

Ruling 82-52,<sup>1</sup> which explains how SSA applies the 12-month statutory duration requirement when a claimant returns to work within 12 months of the alleged disability onset date,<sup>2</sup> was inconsistent with the meaning of those sections of the Act.

On December 18, 2000, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit issued a decision in *Walton v. Apfel*, 235 F.3d 184 (4th Cir. 2000), joining these four other circuits by holding, among other things, that the claimant who returned to work within 12 months of the alleged date of disability onset and prior to adjudication of his claim was entitled to disability benefits and a 9-month trial work period under the clear language of the governing statute.

On March 27, 2002, the United States Supreme Court reversed the Fourth Circuit's decision, and held that SSA's trial work period regulation and its interpretation of the 12-month duration requirement was lawful under the Act. *Barnhart v. Walton*, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 122 S. Ct. 1265 (2002). The Court stated that "the Agency's regulation seems a reasonable, hence permissible, interpretation of the statute. \* \* \* The statute's complexity, the vast number of claims it engenders, and the consequent need for agency expertise and administrative experience lead us to read the statute as delegating to the Agency considerable authority to fill in, through interpretation, matters of detail related to its administration. The interpretation at issue here is such a matter. The statute's language is ambiguous. And the Agency's interpretation is reasonable. We conclude that the Agency's regulation is lawful." *Id.* at 1273-1274 (citation omitted).

Because, in *Walton*, the Supreme Court also overruled the circuit court holdings in *McDonald*, *Walker*, *Newton*, and *Salamalekis* by upholding SSA's regulations clarifying and explaining the policy interpretation that was the subject of the holdings in those cases, we are rescinding ARs 88-3(7), 92-6(10), 98-1(8) and 00-5(6).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance;

96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance; 96.006—Supplemental Security Income.)

Dated: June 4, 2002.

**Jo Anne B. Barnhart,**  
*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 4047]

#### **Culturally Significant Object Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Benenson Gallery for African Art in the Department of the Arts of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas"**

**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), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Benenson Gallery for African Art in the Department of the Arts of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY from on or about November 2002 to on or about September 2004, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, 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, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6981). The address is Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: June 3, 2002.

**Patricia S. Harrison,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 4046]

#### **Culturally Significant Object Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Genesis: Ideas of Origin in African Sculpture"**

**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), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Genesis: Ideas of Origin in African Sculpture," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owners. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY from on or about November 18, 2002 to on or about April 13, 2003, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, 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, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6981). The address is Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: June 3, 2002.

**Patricia S. Harrison,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 4045]

#### **Culturally Significant Object Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Glimpses of the Silk Road: Central Asia in the First Millennium A.D."**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to

<sup>1</sup> Social Security Ruling (SSR) 91-7c superseded SSR 82-52, but only to the extent that SSR 82-52 discussed former procedures used to determine disability in children. The issue in these ARs did not relate to those former procedures and the cited policy statement in SSR 82-52 remained in effect.

<sup>2</sup> Final rules clarifying and providing a more detailed explanation and justification for the longstanding policy in SSR 82-52 became effective on August 10, 2000 (65 FR 42772).

the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Glimpses of the Silk Road: Central Asia in the First Millennium A.D.," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY from on or about June 15, 2002 to on or about July 2005, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, 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, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6981). The address is Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: June 3, 2002.

**Patricia S. Harrison,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4048]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations: "Raphael and His Age: Drawings From the Palais des Beaux-Arts, Lille"

**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), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that certain of the objects to be included in the exhibition: "Raphael and His Age:

Drawings from the Palais des Beaux-Arts, Lille," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with a foreign owner. I also determine that the exhibition or display of these exhibit objects at The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH, from on or about August 25, 2002, to on or about November 3, 2002, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, 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 the exhibit objects, contact Julianne Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6529). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: June 5, 2002.

**Patricia S. Harrison,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3986]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meetings

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct a series of open meetings between June and October, 2002, to assist in refining the United States position prior to the Diplomatic Conference hosted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on the draft Protocol to the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and Their Luggage by Sea, 1974 (draft Athens Protocol), and also to prepare for the eighty-fifth session of the Legal Committee (LEG 85). The Athens Diplomatic Conference will convene from October 21 to November 1, 2002, and LEG 85 will meet from October 22 to October 24, 2002.

