

restrictions on major arterials, empty container management through policies and incentives, implementation of truck emission/safety enforcement facilities, expanded public transportation, and an expanded Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) to include entire study area.

- Alternative Goods Movement Technology.
- Arterial Highway and I-710 Congestion Relief Improvements.
- I-710 Mainline Improvements.
 - Option A—10 general-purpose lanes with no carpool lanes.
 - Option B—eight general-purpose lanes with one carpool lane in each direction (total of 10).
- Locally Preferred Strategy Hybrid Design (I-710 Mainline Improvements with the addition of a separated four lane freight movement facility)—Includes ten general purpose lanes next to a separated four lane freight movement facility from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (Ocean Boulevard) to the UP and BNSF intermodal yards southeast of the I-710/I-5 interchange. This alternative is a community-based recommendation from the previous I-710 Major Corridor Study: Major Opportunity /Strategy Recommendations and Conditions.

These basic alternatives will have additional design variations, which provide optional lane use (general purpose, High Occupancy Vehicle, Transportation Systems Management), optional on and off ramp modifications, and other engineering details. These alternatives may be refined, combined with various different alternatives, or be removed from further consideration, as more analysis is conducted on the project alternatives.

Analysis supporting the EIS will determine the type of facility necessary to meet the existing and future transportation needs in the corridor.

The following permits may be required to construct the proposed project:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit.
- Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Game.
- Incidental take permit from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).
- Incidental take permit from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries.
- State Coastal Development Permit.
- Federal Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency Determination.

- Encroachment permits from the various cities in which project construction would occur.

Caltrans is holding public scoping meetings to provide an overview of the project, summary of the environmental process and issues addressed, and receive input regarding environmental issues and the suggested scope and content of the EIR. An Agency Scoping Meeting will be held on September 10, 2008 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a Public Scoping Meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Progress Park in the City of Paramount. Two additional Public Scoping Meetings will be held on September 9, 2008 at Rowen Elementary School in East L.A. and September 11, 2008 at Cabrillo High School in Long Beach from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, Participating Agencies, tribal governments and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. It is anticipated that the Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment in mid-2010. Public meetings will be held in study area communities in the summer of 2010. In addition, public hearings will be held. Public notice will be given for the time and place of the public meetings and hearings. The EIS 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 is addressed and all significant concerns are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions about this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to Caltrans at the address 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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Director, State Programs, Federal Highway Administration, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 9, 2008, and comments were due by August 8, 2008. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 19, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joanne Spittle, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5979; or *e-mail*: joanne.spittle@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Application for Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for Small Passenger Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0529.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Small passenger vessel owners who desire to operate in the coastwise trade.

Forms: None.

Abstract: Owners of small passenger vessels desiring waiver of the coastwise trade laws affecting small passenger vessels will be required to file a written application and justification for waiver to the Maritime Administration (MARAD). The agency will review the application and make a determination whether to grant the requested waiver.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 100 hours.

Addressee: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection 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.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: August 14, 2008.

Leonard Sutter,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council

ACTION: National Advisory Council public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration announces that the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC) will hold a meeting to review and approve an updated and revised Intermodal Report, finalize an expanded Marine Transportation System outreach and education program to address the economic benefits that our ports and the Marine Transportation System contribute to the nation, and discuss other issues of importance to the Marine Transportation System. A public comment period is scheduled for 11:15 a.m.–11:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. To provide time for as many people to speak as possible, speaking time for each individual will be limited to three minutes. Members of the public who would like to speak are asked to contact Richard J. Lolich by September 10, 2008. Commenter's will be placed on the agenda in the order in which notifications are received. If time allows, additional comments will be permitted. Copies of oral comments must be submitted in writing at the meeting. Additional written comments are welcome and must be filed by September 27, 2008.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, from

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, September 18, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Sheraton National Hotel, 900 South Orme Street Arlington, Virginia 22204. The hotel's phone number is 703-521-1900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Lolich, (202) 366-0704; Maritime Administration, MAR-540, Room W21-309, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001; richard.lolich@dot.gov.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App 2, Sec. 9(a)(2); 41 CFR 101-6. 1005; DOT Order 1120.3B)

By order of the Maritime Administration.

Dated: August 13, 2008.

Leonard Sutter,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2008 0077]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel EL SHADDAI.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2008-0077 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments.

Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2008-0077. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel EL SHADDAI is:

Intended Use: "Occasional day and overnight charters in waters off California coast."

Geographic Region: "California."

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: August 13, 2008.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Leonard Sutter,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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