

(I-94) and Trunk Highway 10 (TH 10) between the cities of Becker and St. Cloud, Minnesota. The proposed alignment connections being studied include existing and new crossings of the Mississippi River. Rather, a conventional EIS will be prepared for the proposed improvements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As indicated in the Notice of Intent published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 1997, the FHWA, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), is preparing an EIS on a proposal to improve highway capacity for connections between I-94 and TH 10 between the cities of Becker and St. Cloud, Minnesota, including a crossing of the Mississippi River. The area of the proposed improvements is located in Wright, Stearns and Sherburne Counties.

There has been a change in the planned approach to the environmental review process for this project since the Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register**. The Notice of Intent indicated that a tiered EIS process would be used for the proposed project based on a projected 15 to 20-year funding and implementation schedule and a need to protect right-of-way for a preferred alternative. Since the publication of the Notice of Intent, the proposed regional connection capacity improvements have been identified as important in serving state Inter-Regional Corridor System goals. As a result, the project has the potential to receive higher funding priority than had previously been anticipated. Therefore, a conventional (*i.e.*, not tiered) EIS process has been determined to better suit the potential project implementation schedule. 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. Public meetings have been held in the past and will continue to be held, with public notice given for the time and place of the meetings.

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 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 December 18, 2002. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 11, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Christensen, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5909; FAX: 202-493-2180, or e-mail: tom.christensen@marad.dot.gov.

Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: EUSC/Parent Company.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0511.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: U.S. citizens who own foreign-registered vessels.

Form(s): None.

Abstract: The Effective U.S. Control (EUSC)/Parent Company collection consists of an inventory of foreign-registered vessels owned by U.S. citizens. Specifically, the collection consists of responses from vessel owners verifying or correcting vessel ownership data and characteristics found in commercial publications. The information obtained could be vital in a national or international emergency, and is essential to the logistical support planning operations conducted by MARAD officials. The information is used in contingency planning and provides data related to potential sealift capacity to support movement of fuel and military equipment to crisis zones.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 40 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: (a)

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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (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 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 March 6, 2003.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Announcing the Eleventh Quarterly Meeting of the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN)

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Meeting announcement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Eleventh Quarterly Meeting of members