The U.S. delegation to the Athens Diplomatic Conference and LEG 85 will consider views on issues raised by the draft Athens Protocol and LEG 85 as indicated below but will also allow time for discussion of other topics raised at the meetings. To submit comments in advance of the scheduled meetings, please send them via e-mail to [cleonardcho@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:cleonardcho@comdt.uscg.mil); via fax, attention of LT Leonard-Cho at (202)

267-4496; or via mail, Commandant (G-LMI), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC, 20593-0001 attention LT Leonard-Cho. Any written submissions may be posted at: <https://afls16.jag.af.mil/dscgi/ds.py/View/Collection-247>.

The following meeting schedule allows time for the preparation of U.S. submissions, if deemed necessary, for consideration at the Athens Diplomatic Conference and LEG 85. Each meeting will be held at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 in room 2415 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting dates and topics are as follows:

**June 26, 2002:** The focus will be on views expressed about the draft Athens Protocol liability and insurance limits, including the strict liability limit (Art. 3); the compulsory insurance amount (Art. 4bis); and the carrier's minimum limit of liability for personal injury (Art. 7).

**July 31, 2002:** The U.S. delegation will consider any additional comments on the draft Athens Protocol liability and compulsory insurance limits. In addition, the U.S. delegation will consider views on any issues raised by other country delegations and any issues raised by written submissions to the Coast Guard regarding the draft Athens Protocol. To date, other country delegations have indicated that they may raise the issue of removing the willful misconduct defense (Art. 4bis), and modifying the definition of defect in the ship (Art. 3).

**September 5, 2002:** This meeting will focus on views expressed on any other issue that arise subsequent to July 31, 2002 regarding the draft Athens Protocol. The meeting will also consider views on the LEG 85 agenda items of the draft Convention on Wreck Removal (*e.g.* comments on the insertion of a new cargo liability article), and Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988 (SUA Convention) and its 1988 Protocol.

**October 16, 2002:** This meeting will consider views on all the LEG 85 agenda items as well as the draft Athens Protocol. The provisional LEG 85 agenda includes a progress report by the SUA Convention Correspondence Group; a status update on the draft Convention on Wreck Removal; and the review of an IMO resolution on safety measures for rescue at sea. Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting up to the room's seating capacity. To facilitate the building security process, those who plan to attend should call or send an e-mail two days before the meeting. Upon request, participating by phone may be an

option. For further information please contact CAPT Joseph F. Ahern or LT Carolyn Leonard-Cho at cleonardcho@comdt.uscg.mil or telephone, (202) 267-1527.

Dated: May 24, 2002.

**Stephen M. Miller,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-95-177]

#### **Proposed Agency Information Collection; Comment Request; Disclosure of Change-of-Gauge Services**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice announces and requests comments on the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request the extension of a previously approved collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received August 9, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this notice should be directed to the Competition and Policy Analysis Division (X-55), Office of Aviation Analysis, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, Docket No. OST-95-177 (formerly 47546), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Three copies are requested, but not required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jack Schmidt, Competition and Policy Analysis Division (X-55), Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-5903.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Disclosure of Change-of-Gauge Services.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0538.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a previously approved collection.

*Abstract:* Change-of-gauge service is scheduled passenger air transportation for which the operating carrier uses one single flight number even though passengers do not travel in the same aircraft from origin to destination but must change planes at an intermediate

stop. In addition to one-flight-to-one-flight change-of-gauge services, change-of-gauge services can also involve aircraft changes between multiple flights on one side of the change point and one single flight on the other side. As with one-for-one change-of-gauge services, the carrier assigns a single flight number for the passenger's entire itinerary even though the passenger changes planes, but in addition, the single flight to or from the exchange point itself has multiple numbers, one for each segment with which it connects and one for the local market in which it operates.

The Department recognizes various public benefits that can flow from change-of-gauge services, such as a lowered likelihood of missed connections. However, although change-of-gauge flights can offer valuable consumer benefits, they can be confusing and misleading unless consumers are given reasonable and timely notice that they will be required to change planes during their journey.

