

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at the Pueblo Memorial Airport under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Craig Sparks, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, Denver Airports District Office, 26805 E. 68th Ave., Suite 224, Denver, Colorado, 80249.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. John O'Neal, Director of Aviation, Pueblo Memorial Airport, 31201 Bryan Circle, Pueblo, Colorado, 81001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cynthia Nelson, Project Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, Denver Airports District Office, 26805 E. 68th Ave., Suite 224, Denver, Colorado 80249.

The request to release property may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Pueblo Memorial Airport under the provisions of the AIR 21. On September 19, 2003, the FAA determined that the request to release property at the Pueblo Memorial Airport submitted by the City of Pueblo met the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 155. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no later than December 31, 2003.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The Pueblo Memorial Airport requests the release of 34.07 acres of non-aeronautical airport property to the City of Pueblo, Colorado. The purpose of this release is to allow the City of Pueblo to sell the subject land that was conveyed to the City by the United States acting through the War Assets Administration by Quit Claim Deed dated July 20, 1948. The sale of this parcel will provide funds for airport improvements.

Any person may inspect the request by appointment at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application

in person at Pueblo Memorial Airport 31201 Bryan Circle, Pueblo, CO 81001.

Issued in Denver, Colorado, on October 29, 2003.

Craig Sparks,

Manager, Denver Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2003-16310]

Notice of Request for Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Statement of Materials and Labor Used by Contractors on Highway Construction Involving Federal Funds, OMB Control Number: 2125-0033

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements in Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its clearance for the currently approved FHWA collection of information identified below under Supplementary Information.

DATES: Please submit comments by January 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FHWA-2003-16310 by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Public Comments Invited: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the requests for OMB's clearance of the following collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Statement of Materials and Labor Used by Contractors on Highway Construction Involving Federal Funds.

OMB Control Number: 2125-0033.

Background: The State highway agencies and contractors who work on highway projects are required to submit data regarding the usage of materials and labor in highway construction (23 CFR 635.126). This data is submitted to the FHWA on Form FHWA-47, "Statement of Materials and Labor Used by Contractors on Highway Construction Involving Federal Funds." Title 29 U.S.C. 2 authorizes the Department of Labor (DOL) to collect the labor-related information using its own forces or by getting the information from other Federal agencies. An informal agreement has been reached for the FHWA to collect the desired data for DOL. The data is used by the FHWA for estimating current materials usage and cost distribution on Federal-aid highway construction contracts to aid in planning for future requirements based on anticipated program levels. The information is also used by the Department of Labor in its studies on the highway construction industry's labor and materials requirements, and by the industry, including the materials suppliers. This information is made available to other Federal, State and local agencies, universities, businesses, and industry for their own uses.

Estimated Annual Burden: The FHWA estimates that the total annual burden imposed on the public by this collection is 7,475 hours and the estimated time to complete each report is 5 hours.

Number of Respondents: 650 State highway agencies and Federal-Aid highway contractors.

Frequency: Approximately 650 State highway agencies and Federal-Aid highway contractors complete and submit an average of 2.3 reports on Form FHWA-47 each year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Claretta Duren, (202) 366-4636, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Pavement Technology, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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James R. Kabel,

Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2003-16313]

Notice of Request for Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Federal-Aid Highway Construction Equal Employment Opportunity, OMB Control Number: 2125-0019

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

ACTION: Notice and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements in section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its clearance for the currently approved FHWA collection of information identified below under Supplementary Information.

DATES: Please submit comments by January 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FHWA-2003-16313 by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or

comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Public Comments Invited: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the requests for OMB's clearance of the following collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal-Aid Highway Construction Equal Employment Opportunity.

OMB Control Number: 2125-0019 (Expiration Date: January 31, 2004).

Background: Title 23, part 140(a), requires the FHWA to ensure equal opportunity regarding contractors' employment practices on Federal-aid highway projects. To carry out this requirement the contractors must submit to the State highway agencies an annual report providing employment work force data, which includes the number of minorities, women, and non-minorities in each construction craft. This information is reported on Form PR-1391, Federal-Aid Highway Construction Contractors Summary of Employment Data. The statute also requires the State highway agencies to submit a report to the FHWA summarizing the data entered on the PR-1391 forms. This summary data is provided on Form PR-1392, Federal-Aid Highway Construction Contractors Summary of Employment Data. The FHWA uses this data to identify patterns and trends of employment in the highway construction industry, and to determine the adequacy and impacts of the FHWA's contract compliance and on-the-job training programs.

Estimated Annual Burden: The FHWA estimates the total annual burden hours imposed on the public by this collection is 6,580 hours; *i.e.*, 2,080 hours is required by the 52 State highway agencies to complete and submit the Form PR-1392, and an additional 4,500 hours is required for 4,500 Federal-aid highway construction

contractors to complete and submit the Form PR-1391.

Number of Respondents: 52 State highway agencies and 4,500 Federal-aid highway construction contractors.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles Klemstine, (202) 366-6753, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Civil Rights, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 140(a); 23 CFR 635.126; 29 U.S.C. 2; 23 U.S.C. 123; 23 U.S.C. 116; 23 U.S.C. 130; 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: November 3, 2003.

James R. Kabel,

Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34305]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Construction and Operation Exemption—in Merced County, CA

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in response to a petition filed by the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company. The petition seeks an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 for authority to construct and operate an 850-foot long rail line in Merced, California. The EA identifies the natural and man-made resources in the area of the proposed rail line and analyzes the potential impacts of the rail line construction and operation on these resources. Based on the information provided from all sources to date and its independent analysis, SEA preliminarily concludes that construction and operation of the proposed rail line would have no significant environmental impacts if the Board imposes and the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company implements the recommended mitigation measures set forth in this EA. Copies of the EA have been served on