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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides the public notice of the Administrator's delegation of authority with respect to the Administrator's approval of applications for licenses to operate as a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, and issuance of licenses for such operation. This delegation of authority reads as follows:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me pursuant to section 301 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, the following authority relating to investment activities is delegated to the specific positions indicated herein as follows:

A. *To the Deputy Administrator:* the authority to approve applications for a license to operate as a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended; provided, that, during any period in which the Deputy Administrator is serving as the Acting Administrator, or the position of Deputy Administrator is vacant, or the Deputy Administrator is absent from the office (as defined in SBA Standard Operating Procedure 00 01 2), such authority is delegated to the Chief of Staff.

B. *To the Agency Licensing Committee:* the authority to take any and all actions necessary to review applications for licensing under section 301 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, and to recommend to the Deputy Administrator which such applications should be approved.

The Agency Licensing Committee shall be composed of the following members: Associate Administrator for Capital Access, Chair, Associate Administrator for Investment, General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer.

This authority revokes all other authorities granted by the Administrator to recommend and approve applications for a license to operate as a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended. This authority may not be re-delegated; however, in the event that the person serving in one of the positions listed as a member of the Agency Licensing Committee is absent from the office, as defined in SBA Standard Operating Procedure 00 01 2, or is unable to perform the functions and duties of his or her position, the individual serving in an acting capacity, pursuant to a written and established

line of succession, shall serve on the Committee during such absence or inability. This authority will remain in effect until revoked in writing by the Administrator or by operation of law.

Dated: July 7, 2008.

Jovita Carranza,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6291]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Subcommittee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), through its Subcommittee on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2008. The meeting will be held in Room 10-623/0718 of Jemal's Riverside Building, 1900 Half Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593. The purpose of the SHC subcommittee meeting is to prepare for the intersessional meeting of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Subcommittee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW) that will address the comprehensive review of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention), and the Seafarer's Training Certification and Watchkeeping Code (STCW Code). The STW intersessional meeting will be held at IMO Headquarters in London, England, on September 8-12, 2008.

The comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code is the primary item for discussion for the STW intersessional meeting. At the STW meeting, amendments to the following chapters of the Convention will be considered:

- Chapter I—General Provisions;
- Chapter II—Master and deck department;
- Chapter III—Engine department;
- Chapter IV—Radiocommunication and radio personnel;
- Chapter V—Special training requirements for personnel on certain types of ships;
- Chapter VI—Emergency, occupational safety, security, medical care and survival functions;
- Chapter VII—Alternative Certification; and
- Chapter VIII—Watchkeeping.

Please note that printed copies of documents associated with the STW intersessional meeting will not be

available at this meeting. The documents will be available at the meeting in portable document format (.pdf) on CD-ROM. To request documents before the meeting please write to the address provided below, and include your name, address, phone number, and electronic mail address. Copies of the papers will be sent via electronic mail to the address provided.

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mayte Medina, U.S. Coast Guard (CG-5221), Room 1210, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by e-mail, Mayte.Medina2@uscg.mil.

Dated: July 11, 2008.

Mark Skolnicki,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on a Proposed U.S. Highway Project in California

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by FHWA and other Federal agencies.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA and other Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). These actions relate to the proposed replacement of the existing non-standard connector, from the southbound San Diego Freeway (Interstate-405 PM 39.4/40.5) to the northbound Ventura Freeway (U.S. Highway-101 PM 17.0/19.4), with an upgraded connector. The new 50 mph two-lane connector would replace the current 20 mph single-lane connector. The project area is located in the communities of Encino and Sherman Oaks, in the City of Los Angeles, in the County of Los Angeles, in the State of California.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before January 26, 2009. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such a

claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 1, 2007, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) assumed environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Caltrans prepared an Environmental Assessment on a proposal to replace the existing non-standard connector, from the southbound San Diego Freeway (Interstate-405 PM 39.4/40.5) to the northbound Ventura Freeway (U.S. Highway-101 PM 17.0/19.4), with an upgraded connector, in the City of Los Angeles, in the County of Los Angeles, in the State of California.

The existing non-standard connector experiences extensive congestion, delays, and queue lengths throughout the day. The purpose of the project is to improve safety, operation, capacity, and traffic flow through the interchange by replacing the existing 20-mph single-lane connector, with a new 50-mph two-lane connector.

The anticipated permits include: Section 404 Individual Permit pursuant to the Clean Water Act (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), Section 401 Water Quality Certification pursuant to the Clean Water Act (Regional Water Quality Control Board).

A public meeting was held on May 14, 2008 at Valley Beth Shalom, located at 15739 Ventura Boulevard, in the community of Encino, in the City of Los Angeles, CA. The Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which was approved on June 30, 2008 and other documents are available for public and agency review at Caltrans: 100 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

General: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; Federal Aid-Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].

Land: Landscape and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 219].

Air: Clean Air Act 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q).

Wildlife: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and section 1536], Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)], Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712]. Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].

Historic and Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-11]; Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-11]; Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001-3013].

Social and Economic: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d) (1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209]; The Uniform Relocation Assistance Act and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

Hazardous Materials: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6901-6992 (k).

Executive Orders: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(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.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l) (1).

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Nancy E. Bobb,

Director, State Programs.

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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 Regulations

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has 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.

[Docket Number FRA-2008-0079]

Applicant: Portland and Western Railroad, Inc., Mr. Paul A. Zalec, Vice President Passenger Operations, 650 Hawthorne Avenue, SE., Suite 220, Salem, Oregon 97301.

The Portland and Western Railroad, Inc. (PWRR) seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standards, and Instructions, Title 49 CFR Part 236, section 236.310, Signal Governing Approach to Home Signal, for its planned Wilsonville to Beaverton commuter rail project, to the extent that PWRR be permitted to utilize a cab signal in place of a roadway approach signal. The location of the request is from Wilsonville, Oregon, on the former Oregon Electric Railway, Oregon Electric Subdivision milepost 42.8 to Beaverton, Oregon, Tillamook District, milepost 755.50, a distance of approximately 15.3 route miles.

Applicant's justification for relief: It is proposed that the visibility of cab signals is superior to that of roadway signals and that cab signals also permit automatic enforcement of speed limits and govern the proper approach to the home signal.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and it shall contain a concise statement of the interest of the party in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.