Section 41712 of Title 49 of the U.S. Code authorizes the Department to decide if a U.S. air carrier or foreign air carrier or ticket agent (including travel agents) has engaged in unfair or deceptive practices and to prohibit such practices. Under this authority, the Department has adopted various regulations and policies to prevent unfair or deceptive practices or unfair methods of competition. Among these are the CRS regulations contained in 14 CFR part 255.

The Department's current CRS rules, adopted in September of 1992, require that CRS displays give notice of any flight that involves a change of aircraft *en route*. In addition, the Department requires as a matter of policy that consumers be given notice of aircraft changes for change-of-gauge flights. (See Department Order 89-1-31, page 5.) The Department proposed to adopt the extant regulations, however, because it was not convinced that these rules and policies resulted in effective disclosure all of the time.

*Affected Public:* All U.S. air carriers, foreign air carriers, computer reservations systems, travel agents doing business in the United States and the traveling public.

*Respondents:* U.S. air carriers, foreign air carriers, ticket agents (including travel agents), and the traveling public.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 33,898 excluding travelers.

*Total Annual Responses:* 24.7 million to 74.1 million.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 205,908 to 617,736 hours.

Most of this data collection (third party notification) is accomplished through highly automated computerized systems.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 4, 2002.

**Randall D. Bennett,**

*Director, Office of Aviation Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket Nos. OST-95-179 and OST-95-623]

#### **Proposed Agency Information Collection; Comment Request; Disclosure of Code-Sharing Arrangements and Long-Term Wet Leases**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces and requests comments on the Department of Transportation's intention to request the extension of a previously approved collection that reflects DOT's current consumer notification rules and policies to ensure that consumers have pertinent information about airline code-sharing arrangements and long-term wet leases in domestic and international air transportation. The information collection requirement in the rule, among other things, (1) requires travel agents doing business in the United States, foreign air carriers, and U.S. air carriers (a) to give consumers reasonable and timely notice if air transportation they are considering purchasing will be provided by an airline different from the

airline holding out the transportation, and (b) to disclose the identity of the airline that will actually operate the aircraft; and (2) for tickets issued in the United States, requires U.S. and foreign air carriers and travel agents to provide written notice of the transporting carrier's identity at the time of purchase of air transportation involving a code-sharing or long-term wet-lease arrangement.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 9, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this notice should be directed to the Competition and Policy Analysis Division (X-55), Office of Aviation Analysis, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, Docket Nos. OST-95-179 and OST-95-623, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Three copies are requested but not required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jack Schmidt, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-5903.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Disclosure of Code-sharing Arrangements and Long-term Wet Leases.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0537.

*Type of request:* Extension of a previously approved collection.

*Abstract:* Code-sharing is the name given to a common airline industry marketing practice where, by mutual agreement between cooperating carriers, at least one of the airline designator codes used on a flight is different from that of the airline operating the aircraft. In one version, two or more airlines each use their own designator codes on the same aircraft operation. Although only one airline operates the flight, each airline in a code-sharing arrangement may hold out, market and sell the flight as its own in published schedules. Code-sharing also refers to other arrangements where a code on a passenger's ticket is not that of the operator of the flight, but where the operator does not also hold out the service in its own name. Such code-sharing arrangements are common between commuter air carriers and their larger affiliates and the number of arrangements between U.S. air carriers and foreign air carriers has also been increasing. Arrangements falling into this category are similar to leases of aircraft and crew (wet leases).

The Department recognizes the strong preference of air travelers for on-line service (service by a single carrier) on connecting flights over interline service

(service by multiple carriers). Code-sharing arrangements are, in part, a marketing response to this demand for on-line service since these arrangements enable airlines to hold out multi-carrier service as on-line service. Often, code-sharing partners offer services similar to those available for on-line connections with the goal of offering "seamless" service (*i.e.*, service where the transfers from flight to flight or airline to airline are facilitated). For example, they may locate gates near each other to make connections more convenient or coordinate baggage handling to give greater assurance that baggage will be properly handled.

Code-sharing arrangements can help airlines operate more efficiently because they can reduce costs by providing a joint service with one aircraft rather than operating separate services with two aircraft. Particularly in thin markets, this efficiency can lead to increased price and service options for consumers or enable the use of equipment sized appropriately for the market. Therefore, the Department recognizes that code-sharing, as well as long-term wet leases, can offer significant economic benefits.

