the EIS's should be directed to the FHWA or EWGCC at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12373 regarding intergovernmental consultant on Federal programs and activities apply to the program.)

Issued on: December 16, 1998.

Donald L. Neumann,

Programs Engineer, Jefferson City.

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Regional Administrator, FTA Region VII.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 32964 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Lease Exemption—Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a CP Rail System

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10505, the Board grants a retroactive exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11343-45 covering the lease by Wisconsin Central Ltd. of Tracks No. 17 and 18 of Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a CP Rail System, located in the Schiller Park, IL intermodal facility, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

DATES: The exemption will be effective January 29, 1999. Petitions to stay must be filed by January 11, 1999. Petitions to reopen must be filed by January 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32964 (Sub-No. 1X) must be sent to: (1) the Surface Transportation

Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; (2) Barry McGrath, 100 Soo Line Building, 105 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402; (3) Thomas J. Litwiler, Two Prudential Plaza, 45th Floor, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601; and (4) Francisco J. Ruben, 1050 17th Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

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: DC NEWS & DATA INC., 1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the

hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

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Decided: December 21, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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