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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Lebanon County, PA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in the City of Lebanon, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David W. Cough P.E., Director of Operations, Federal Highway Administration, Pennsylvania Division Office, 228 Walnut Street, Room 536, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101-1720, Telephone: 717-221-3411,

or

Mark Malhenzie, Project Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Engineering District 8-0, 2140 Herr Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17103, Telephone: 717-783-5080.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), will conduct a project Needs Analysis and Design Location Studies and will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate alternatives which provide grade-separated access over a railroad corridor located in the City of Lebanon. The study area will extend from 12th Street to Lincoln Avenue. The railroad corridor is an active lien recently acquired by Norfolk Southern.

The railroad line is a high-density rail line with eight at-grade crossings through the City of Lebanon. There are no grade-separated crossings through the City causing long queues at the crossings which result in congestion and unacceptable delays for emergency service providers. The study offers the opportunity to provide grade-separated motorist, bicycle and pedestrian crossings and eliminate some at-grade crossings. Potential impacts to the environment include cultural resources

and residential and business displacements.

The initial stage of this process is for scoping, documentation of the project need, and development of conceptual alignment corridors. This stage of the study will culminate in a Needs Analysis Report.

A range of conceptual alignment corridors will be developed and examined within the context of the identified project needs, environmental and socioeconomic constraints, and public input, as well as their consistency with County and municipal plans and policies. Alternatives to be examined will include the No-Build Alternative. This analysis will be used to refine the alternatives or eliminate a particular alternative from further consideration due to the potential for socio-economic, environmental, or engineering impacts. This stage of the study will result in a Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report.

Following the preliminary analysis, the alternatives which are recommended for further study will be developed in greater detail and the environmental impacts for each will be assessed and described in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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 express an interest in the proposal. Agency scoping and public meetings will be initiated in Fall 1999. Public involvement and inter-agency coordination will be maintained throughout the development of the study. Public notices of the time and place of the public meetings and any required public hearings will be provided.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and that all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or PennDOT at the addresses 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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David W. Cough,

Director of Operations, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-99-6397]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Mr. Walter Culbreath, NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 6132, NSC-01, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Culbreath's telephone number is (202) 366-1566. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in

such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) 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;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

(1) *Title:* Designation of Agent.
OMB Control Number: 2127-0040.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Business.

Abstract: The U.S. agent is used to advise foreign manufacturers of safety related defects where laws vary from country to country. In turn, the manufacturer can notify U.S. purchasers and correct the defect.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1470.
Number of Respondents: 70.

(2) *Title:* 49 CFR part 575 Consumer Information Regulations (Sections 103 and 105).

OMB Control Number: 2127-0049.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and business.

Abstract: In order to ensure that motor vehicle manufacturers are complying with 49 CFR Part 575, NHTSA needs consumer information from manufacturers of new light trucks and utility vehicles before this information is distributed to prospective purchasers and first purchasers of a vehicle. The manufacturers will provide technical information related to performance and safety of light trucks and utility vehicles.

Estimated Annual Burden: 225.
Number of Respondents: 15.

(3) *Title:* Motor Vehicle Importation.
OMB Control Number: 2127-0002.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Form Number: Form HS-7 and Form HS-474.

Affected Public: Business.

Abstract: These forms are required to implement 49 CFR parts 591 and 592, Regulations for Motor Vehicle Importation which require an imported vehicle to conform to applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, or to be brought into compliance within 120 days of importation.

Estimated Annual Burden: 72,500.

Number of Respondents: 838,000.

(4) *Title:* National Accident Sampling System (NASS) Crashworthiness Data System (CDS).

OMB Control Number: 2127-0021.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Abstract: NASS investigates high severity crashes. This includes interviewing occupants and witness, inspecting crash scenes and vehicles, and obtaining medical records. The data is used in programs to prevent accidents and to reduce injuries when crashes occur.

Estimated Annual Burden: 0.

Number of Respondents: 13,500.

(5) *Title:* Nationwide Survey Regarding Speeding and Other Unsafe Driving Actions.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0587.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Abstract: NHTSA is committed to the development of effective programs to reduce the number of deaths and injuries related to speeding and other unsafe driving. The objective of this study is to develop and implement a nationwide survey of the driving public to determine: the characteristics of drivers who speed and do not obey traffic signals or stop signs; the situations and driver motivations that accompany these unsafe behaviors; the public's attitudes regarding speed limits, including the NMSL, and the enforcement of these limits; and countermeasures the public would support to reduce the occurrence of these unsafe driving actions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 0.

Number of Respondents: 6,000.

(6) *Title:* 23 CFR part 1313

Certification Requirements for State Grants for Drunk Driving Prevention Programs.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0501.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: State, Local or Government.

Abstract: Title 23 of the U.S. Code established a Federal alcohol incentive

grant program designed to encourage States to enact strong, effective anti-drunk driving legislation and improve the enforcement of these laws. Section 410 also promotes the development and implementation of innovative programs to combat impaired driving. The program is administered by the NHTSA. Grants are awarded to the states through their designated Highway Safety offices.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2340.

Number of Respondents: 52.

(7) *Title:* 49 CFR 571.213, "Child Restraint Systems".

OMB Control Number: 2127-0511.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Business.

Abstract: Manufacturers are required to provide each child restraint with a permanently attached label, an instruction brochure which gives the model, manufacturer's name, date of manufacture, certification that the seat conforms to FVSS No. 213, and owner's name and address for registration of child restraints and use in case of a recall.

Estimated Annual Burden: 63,000.

Number of Respondents: 15.

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Herman L. Simms,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33812]

Arizona & California Railroad Company Limited Partnership d/b/a Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad—Modified Rail Certificate

On October 12, 1999, Arizona & California Railroad Company Limited Partnership (ARZC) d/b/a Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad (PS&P) (collectively, ARZC d/b/a PS&P) ¹ filed a notice for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity under 49 CFR 1150, subpart C, *Modified Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity*, to operate 10 miles of a rail line extending from milepost 0.0 in Chehalis to milepost 10.0 in Curtis, in Lewis County, WA.

An exemption to abandon the line was granted to Curtis Milburn & Eastern Railroad Company (CMER) in *Curtis Milburn & Eastern Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—In Lewis County, WA*, Docket No. AB-378X (ICC

¹ ARZC is an existing Class III rail carrier, and PS&P is an operating division of ARZC.