

The commuter rail facility at the Tacoma Dome station is proposed to serve the project. Proposed improvements to that facility are the subject of separate environmental review. Two additional commuter rail stations will be developed as part of this project to serve the South Tacoma and Lakewood communities and the surrounding areas. Stations are proposed at the following locations: South Tacoma and Lakewood.

Station improvements will generally consist of a platform(s) that conforms to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) train boarding and debarking requirements. The platforms will have overhead canopies, wind screens, and pedestrian railings. Bus access will be provided at all stations. In addition, parking facilities will be provided. The proposed South Tacoma station will include park-and-ride facilities for 200 to 250 vehicles. The proposed Lakewood station will include park-and-ride facilities for up to 2,000 vehicles, which could include both commuter rail parking and expanded park-and-ride capacity for Sound Transit Express, Pierce Transit and Intercity Transit (Olympia Express) bus services.

Track and other right-of-way improvements will be made to allow commuter rail to operate along the corridor, all of which is used for freight operations. In addition, a new 0.8 mile rail connection will be constructed in order to connect the BNSF and TE rights-of-way for commuter rail use. A new siding will also be constructed to connect the mainline to the light maintenance and layover facility. The EIS will analyze alternative locations and designs for such facilities to minimize or avoid adverse environmental impacts.

The proposed commuter rail project will provide an alternative to the automobile in the congested Interstate 5 (I-5) corridor. Project need is described in the Documentation of Major Investment Study, Sound Transit, March 12, 1997. This document is available from Sound Transit by calling (206) 398-5000.

III. Alternatives

The proposed Tacoma-Lakewood Commuter Rail Project would largely be implemented in existing BNSF and TE railroad rights-of-way, except for new trackage needed to connect the existing rail lines and the proposed station and parking facilities. Alternatives relating to alignment location and mode were previously considered and documented in the state environmental review (1993) and Major Investment Study (1997). The

prior planning history and plan-level screening of alternatives will be summarized. This EIS will be project-specific and will focus on alternative station and associated parking facility locations, and alternative locations and/or designs for improved and new track facilities that minimize or avoid adverse environmental impacts.

Station locations and alternatives proposed for study in the EIS are located in South Tacoma and Lakewood. The South Tacoma and Lakewood station locations will each include the development of associated park-and-ride facilities. Space for approximately 200 to 250 vehicles will be developed in conjunction with the South Tacoma station. Space for up to 2,000 vehicles may be developed as part of the Lakewood station.

In addition to stations, other track improvements will be made to allow operation of commuter rail in a freight corridor. These railroad track improvements may also be used in the future by state-funded high speed passenger rail service, which is separate from Sound Transit commuter rail service.

The No-Build alternative, which involves no change to transportation services or facilities in the corridor beyond those currently programmed, will also be evaluated in the EIS.

IV. Probable Effects/Potential Impacts for Analysis

The FTA and Sound Transit plan to evaluate in the EIS all significant, social, economic and environmental impacts of the alternatives. The EIS is being prepared largely to evaluate the potential environmental impacts on natural resources associated with track improvements and the construction of new stations and associated park-and-ride facilities, and the new rail right-of-way that will be used to connect the BNSF and TE lines. Other environmental and social impacts proposed for analysis include land use and neighborhood impacts, traffic and parking impacts near stations, traffic circulation, visual impacts, contaminated soils, health and safety impacts, impacts on historic, cultural and archaeological resources, impacts on utilities, and noise and vibration impacts. The impacts on natural areas, rare and endangered species, and earth, air and water quality, will also be covered. The impacts will be evaluated both for the construction period and for the long-term period of operations. Reasonable measures to mitigate adverse impacts will be identified.

V. FTA Procedures

The EIS process will assess the social, economic, and environmental impacts of alternative station locations and associated park-and-ride facilities, a light maintenance and layover facility, the development of a new railroad right-of-way that will connect the existing BNSF and TE lines, and track designs to minimize and mitigate adverse impacts. A draft EIS will be published and made available for public and agency review and comment, and public hearing(s) will be held. On the basis of the draft EIS and the comments received, Sound Transit will complete the final EIS.

Issued on: June 15, 1999.

Linda M. Gehrke,

Deputy Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Termination—Vesta Fire Insurance Corporation

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 13 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 1998 Revision, published July 1, 1998, at 63 FR 36080.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-7102.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Certificate of Authority issued by the Treasury to the above named Company, under the United States Code, Title 31, Sections 9304-9308, to qualify as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is terminated effective today.

The Company was last listed as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds at 63 FR 36112, July 1, 1998.

With respect to any bonds currently in force with above listed Company, bond-approving officers should secure new bonds with acceptable sureties in those instances where a significant amount of liability remains outstanding. In addition, bonds that are continuous in nature should not be renewed.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html>. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service, Washington, DC, telephone

(202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048000-00516-1.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A04, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: June 8, 1999.

Michael C. Salapka,

Acting Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 990-EZ

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 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 17, 1999 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 instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.

OMB Number: 1545-1150.

Form Number: 990-EZ.

Abstract: An annual return is required by Internal Revenue Code section 6033 for organizations exempt from income tax under Code section 501(a). Form

990-EZ is used by tax-exempt organizations and nonexempt charitable trusts whose gross receipts are less than \$100,000 and whose total assets at the end of the year are less than \$250,000 to provide the IRS with the information required by Code section 6033. IRS uses the information from Form 990-EZ to ensure that tax-exempt organizations are operating within the limitations of their tax exemption.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 124,184.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 57 hours, 4 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,087,181.

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 information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: June 11, 1999.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1120-F

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 1120-F, U.S. Income Tax Return of a Foreign Corporation.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 17, 1999 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(s) and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Income Tax Return of a Foreign Corporation.

OMB Number: 1545-0126.

Form Number: 1120-F.

Abstract: Form 1120-F is used by foreign corporations that have investments, or a business, or a branch in the U.S. The IRS uses Form 1120-F to determine if the foreign corporation has correctly reported its income, deductions, and tax, and to determine if it has paid the correct amount of tax.

Current Actions: On page 1 of Form 1120-F, a checkbox was added to Item D. The change was made to aid in determining when a foreign corporation should file Form 1120-F. The time for filing the return depends on whether the foreign corporation has an office or place of business in the U.S. (IRC Section 6072).