

Bridge and State Route 28 and the 40th Street Bridge. The proposed action would extend from Heinz Street in the City of Pittsburgh, to the Millvale Interchange in the Borough of Millvale. The length of the project is 3.3 kilometers (2.0) miles. Included in the overall project will be the identification of a range of alternatives that meet the identified project need, and supporting environmental documentation and analysis to recommend a selected alternative for implementation. A complete public involvement program is part of the project.

Documentation of the need for the project was completed in 1997. This process identified the need for roadway improvements through the study area based on local and regional transportation demand, system linkage and continuity, geometric criteria, safety and local and regional planning.

Alternatives that will be considered include: No Build; Widen left on existing alignment to bring roadway to freeway standards; Widen right on existing alignment to bring roadway to freeway standards; Widening alternative that combines widening left and right to bring roadway to freeway standards; and Improvements resulting in non-standard freeway design features. A number of intersection and interchange alternatives at the 31st Street and 40th Street Bridges will be studied. These alternatives will be the basis for recommendation of alternatives to be carried forward for detailed environmental and engineering studies in the EIS.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state and local agencies and to private organizations and citizens who express interest in this proposal. Public meetings will be held in the area throughout the study process. Public involvement and agency coordination will be maintained throughout the development of the EIS.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are 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 EIS should be directed to FHWA or PennDOT 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

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Mason County, Washington

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA hereby gives notice that it intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed highway project in Mason County, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James A. Leonard, Transportation and Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 711 Capitol Way, Suite 501, Olympia, WA 98501, Telephone: (360) 753-9408; or Mr. Jerry W. Hauth, Mason County Director of Public Works, Courthouse Bldg 1, 411 North 5th Street, PO Box 1850, Shelton, WA 98584, Telephone: (360) 427-9670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register's home page at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation and Mason County, will prepare an EIS to design, acquire land, and construct highway connector from SR 3 (south of Belfair, near the Location of the North Mason High School) to US 101 (north of Shelton). Access between the communities of Belfair and Shelton is currently provided by SR 3 and SR 106. Both of these are narrow two-lane farm-to-market routes that follow the shoreline on each side of the peninsula. All of the regional county roads feed into these two state highways. Congestion is already a concern during peak commuter hours and there are several high accident locations in the region. The high number of residential access points along all of SR 106 and

section of SR 3 exacerbate the safety problem. In addition, both routes are subject to frequent landslides, and are constrained by steep topography, marine shorelines and limited right of way. Currently adopted traffic projections show that all of the major county road intersections on SR 3, and most of mainline SR 3 will fall below acceptable levels of service standards before the year 2020. Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for existing and projected traffic demand.

The EIS will include an evaluation of the no build alternative, as well as improvements to the existing highways and several practicable alignment alternatives for possible new connector routes.

The EIS will examine the short and long-term impacts on both the natural and physical environment. The impact assessment will include, but not limited to, impacts on wetlands, wildlife, and fisheries; social environment; changes in lands use; aesthetics; change in traffic; and economic impacts. The EIS will also examine measures to mitigate significant adverse impacts that may result from the proposed action.

Comments are being solicited from appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and from private organizations and citizens, who have interest in this proposal. Public information meetings will be held in the area as part of the scoping process to discuss public concerns and suggestions about the project. An agency scoping meeting will also be scheduled to discuss agency concerns. The draft EIS will be available to public and agency review prior to the public hearing which will be scheduled to receive comments. Public notice will be given of the time and place of all meeting and hearings.

Comments and/or suggestions from all interested parties are requested to ensure that the full range of all issues, and significant environmental and social issues in particular, are identified, reviewed and addressed. Comments and questions concerning this proposed action and/or its EIS should be directed to the FHWA or Mason County at the address listed above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad
Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirement (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on January 26, 2000 (65 FR 4297).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW, Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Dian Deal, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW, Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6133). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. 104-13, section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On January 26, 2000, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. 65 FR 4297. FRA received no comments after issuing this

notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been reevaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507 (b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); see also 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The revised requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

Title: Control of Alcohol and Drug Use in Railroad Operations

OMB Control Number: 2130-0526

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Railroads

Form(s): FRA F 6180.73; 6180.74; 6180.94A and 6180.94B

Abstract: The information collection requirements contained in pre-employment and "for cause" testing regulations are intended to ensure a sense of fairness and accuracy for railroads and their employees. The principal information "evidence of unauthorized alcohol and drug use" is used to prevent accidents by screening personnel who perform safety-sensitive service. FRA uses the information to measure the level of compliance with regulations governing the use of alcohol or controlled substances. Elimination of this problem is necessary to prevent accidents, injuries, and fatalities of the nature already experienced and further reduce the risk of a truly catastrophic accident. Finally, FRA analyzes the data provided in the Management Information System (MIS) annual report to monitor the effectiveness of a railroad's alcohol and drug testing program.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 129,366 hours

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20503; Attention: FRA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on the following: Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FRA, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections 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 of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

Issued in Washington, DC.

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*Acting Director, Office of Information
Technology and Support Systems, Federal
Railroad Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Annual Firearms Manufacturing and Exportation Report.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 16, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and