DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST–2006–25103]

Advisory Committee on Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.7: Impacts of Climate Variability and Change on Transportation Systems and Infrastructure—Gulf Coast Study

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), USDOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish an advisory committee.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to duties imposed by law upon the Department, including the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) ''FACA,'' and DOT Order 1120.3B, the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation is establishing an advisory committee to provide technical advice and recommendations to a USDOT/USGS Research Team investigating the potential impacts of climate change on transportation. The committee will include scientists, educators, experts, and representatives of State and local governments engaged in transportation decision-making. This document describes the role of the committee as set forth in the Charter. The purpose of the notice is to invite representatives from interested sectors to participate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Savonis, Air Quality Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration Office of Natural and Human Environment, at 202–366–2080 (*Michael.Savonis@dot.gov*). His mailing address is at the Department of Transportation, Room 3240 HEPN–10, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

Comment Period: The comment period for this notice extends through July 7, 2006. The Department will accept comments received as a result of this notice. During the comment period, the Department will file a charter for the committee with the General Services Administration, and the convener will begin contacting potential participants.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOT Center for Climate Change and Environmental Forecasting has identified the need for improved information about climate variability and change in transportation decision making. In consultation with transportation experts, climate scientists and Federal partners, the Center developed this study to investigate the impacts of climate change and variability on transportation through a regional study of the central U.S. Gulf Coast. The study will develop decision-support knowledge and tools to assist transportation decision-makers in incorporating climate-related trend information into transportation system planning, design, engineering, and operational decisions. Implications for all transportation modes—surface, marine, and aviation—will be addressed.

This study is one of 21 Synthesis and Assessment Products of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP). The study prospectus has been posted by the CCSP for public review in the **Federal Register**, and has been modified to incorporate public comments. The prospectus is available at: *http://www.climatescience.gov/Library/sap/sap4–7/sap4–7prospectus-final.htm*.

DOT is assisted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in this study. DOT and USGS signed a memo of understanding in January 2004 agreeing to cooperate on research that will inform decision-makers and the public about the potential effects of climate variability and change on the Nation's transportation systems. This study is the first project under that agreement.

Charter: A summary of the Charter of the Advisory Committee on Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.7: Impacts of Climate Variability and Change on Transportation Systems and Infrastructure—Gulf Coast Study is provided below.

The Secretary of Transportation, pursuant to duties imposed by law upon the Department, including the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) ''FACA,'' and DOT Order 1120.3B, hereby establishes the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Advisory Committee on Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.7 (S&A 4.7): Impacts of Climate Variability and Change on Transportation Systems and Infrastructure—Gulf Coast Study, Phase I.

The committee will provide technical advice and recommendations to DOT in order to develop S&A Product 4.7 for the Climate Change Science Program (CCSP). The committee will provide balanced, consensual advice on the Study design, research methodology, data sources and quality, and Study findings. The committee will function as an advisory body and will comply with the requirements of FACA in carrying out its duties.

Issued this 16th day of June, 2006, at Washington DC.

Tyler Duvall,

Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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ACTION: Notice of appointees to the committee, and notice of the first meeting of the committee.

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DATES: The first meeting of the committee will take place on July 18–19, 2006. All meetings are open to the public. The meeting is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 18th and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 19th.

ADDRESSES: The committee meeting will take place at: Houston Marriott North at Greenspoint, 255 N. Sam Houston Pkwy East, Houston, Texas 77060. Phone: (281) 875–4000.

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Members of the public wishing to attend meetings held in Department of Transportation buildings or other Federal facilities will have to enter through designated security checkpoints. The visitor entry point for the Department of Transportation headquarters building is in the southwest corner entrance to the building (i.e., the entrance nearest the corner of 7th and E Streets, SW.). Visitors must be escorted into and out of the building. Because it can take some time for large numbers of visitors to process through security, we request that visitors arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. to undergo the screening process. DOT personnel will then escort groups of visitors to the meeting room. This group escort process will also be followed for persons entering following the lunch break and for persons leaving the building for lunch and at the end of each day's meeting.

Charter of the Committee

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Members of the Committee

The members of the committee and a summary of their qualifications are provided below.

