

Minnesota, a distance of approximately 9.5 kilometers. Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for existing and projected traffic demands, correct an existing safety problem and address deteriorating pavement and bridge conditions.

Alternatives under consideration include:

- No Build
- Several variations of "Build" alternatives involving reconstruction and/or realignment and new construction of TH 371 into a four-lane highway (divided or undivided).

The "Trunk Highway 371—Reconstruction, Scoping Document/ Draft Scoping Decision Document" will be published in the Fall of 1999. A press release will be published to inform the public of the document's availability. Copies of the scoping document will be distributed to agencies, interested persons and libraries for review to aid in identifying issues and analyses to be contained in the EIS. A 30-day comment period for review of the document will be provided. A public scoping meeting will also be held during the comment period to afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the proposed action. Public notice will be given for the time and place of the meeting.

Coordination has been initiated and will continue with appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the proposed action. 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 FHWA 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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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 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. 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 July 7, 1999, [64 FR 36738].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 22, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Taylor E. Jones, Director, Office of Maritime Labor, Training and Safety, Maritime Administration, MAR-250, Room 7302, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5755 or FAX 202-493-2288. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Application for Admission.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0010.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals desirous of becoming students at the U.S.

Merchant Marine Academy.

Form(s): KP 2-65.

Abstract: The collection consists of Parts I, II, and III of Form KP 2-65 (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Application for Admission. These items are completed by individuals wishing to be admitted as students to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and are reviewed by staff members of the Academy. The collection is necessary to select the best qualified candidates for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 5 hours.

ADDRESSES: 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 Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department'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.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 17, 1999.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemption

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of Applications for Modification of Exemptions.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **Federal Register** publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modifications of exemptions (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before (15 days after publication).

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Records Center, Research and Special Programs,