Although code-sharing and wet-lease arrangements can offer significant consumer benefits, they can also be misleading unless consumers know that the transportation they are considering for purchase will not be provided by the airline whose designator code is shown on the ticket and unless they know the identity of the airline on which they will be flying. The growth in the use of code-sharing, wet-leasing and similar marketing tools, particularly in international air transportation, had given the Department concern about whether the then-current disclosure rules (14 CFR 399.88) protected the public interest adequately.

*Affected Public:* All U.S. air carriers, foreign air carriers, computer reservations systems (CRSs), travel agents doing business in the United States, and the traveling public.

*Respondents:* U.S. air carriers, foreign air carriers, ticket agents (including travel agents), and the traveling public.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 33,898 excluding travelers.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* An average of 3,009 phone calls of 15 seconds duration (unweighted average) based on 102 million phone calls and 33,898 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* Annual reporting burden for this data collection is estimated at 424,994 hours for all travel agents and airline ticket agents and 424,994 hours

for air travelers based on 15 seconds per phone call and an average of 2.1 phone calls per trip.

Most of this data collection (third party notification) is accomplished through highly automated computerized systems.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether this collection of information (third party notification) is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 4, 2002.

**Randall D. Bennett,**

*Director, Office of Aviation Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

### Notice of Establishment of a Commission

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the establishment of the National Commission To Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry, in accordance with Section 228 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR-21), Pub. L. 106-181.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard J. Fahy, Jr., Executive Director, at 1110 Vermont Avenue, NW., Suite 1160, Washington, DC 20005.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

AIR-21 authorized the Commission to study: (a) Whether the financial condition of travel agents is declining and, if so, the effect of such a decline on consumers and, (b) whether there are impediments to information regarding the services and products offered by the airline industry, and, if so, the effects of those impediments on travel agents, Internet-based distributors, and consumers. A special focus of the study is the condition of smaller travel agencies (less than \$1 million in annual revenues). Based on the results of its study, the Commission is to make

recommendations to improve the condition of travel agents, especially smaller travel agents, and to enhance consumer access to travel information. The Commission's report is due November 16, 2002.

On May 16, 2002, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta announced the establishment of this Commission and the selection of David L. Winstead, a Washington attorney and a former Maryland Secretary of Transportation, as the chair. Mr. Winstead is a former chairman of the Maryland Aviation Commission, and was President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) in 1998. The Secretary also named Patrick V. Murphy, Jr., and Maryles Casto to serve on the commission. Mr. Murphy is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs at the U.S. Department of Transportation, and is currently a principal at Gerchick-Murphy Associates, a Washington consulting firm. He currently represents United Airlines, JetBlue, and United Parcel Service. Ms. Casto is President and CEO of Casto Travel, Inc. of Santa Clara, California, the largest travel agency in the Silicon Valley.

Members of Congress previously appointed the following commissioners:

- Mr. Ted R. Lawson, President and CEO of National Travel, Inc. in Charleston, West Virginia, appointed by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.
- Dr. Ann B. Mitchell, President and Owner of Carlson Wagonlit/Travel First, Inc. in Starkville, Mississippi, appointed by Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott.
- Ms. Joyce Rogge, Senior Vice President-Marketing at Southwest Airlines in Dallas, appointed by Senator Lott.
- Mr. Paul M. Ruden, Senior Vice President for Legal and Industry Affairs for the American Society of Travel Agents in Washington, appointed by House Speaker Dennis Hastert.
- Mr. Gerald J. Roper, President and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, appointed by Speaker Hastert.
- Mr. Thomas P. Dunne, Sr., Chairman, CEO and President of the construction company Fred Weber, Inc., and a professional engineer in Maryland Heights, Missouri, appointed by House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt.

The Commission will hold its first public hearing on Wednesday, June 12, starting promptly at 10:00 AM in the Hemisphere—A Conference Room, Ronald Building at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Other hearings are planned for June 26 in

Chicago, and July 11 in San Francisco. Public comments may be submitted to the Commission at the Commission's offices.

