

Silvermine Drive to U.S. 290 in Travis County. The proposed improvements were originally considered in a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) covering improvements to U.S. 290/SH 71 from RM 1826 to Farm to Market (FM) 973. A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by FHWA on August 22, 1988. The mid-section of the original project limits, between east of Williamson Creek and Riverside Drive, has been constructed. Since the issuance of the U.S. 290/SH 71 ROD, the proposed design concept for the current project has changed as a result of changes in adjacent land use, State and federal listing of the Barton Springs salamander as endangered, changes in funding mechanisms to include tolling, a proposed shift in the alignment, and public input. The original FEIS will be supplemented to evaluate the changes in potential impacts from the proposed improvements. The proposed project limits of the U.S. 290/SH 71 limited scope SEIS would extend beyond the limits of the original FEIS to allow for a transition back to existing U.S. 290 west of Scenic Brook Drive and along SH 71 at Silvermine Drive. The proposed project limits, including transitional area, cover approximately 3.6 miles along U.S. 290 and 1.2 miles along SH 71.

The project is listed in the Capital Area Metro Planning Organization (CAMPO) Mobility 2030 Plan, as amended, (the long-range transportation plan) as a six-lane tolled freeway west of Scenic Brook to east of Williamson Creek. The proposed action would include continuous non-tolled frontage roads with two to three lanes in each direction. The need for the proposed project, as stated in the 1988 FEIS, stems from congestion and low travel speeds caused by rapid population growth in the Austin metropolitan area. Crash data have also indicated safety concerns as a primary need for this project. Additionally, the economic growth of the U.S. 290/SH 71 corridor is dependent on the ability of the roadway network to accommodate both local trips created by recent nearby development as well as regional through traffic. In order to address these needs, the purpose of the proposed project is to increase traffic flow capacities and improve mobility in the roadway corridor while enhancing safety and system interconnectivity, in compliance with the adopted CAMPO Mobility 2030 Plan.

The SEIS will evaluate potential impacts from construction and operation of the proposed roadway including, but not limited to, the following: Transportation impacts

(construction detours, construction traffic, and mobility improvement), air quality and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the facilities, water quality impacts from construction area and roadway storm water runoff, impacts to waters of the United States including wetlands from right-of-way encroachment, impacts to historic and archaeological resources, impacts to floodplains, and impacts and/or displacements to residents and businesses, land use, vegetation, wildlife, aesthetic and visual resources, socioeconomic resources, and cumulative and indirect impacts.

Public involvement is a critical component of the project development process and will occur throughout the planning and study phases. A public scoping meeting is planned, but has not yet been scheduled. The purpose of the public scoping meeting is to solicit public comments on the proposed action as part of the National Environmental Policy Act process. Opportunities for public involvement would also exist during public meetings and public review of the draft SEIS.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the SEIS should be directed to FHWA at the address 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

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2008-0211]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently-Approved Information Collection: Application for Certificate of Registration for Foreign Motor Carriers and Foreign Motor Private Carriers

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for information.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. FMCSA requests approval to revise an existing information collection (IC) entitled, "Application for Certificate of Registration for Foreign Motor Carriers and Foreign Motor Private Carriers," that requires Mexico-domiciled for-hire and private motor carriers to file an application Form OP-2 if they wish to register to transport property only within municipalities in the United States on the U.S.-Mexico international borders or within the commercial zones of such municipalities. On June 9, 2008, FMCSA published a **Federal Register** notice announcing for a 60-day comment period on the ICR. No comments were received on the ICR.

**DATES:** Please send your comments by September 15, 2008. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should reference DOT Docket No. FMCSA-2008-0211. You may submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, *Attention: DOT/FMCSA Desk Officer.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Denise Ryan, Transportation Specialist, Office of Information Technology, Operations Division, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 6th Floor, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington DC 20590. Telephone Number: (202) 493-0242; E-mail Address: [denise.ryan@dot.gov](mailto:denise.ryan@dot.gov). Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Application for Certificate of Registration for Foreign Motor Carriers and Foreign Motor Private Carriers.

**OMB Control Number:** 2126-0019.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently-approved information collection.

**Respondents:** Foreign motor carriers and commercial motor vehicle drivers.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 615.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 4 hours to complete Form OP-2.

**Expiration Date:** August 31, 2008.

**Frequency of Response:** Other (Once).

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 2,460 hours [615 responses × 4 hours to complete Form OP-2 = 2,460].

**Background:** Title 49 U.S.C. 13902(c) contains basic licensing procedures for registering foreign motor carriers to operate across the Mexico-U.S. border into the United States. Part 368 of title 49, CFR, contains the regulations that require Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to apply to FMCSA for a Certificate of Registration to provide interstate transportation in municipalities in the United States on the U.S.-Mexico international border or within the commercial zones of such municipalities as defined in 49 U.S.C. 13902(c)(4)(A). FMCSA carries out this registration program under authority delegated by the Secretary of Transportation.

Foreign (Mexico-based) motor carriers use Form OP-2 to apply for a Certificate of Registration from the FMCSA. The form requests information on the foreign motor carrier's name, address, U.S. DOT Number, form of business (e.g., corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership), locations where the applicant plans to operate, types of registration requested (e.g., for-hire motor carrier, motor private carrier), insurance, safety certifications, household goods arbitration certifications, and compliance certifications.

**Public Comments Invited:** You may comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FMCSA to perform its functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 687X)]

#### **CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Fulton and Clayton Counties, GA**

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 1.67-mile line of railroad on its Southern Region, Atlanta Division, Atlanta Terminal Subdivision in College Park, between Valuation Station 0+00 and the end of the line, Valuation Station 88+00, in Fulton and Clayton Counties, GA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 30337.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on September 13, 2008, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental

issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 25, 2008. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by September 3, 2008, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to CSXT's representative: Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

CSXT has filed an environmental and historic report addressing the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by August 19, 2008. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by August 14, 2009, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: August 11, 2008.

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which, as of July 18, 2008, is set at \$1500. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).