

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Region I—SBA Providence District Office, Rhode Island SBA Advisory Council; Notice of Public Meeting**

The Rhode Island SBA Advisory Council located in Providence, Rhode Island, will hold a public meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 24, 2000, at the Marriott Hotel located on One Orms Street in Providence, Rhode Island 02904, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information write or call Mark S. Hayward, Acting District Director, 380 Westminster Street, Room 511, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 or telephone at (401) 528-4561.

Bettie Baca,

Counselor to the Administrator/Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3249]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations: "Imperial China: The Art of the Horse in Chinese History"

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

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), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority of October 19, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Imperial China: The Art of the Horse in Chinese History," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the International Museum of the Horse, Lexington, KY from on or about May 1, 2000, to on or about August 31, 2000, 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 exhibit objects, contact Carol Epstein,

Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6981). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44; 301-4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: March 5, 2000.

William B. Bader,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**Public Notice No. 3233****Renewal of Cultural Property Advisory Committee Charter**

The Charter of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee is being renewed for a two-year period. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector experts in archaeology/anthropology/ethnology; experts in the international sale of cultural property; and, representatives of museums and of the general public. The committee was established by 19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*, the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act. It reviews requests from other countries seeking U.S. import restrictions on archaeological or ethnological material the pillage of which places a country's cultural heritage in jeopardy. The committee makes findings and recommendations to the Secretary of State, who, on behalf of the President, determines whether to impose the import restrictions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cultural Property Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Rm. 247, State Annex 44, 301 4th St., SW, Washington, DC 20547. Phone (202) 619-6612; Fax: (202) 619-5177.

Dated March 6, 2000.

Maria P. Kouroupas,

Executive Director, Cultural Property Advisory Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3232]

Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation will meet in the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street NW, Washington, D.C.,

April 10-11, 2000 in Conference Room 1406. Prior notification and a valid photo are mandatory for entrance into the building. One week before the meeting the public must notify Gloria Walker, Office of Historian (202-663-1124) providing their date of birth, Social Security number, and telephone number.

The Committee will meet in open session from 9 a.m. through Noon on Monday, April 10, 2000, to discuss the implementation of Executive Order 12958 with respect to Department of State records, the declassification and transfer of Department of State electronic records to the National Archives and Records Administration, and the modernization of the Foreign Relations series. The remainder of the Committee's sessions from 1:45 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2000 until Noon on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 will be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The agenda calls for discussions involving consideration of matters not subject to public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that the public interest requires that such activities be withheld from disclosure.

Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to William Slany, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State, Office of the Historian, Washington, DC, 20520, telephone (202) 663-1123, (e-mail pahistoff@panet.us-state.gov).

February 29, 2000.

William Slany,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Shannon County, Missouri**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed improvements to the transportation system in Shannon County, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Donald Neumann, Programs Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 209 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, Telephone: (573) 636-7104 or Mr. Bob

Sfreddo, Director of Project Development, Missouri Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102, Telephone: (573) 751-4586.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), the National Park Service (NPS), and the Ozark National Scenic Riverways (ONSR) will prepare an EIS for a proposed project to improve Route 19 in south-central, Missouri. The proposed project extends from 2.0 miles south of Route EE south 3.0 miles to 1.0 mile south of Round Spring, Missouri. This proposal includes the replacement of three bridges over Spring Valley Creek, Sinking Creek, and the Current River. All three rivers are in Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

Improvements are considered necessary to: (1) Improve safety and capacity for local and through traffic, (2) replace three bridges which are structurally deficient and functionally obsolete and, (3) support local and regional economic development for Shannon County and the surrounding area.

The proposed project will provide a two-lane roadway with at-grade intersections at rural crossroads. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) transportation management options; (3) constructing new bridges and roadways beside the existing alignment; and (4) constructing a two-lane roadway on new location.

The scoping process will involve all appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. The scoping process was initiated at a September 23, 1999 meeting. Further public meetings will be held to engage the regional community in the decision making process and to obtain public comment. A public hearing will be held to present the findings of the draft EIS (DEIS). The DEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

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 MoDOT at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12373

regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: March 3, 2000.

Donald L. Neumann,

Program Engineer, Jefferson City.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environment Impact Statement: Texas and Howell Counties, Missouri

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed improvements to the transportation system in Texas and Howell Counties, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Donald Neumann, Programs Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 209 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, Telephone: (573) 636-7104 or Mr. Bob Sfreddo, Director of Project Development, Missouri Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102, Telephone: (573) 751-4586.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), the National Park Service (NPS), and the Ozark National Scenic Riverways (ONSR) will prepare an EIS for a proposed project to improve Route 17 in south-central Missouri. The project extends from Route O in Texas County south 2.5 miles to 0.5 mile south of the Howell County Line. This proposal includes the replacement of a bridge over the Jacks Fork River, which is in the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Improvements are considered necessary to: (1) improve safety and capacity for local and through traffic, (2) replace a bridge which is structurally deficient and functionally obsolete and, (3) support local and regional economic development for Texas and Howell Counties and the surrounding area.

The proposed project will provide a two-lane roadway with at-grade intersections at rural crossroads. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; (2) transportation management options; (3) constructing a bridge and roadway

beside the existing alignment; and (4) constructing a roadway on new location.

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Issued on: March 3, 2000.

Donald L. Neumann,

Programs Engineer, Jefferson City.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Numbers LI-96-2 and FRA-1999-5894]

Canadian National Railroad, Canadian Pacific Railway; Public Hearing

The Canadian National Railroad and the Canadian Pacific Railway have independently petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking a permanent waiver of compliance with the Locomotive Safety Standards, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 229.27(a) and 229.29(a) concerning the time interval requirements of the periodic cleaning, repairing and testing of locomotive air brake components for all of their locomotives operating in the United States equipped with 26L type brake equipment.

This proceeding is identified as Canadian National Railroad, Docket LI-96-2, and Canadian Pacific Railway, Docket FRA-1999-5894. FRA issued public notices seeking comments of