

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 5538]****Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "I See No Stranger: Early Sikh Art and Devotion"**

Summary: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "I See No Stranger: Early Sikh Art and Devotion," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Rubin Museum of Art, New York, New York, from on or about September 18, 2006, until on or about January 29, 2007, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

For Further Information Contact: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Paul Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8050). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: August 29, 2006.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 5513]****Announcement of Meetings of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee**

Summary:

The International Telecommunication Advisory Committee will meet on September 26, 2006 at 10 am to prepare

positions for the next meeting of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) Permanent Consultative Committee II (PCCII) October 17-20, 2006 in Caracas, Venezuela. Members of the public will be admitted to the extent that seating is available, and may join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair.

The International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) will meet on September 26, 2006 at 10 a.m.; the meeting location has not yet been established. The meeting will review contributions to the forthcoming CITEL PCCII meeting as well as discuss reports on the World Radiocommunication Conference. Information on the meeting location and conference bridge information may be obtained by calling the ITAC Secretariat at 202 647-3234.

Dated: August 29, 2006.

Anne Jillson,

Foreign Affairs Officer, International Communications & Information Policy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Corridors of the Future Program**

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; request for applications.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications from interested parties to participate in the Corridors of the Future Program (CFP) selection process. The goal of the CFP is to accelerate the development of multi-State transportation Corridors of the Future for one or more transportation modes, by selecting up to 5 major transportation corridors in need of investment for the purpose of reducing congestion. The Federal government has an important role to play in facilitating and accelerating multi-State investments. States are encouraged to work together and with private sector partners to develop multi-State corridor proposals to advance project development and seek alternative financial opportunities. CFP projects may augment an existing transportation corridor or may develop entirely new facilities.

Applications will be submitted in a two-step process. In the first step, the Applicant will submit a Corridor Proposal (Proposal) containing general information about the proposed Corridor project (Corridor). A Proposal may be submitted by one State, multiple

States, or a private sector entity, and at this stage does not require the concurrence of all affected States. After the Proposal has been reviewed, the Applicant may be asked to proceed to the second step in the process by submitting an Application with more detailed information about the project.

DATES: Proposals must be received on or before October 23, 2006. The due date for Applications will be April 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit Proposals to Mr. James D. Ray, Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4213, Washington, DC 20590 or electronically to corridorsofthefuture@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael W. Harkins, Attorney-Advisor, (202) 366-4928 (michael.harkins@dot.gov), or Ms. Alla C. Shaw, Attorney-Advisor, (202) 366-1042 (alla.shaw@dot.gov), Federal Highway Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4230, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Background

The DOT is establishing a Corridors of the Future selection process to accelerate the development of multi-State, and possibly multi-use, transportation corridors to help reduce congestion. The DOT is seeking applications from either public or private sector entities to identify and advance multi-State transportation corridor investments that can alleviate current or forecasted congestion. Through this selection process, the DOT will select up to 5 Corridors in need of investment.

Congestion is one of the single largest threats to America's economic prosperity and way of life. Former Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta framed the problem earlier this year:

If power blackouts drained billions of dollars from the economy each year, it would be considered a crisis of unacceptable proportion. Yet many accept the fact that Americans squander 3.7 billion hours and 2.3 billion gallons of fuel each year sitting in traffic jams and waste \$9.4 billion as a result