

costs, safety issues, capacity needs, shipping height restrictions, and connectivity to adjacent areas. The purpose of the improvements is to address these deficiencies while identifying future plans for the US 181 roadway structure and the area it serves.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action, and (2) replacing the existing US 181 Harbor Bridge and approach roads with a facility built to current highway standards. A Feasibility Study prepared in 2003 evaluated four corridor alternatives along existing and new location right-of-way and a No-Build alternative, resulting in the identification of a recommended study corridor. A reasonable number of alignment alternatives will be identified and evaluated in the EIS, as well as the No-Build Alternative, based on input from federal, state, and local agencies, as well as private organizations and concerned citizens.

Impacts caused by the construction and operation of the proposed improvements would vary according to the alternative alignment utilized. Generally, impacts would include the following: Impacts to residences and businesses, including potential relocation; impacts to parkland; transportation impacts (construction detours, construction traffic, and mobility improvement); air and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the roadway; social and economic impacts, including impacts to minority and low-income residents; impacts to historic cultural resources; water quality impacts from construction and roadway runoff; and impacts to waters of the U.S. including wetlands from right-of-way encroachment.

A letter that describes the proposed action and a request for comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in the proposal. TxDOT completed a Feasibility Study for the project in June 2003. In conjunction with the Feasibility Study, TxDOT developed a public involvement plan, sponsored three citizens' advisory committee (CAC) meetings, held two public meetings, and distributed two newsletters. An agency scoping meeting will be held by TxDOT on June 23, 2005 to brief agency representatives on project plans, introduce project team members, obtain comments pertaining to the scope of the EIS, identify important issues, set goals, and respond to questions. A continuing public involvement program will include a

project mailing list, project newsletters, a June 23, 2005 public scoping meeting (public notice will be given of the time and place), and numerous informal meetings with interested citizens and stakeholders. In addition, a public hearing will be held after the publication of the Draft EIS. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

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 Research, 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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John R. Mack,

District Engineer, Austin, Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34699]

Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Central of Georgia Railroad Company

Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. (GSRW), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Central of Georgia Railroad Company (CGA) and operate approximately 43 miles of rail line, extending from milepost R-120 at Florida Rock to milepost R-55.0 at Allie, in Harris and Meriwether Counties, GA. The transaction also includes the acquisition by GSRW of 12.2 miles of incidental trackage rights, extending from milepost M-290.3 at South Columbus through milepost M-290.9/P-290.9 at Columbus and milepost P-291.7/R-1.2 at West Columbus to milepost R-12.0 at Florida Rock, in Harris and Muscogee Counties, GA.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on May 20, 2005. GSRW certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction

would not exceed \$5 million and would not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34699, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Louis E. Gitomer, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: May 12, 2005.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant Program; Availability of 2006 Grant Application Package

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice that the IRS has made available the grant application package (Publication 3319) for organizations interested in applying for a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) matching grant for the 2006 grant cycle (January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006). The IRS will award a total of up to \$6,000,000 (unless otherwise provided by specific Congressional appropriation) to qualifying organizations, subject to the limitations of Internal Revenue Code section 7526, for LITC matching grants.

DATES: Grant applications for the 2006 grant cycle must be electronically filed or received by the IRS no later than 4 p.m. e.d.t. on July 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send completed grant applications to: Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, LITC Grant Program Administration Office, Mail Stop 211-D, 401 W. Peachtree St., NW., Atlanta, GA 30308.