

113 corridor including access restrictions, additional travel lanes, and the construction of a potential new alignment in south central Sussex County, Delaware. The proposed limited access facility would link back to the existing US 113 corridor north of the Town of Georgetown and in the vicinity of the Delaware/Maryland state line in the Town of Selbyville.

DelDOT is currently undertaking a planning study (the US 113 North/Study) to consider improvements for the US 113 corridor from the vicinity of Delaware Route 1 north of the City of Milford south to the Delaware/Maryland state line. The US 113 North/South Study is the next step in the overall planning process for this corridor. This effort is a follow-up to a previously completed feasibility study (Sussex County North-South Transportation Feasibility Study) in July 2001. The data and findings from the feasibility study indicated that upgrading the existing US 113 corridor is feasible and that improvements on new alignment or alignments, bypassing existing US 113, may be a consideration in the Georgetown-South Area, which extends from the Town of Georgetown to the Delaware/Maryland state line.

The US 113 North/South Study recommends that the Georgetown-South Area (area in and around the Towns of Georgetown, Millsboro, Dagsboro, Frankford, and Selbyville located in south central Sussex County, Delaware) be studied separately from the remaining US 113 corridor, north to the Town of Ellendale, northern Sussex County. Because of the potential for new alignment alternative(s), access restrictions, and the resulting potential for significant impacts on the human environment, the FHWA has determined that an EIS is the appropriate documentation for any corridor changes that may be selected within the Georgetown-South Area of study.

A program of public involvement and coordination with Federal, State, and local agencies has been initiated. Both agency and public involvement will continue throughout project development. Comments are being solicited from appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A public scoping meeting via public workshop will be held. Additional informational meetings will be scheduled during the course of the study. In addition, a formal public hearing will be held after the draft EIS has been prepared. Public notice will be given of the time and

place of the scoping meetings, and the formal public hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing on the draft EIS.

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 or DelDOT at the addresses 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.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on March 10, 2005, and comments were due by May 9, 2005. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 5, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Kline, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street Southwest, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5744; FAX: 202-366-7901, or e-mail: kenneth.kline@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Title XI Obligation Guarantees.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0018.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals/businesses interested in obtaining loan guarantees for construction or reconstruction of vessels as well as businesses interested in shipyard modernization and improvements.

Forms: MA-163, MA-163A.

Abstract: In accordance with the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, MARAD is authorized to execute a full faith and credit guarantee by the United States of debt obligations issued to finance or refinance the construction or reconstruction of vessels. In addition, the program allows for financing shipyard modernization and improvement projects.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 1050 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.

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Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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