The Commission's offices are located at 1110 Vermont Avenue NW., Suite 1160, Washington, DC 20005. The Executive Director of the Commission is Mr. Richard J. Fahy, Jr. Mr. Fahy is a graduate of Yale Law School and is a former Associate General Counsel with American Airlines. Recently, he served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Vacation.Com, Inc., the largest travel agency industry consortium with over 9000 members.

Dated: June 4, 2002.

**Douglas V. Leister,**

*Executive Assistant.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2002-12420]

#### Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to pilotage on the Great Lakes. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** GLPAC will meet on Monday, July 1, 2002, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, July 2, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before June 20, 2002. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before June 20, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** GLPAC will meet in the Grissom Room of the Holiday Inn—BWI Airport, 890 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum, MD 21090. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Margie Hegy, Commandant (G-MW), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margie Hegy, Executive Director of GLPAC, telephone 202-267-0415, fax 202-267-4700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of the meeting is given under the Federal

Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

### Agenda of Meeting

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Overview of pilotage on the Great Lakes.
- (2) Relocation of the Great Lakes Pilotage Staff.
- (3) Bridge Hour Study.
- (4) Ratemaking Methodology.
- (5) Automatic Identification System (AIS) Training.
- (6) Information Exchange.

### Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than June 20, 2002. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than June 20, 2002. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, please submit 10 copies to the Executive Director no later than June 20, 2002.

### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: June 3, 2002.

**Paul J. Pluta,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Suffolk County, New York

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a NEPA environmental impact statement will be prepared for proposed highway project PIN 0041.97, NY 25 Reconstruction, County Road 83 to Coram—Mt. Sinai Road, Suffolk County, New York.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Oelerich, P.E., Acting Regional

Director, New York State Department of Transportation, 250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York 11788, Telephone: (631) 952-6632. or Robert Arnold, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brein Federal Building, 7th Floor, Room 719, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone: (518) 431-4127.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve NY Route 25 in Suffolk County, New York. The proposed improvement would involve the reconstruction of the existing route in the hamlet of Coram, Town of Brookhaven for a distance of 1.5 miles. The objectives of the project are: (1) To improve the safety of the roadway; (2) To improve the overall traffic conditions using cost effective methods to provide an acceptable level of service for the design period of 20 years while minimizing adverse environmental impacts; (3) To address geometric deficiencies to improve sight distance and traffic flow; (4) To reconstruct pavement to provide an acceptable riding surface within the project area for the design period; (5) To provide adequate pavement drainage to eliminate roadway flooding.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) No Build; (2) Utilization of a five lane typical section (two lanes in each direction with either a continuous center turn lane or a raised center median with provisions for turns) and; (3) Split one way roadways, build new NY 25 eastbound on existing State property south of the existing NY 25 and retain the existing NY 25 as the reconstructed NY 25 westbound.

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 have previously expressed interest in this proposal. In addition a Public Hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meeting and hearings. The draft EIS will be available for public review and agency review and comment. A Public Information Center/ Scoping Meeting will be held in the Activity Court of the Longwood Middle School located on Middle Island—Yaphank Road in Middle Island, N.Y., 11953 on Wednesday, June 12, 2002 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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 NYSDOT or FHWA at the address provided above.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 315; 23 CFR 771.123.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: May 16, 2002.

**Douglas P. Conlan,**

*District Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Albany, New York.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-837X]

#### Long Island Rail Road Company— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Garden City, Long Island, NY

On May 21, 2002, the Long Island Rail Road Company (LIRR), a Class II rail common carrier, filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue service over a line of railroad between milepost 18.8 in Garden City and milepost 21.0 in Garden City, Nassau County, NY, a distance of 2.2 miles.<sup>1</sup> The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 11530 and includes no stations.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interests of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by September 6, 2002.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will

<sup>1</sup> LIRR is owned by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The notice states that both LIRR and MTA are State of New York public authorities and public benefit corporations.

be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,100 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-837X and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Roberta Bender, 347 Madison Ave., Ninth Floor, New York, NY 10017-3739. Replies to the LIRR petition are due on or before July 1, 2002.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Service at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1552. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment or discontinuance proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: June 5, 2002.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### Relocation of Office of Regulations and Rulings

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service,  
Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of change in office  
location.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Regulations and Rulings of the U.S. Customs Service is