The Securities of the Company have been listed for trading on the Amex and, pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form 8-A which became effective on December 2, 1998, on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"). Trading of the Company's Securities on the NYSE commenced at the opening of business on December 2, 1998, and concurrently therewith the stock was suspended from trading on the Amex.

The Company has complied with Rule 18 of the Amex by filing with the Exchange a certified copy of resolutions adopted by the Company's Board of Directors authorizing the withdrawal of its Securities from listing on the Amex and by setting forth in detail to the Exchange the reasons for the proposed withdrawal, and the facts in support thereof. In making the decision to withdraw its Securities from listing on the Amex, the Company considered the avoidance of listing on dual markets.

The Exchange has informed the Company that it has no objection to the withdrawal of the Company's Securities from listing on the Amex.

This application relates solely to the withdrawal from listing of the Company's Securities from the Amex and shall have no effect upon the continued listing of the Securities on the NYSE.

By reason of Section 12(b) of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, the Company shall continue to be obligated to file reports under Section 13 of the Act with the Commission and the NYSE.

Any interested person may, on or before January 6, 1999, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Exchange and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
[Public Notice 2945]
Renewal of the Shipping Coordinating Committee

The Department of State is renewing the Shipping Coordinating Committee to solicit the view of interested members of the public and government agencies on maritime policy issues, for the guidance of U.S. delegations to international meetings on these matters. The Under Secretary for Management has determined that the committee is necessary and in the public interest.

Membership includes representatives from the maritime industry, labor unions, environmental groups and government bureaus and agencies. The Committee will follow the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Meetings will be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with the FACA Section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. Any questions concerning this committee should be referred to the Executive Secretary, Stephen M. Miller at (202) 647-5840.


Stephen M. Miller,
Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Transit Administration
Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century: Interim Guidance on Conformity With the National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture and Standards

AGENCIES: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document publishes interim implementation guidance on section 5206(e) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, for conformity with the national intelligent transportation systems (ITS) architecture and standards. Included with the interim guidance is a recommended approach to assist in meeting the legislative intent. Following publication of this notice, both the FHWA and the FTA plan to develop a