VICKI ARROYO, J.D., Director of Policy Analysis for the Pew Center on Global Climate Change

PHILIP B. BEDIENT, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rice University

LEIGH B. BOSKE, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Professor of Economics at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin

ALAN CLARK, Director for Houston-Galveston Area Council Metropolitan Planning Organization

FRED DENNIN, Regional Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Region 3

PAUL FISCHBECK, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Engineering and Public Policy and the Department of Social and Decision Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University

ANTHONY JANETOS, Ph.D., Vice President, H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment

THOMAS KARL, Ph.D., Director of the National Climatic Data Center, NOAA

ROBERT LEMPERT, Ph.D., Senior Physical Scientist, the RAND Corporation

GILBERT MITCHELL, Division Chief, National Geodetic Survey

CHRIS OYNES, J.D., Regional Director for the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region of Minerals Management Service

HAROLD R. ''SKIP'' PAUL, P.E., Associate Director of Research at the Louisiana Transportation Research Center, Office of Highways

TOM PODANY Acting Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management and Chief of Planning, Programs and Project Management Division

BURR STEWART Strategic Planning Manager, Port of Seattle

ELAINE WILKINSON, Executive Director, Gulf Regional Planning Commission

JOHN ZAMURS, Ph.D., Air Quality Section Head, Environmental Analysis Bureau, New York State Department of Transportation

Meeting Agenda

This meeting and any future meetings of the committee are open to the public (unless portions of the meeting are held in closed session, as provided under FACA), and time will be provided in each meeting's schedule for comments by members of the public. Attendance will necessarily be limited by the size of the meeting room. Members of the public wishing to present written materials to the committee may do so, and should make enough copies for the facilitator and all members of the committee.

The agenda topics of the meeting of the committee will include, but not necessarily be limited to, discussion of the following issues:

1. Review of draft findings of the USGS research team on climate variability and change in the study region;

2. Review of technical memos addressing the potential effects of climate variability and change on transportation planning and operations in the study region, including implications for:

—Highways and transit,
—Rail,
—Ports and waterways,
—Aviation,
—Pipelines,
—Emergency management,
—Long range planning and investment; and

3. Next steps for completion of the study.

The committee may alter its schedule and the agenda items. The agenda presented in this notice is necessarily very general since the direction and nature of the advisory committee discussions will shape the meeting. The Department will issue additional notices, as needed, with respect to future meeting schedules and agenda topics.

Issued this 16th day of June, 2006, at Washington DC.

Tyler Duvall,

Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 15, 2006.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 24, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545–0162.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Credit for Federal Tax Paid on Fuels.

Form: Form 4136.

Description: Internal Revenue Code section 34 allows a credit for Federal excise tax for certain fuel uses. This form is used to figure the amount of the income tax credit. The data is used to verify the validity of the claim for the type of nontaxable or exempt use.

Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 9,822,578 hours.

OMB Number: 1545–1569.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Welfare-to-Work Credit.

Form: Form 8861.

Description: Section 51A of the Internal Revenue code allows employers an income tax credit of 35% of the first $10,000 of first-year wages and 50% of the first $10,000 of second-year wages paid to long-term family assistance recipients. The credit is part of the general business credit.

Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,769 hours.

OMB Number: 1545–1983.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Qualified Railroad Track Maintenance Credit.

Form: Form 8900.

Description: Form 8900, Qualified Railroad Track Maintenance Credit, was developed to carry out the provisions of new Code section 45G. This new section was added by section 245 of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108–357). The new form provides a means for the eligible taxpayers to compute the amount of credit.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit;

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,684 hours.

OMB Number: 1545–1825.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Improving the Accuracy of EITC Prepared Returns.

Form: Form 13388.

Description: This postcard will be sent to tax preparers that submitted a mixture of paper and electronic returns for their clients. The postcard provides these professionals an opportunity to acquire additional information about the EITC. It is part of a brochure to encourage 100% filing of EITC returns.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 150 hours.

OMB Number: 1545–1999.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Volunteer Return Preparation Program Hurricane Katrina Interview and Intake Sheet.

Form: Form 13614K.

Description: The complete form is used by screeners, preparers, or others involved in the return preparation process to more accurately complete tax returns of Katrina impacted taxpayers having low to moderate incomes. The persons need assistance having their returns prepared so they can fully comply with the law. The form can also be used to assist the taxpayer after their appointment.

Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 105,605 hours.

OMB Number: 1545–1998.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit.

Form: Form 8910.

Description: Taxpayers will file Form 8910 to claim the credit for certain alternative motor vehicles placed in service after 2005.

Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 65,861 hours.

OMB Number: 1545–1060.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Withholding for Dispositions by Foreign Persons of U.S. Real Property Interests.

Form: Form 8288–B.

Description: Form 8288–B is used to apply for a withholding certificate from IRS to reduce or eliminate the withholding required by section 1445.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit institutions, Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 29,256 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224. (202) 622–3428.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. (202) 395–7316.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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