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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Request for Comments

We encourage you to submit comments and related material on the Draft EIS. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG-2003-15797) and give the reasons for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

##### Proposed Action

The project under consideration is a 14-mile monorail line in Seattle, Washington, that will provide transit service serving a number of Seattle communities and destinations. The project is being proposed by the Seattle Popular Monorail Authority (also known as Seattle Monorail Project or SMP), which is a city transportation authority organized under Washington Revised Code Chapter 35.95A. The Green Line would use traditional monorail technology, which consists of linked train cars straddling an elevated guideway beam that provides electric power to propel the train cars. Green Line trains would run on rubber tires that are locked into the beams and would be operated automatically and not require drivers.

The Green Line includes a new bridge crossing of the Lake Washington Ship Canal (near the existing Ballard Bridge), for which a bridge permit from the Coast Guard and environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) are required. A crossing of the Duwamish Waterway on the existing West Seattle High-Rise Bridge is proposed, and may also require a bridge permit from the Coast Guard depending on final design drawings. Comments regarding impacts that the proposed Green Line bridgework may have on navigation of the Lake Washington Ship Canal or the Duwamish Waterway will be of particular relevance to the Coast Guard's

bridge permitting responsibilities. In order to evaluate indirect and cumulative environmental impacts of the Coast Guard's bridge permit actions, the Coast Guard and the SMP have agreed that the scope of NEPA review should be the entire 14-mile Green Line proposal.

The Green Line is being proposed in accordance with Seattle Citizens' Petition No. 1, which was passed by Seattle voters in November 2002. In Petition No. 1, voters adopted the Seattle Popular Monorail Plan, created the SMP, required the SMP to adopt and implement the Seattle Popular Monorail Plan, and authorized funding for the construction and operation of the Green Line as described in the Plan. The proposed Green Line would run from the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle, through the Interbay and Ballard industrial areas, through downtown Seattle, through the South Downtown (SODO) industrial area, and then to the West Seattle neighborhood. The Green Line would connect the urban neighborhoods in Ballard and West Seattle with the industrial/manufacturing areas in the Interbay and SODO areas and with the downtown urban core and central business district of the City of Seattle.

##### Procedural

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to present testimony at the hearing or who want to be placed on the project mailing list, may submit a request to the Bridge Section at the address listed under **ADDRESSES** clearly indicating name and organization represented, if applicable. Requests to speak should be received no later than September 22, 2003, in order to ensure proper scheduling for the hearing. Attendees at the hearing, who wish to present testimony and have not previously made a request to do so, will follow those having submitted a request, as time permits. Speakers will be called in the order of receipt of the request. Depending upon the number of scheduled statements, the Coast Guard may limit the amount of time allowed for each speaker. Written statements and other exhibits in lieu of, or in addition to, oral statements at the hearing may be submitted to the Bridge Section at the address listed under **ADDRESSES** until October 14, 2003, to be included in the Public Hearing transcript. Beginning at 1 p.m. on the hearing date, Seattle Monorail Project representatives will be available with project display materials adjacent to the hearing room to explain the project and answer questions from the public.

#### Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information about facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Commander (oan), Thirteenth Coast Guard District. Please request these services by contacting the Bridge Section at the phone number under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or in writing at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Any requests for an oral or sign language interpreter must be received by September 22, 2003.

**Authority:** Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 40 CFR 1503.1, 36 CFR 800.2(d).

Dated: July 30, 2003.

**N.E. Mpras,**

*Chief, Office of Bridge Administration, U.S. Coast Guard.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4820-N-35]

##### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Application and Re-Certification Packages for Approval of Nonprofit Organizations in FHA Activities

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* October 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410, or [Wayne\\_Eddins@hud.gov](mailto:Wayne_Eddins@hud.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vance T. Morris, Director, Office of Single Family Program Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW.,

Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2121 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Application and Re-Certification Packages for Approval of Nonprofit Organizations for FHA Activities.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2502-0540.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The information collection is essential to the Department's mission to expand homeownership opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods and communities by standardizing the process throughout the country. The information that nonprofit organizations must submit to be eligible to participate as a mortgagor in HUD's single-family housing programs is in the form of an application, re-certification, or other reporting criteria. Nonprofit organizations are viewed as a significant partner in rehabilitating and reselling residential housing to low- and moderate-income families, particularly in the nation's urban centers. Each nonprofit organization seeking to become approved as a mortgagor must submit a completed Application Package for Nonprofit Agency Approval and an Affordable Housing Plan-Format for Narrative to the appropriate HUD Homeownership Center (HOC). The Affordable Housing Plan-Format for Narrative details the nonprofit organization's plan to develop successful homeownership

opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. Nonprofit agencies applying for approval to provide secondary financing only do not need to include an Affordable Housing Plan in their submission.

Approvals granted to nonprofit applicants are for a period of two years. An approval letter will be issued setting forth the activities for which the nonprofit was approved to perform, and any conditions associated with the approval. Approvals granted by one HOC would be recognized and accepted by all others, with the exception of the affordable housing plan. The affordable housing plan must be approved by each HOC having jurisdiction over the areas in which the nonprofit agency wishes to do business. Nonprofit agencies must be re-certified by FHA every two years. Re-certification includes an updating of the nonprofit's activities. FHA has also placed a limitation on the number of 203(k) FHA insured mortgages a nonprofit may have at one time in order to ensure that nonprofit agencies do not overextend their financial and management capabilities. Generally, a nonprofit agency will be prohibited from borrowing under the 203(k) program if the agency has 10 or more incomplete 203(k) developments at one time. This limitation may be waived based upon an exceptional performance record.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* None.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The number of respondents are estimated to be 1,900 generating approximately 3,400 annual responses; the frequency of response is annually, biennially, and on occasion, the estimated time needed to prepare the responses varies from 3 hours to 24 hours; and the total estimated annual burden hours are 23,200.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: August 22, 2003.

**Margaret A. Young,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Finance and Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4817-N-14]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment for Public Housing, Contracting With Resident-Owned Businesses

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended). The Department is soliciting public comment on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* October 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: *Mildred M. Hamman*, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4249, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mildred M. Hamman, (202) 708-0614 extension 4128. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In order to be eligible for the alternative procurement process provided by 24 CFR part 963, resident-owned businesses must submit evidence to PHAs indicating that they meet eligibility requirements as defined in 24 CFR 963.10. Resident owned-businesses must furnish evidence to PHAs that they are: A legally formed business; a resident-owned business; have the capacity to complete the work contract; and have a limited number of contracts obtained through the alternative procurement process. Although PHAs are not required to use the alternative procurement method, they are required to collect eligibility requirements from resident-owned businesses when using this procurement method.

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies (PHAs) concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agencies, including