

Examples should include:

- Number of truck parking spaces per day that will be used as a result of the proposed solution.

- The effect on highway safety, traffic congestion, and/or air quality.

3. Cost effectiveness of proposal (25 percent).

Examples should include:

- How many truck parking spaces will be used per day per dollar expended?

- Total cost of project, including all non-Federal funds that will be contributed to the project.

4. Scope of proposal (20 percent).

Examples should include:

- Evidence of a wide range of input from affected parties, including State and local governments, community groups, private providers of commercial motor vehicle parking, and motorist and trucking organizations.

- Whether the principles outlined in the proposal can be applied to other locations/projects and possibly serve as a model for other locations.

#### B. Review Standards

1. All applications for grants should be submitted to the FHWA Division Office by the State DOT by the date specified in this notice.

2. State DOTs should ensure that the project proposal is compatible with or documented on their planning documents (TIP and STIP). They should also validate, to the extent the can, any analytic data.

3. Each application will be reviewed for conformance with the provisions in this notice.

4. Applications lacking any of the mandatory elements or arriving after the deadline for submission will not be considered. To assure full consideration, proposals should not exceed 20 pages in length.

5. Applicants may be contacted for additional information or clarification.

6. Applications complying with the requirements outlined in this notice will be evaluated competitively by a panel selected by the Director, Office of Freight Management and Operations, and will be scored as described in the scoring criteria.

7. If the FHWA determines that the project is technically or financially unfeasible, FHWA will notify the applicant, in writing.

8. The FHWA reserves the right to partially fund or request modification of projects.

9. All information described in the submitter's proposal elements should be quantifiable and sourced.

10. Submitter should describe a measurement plan to determine whether

or not the project will achieve its intended results. The measurement plan should continue for 3 years beyond the date of the project. After a 3-year period, a final report quantifying the results of the project should be submitted to the FHWA.

11. The proposed projects should not compete with local businesses or commercial enterprises.

#### VI. Selection Process

The grant applications will be ranked by final score. The FHWA will select applications based on those rankings, subject to the availability of funds.

#### VII. Award Administration Information

##### A. Award Notices

The FHWA recognizes that each funded project is unique, and therefore may attach conditions to different projects' award documents. The FHWA will send an award letter with a grant agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant. These successful applicants must execute and return the grant agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the grant agreement.

##### B. Performance Reporting and Measurement

Failure to provide the measurement plan will be considered during the past-performance element of future grant applications.

**Authority:** Section 1305, Pub. L. 109-59; 119 Stat. 1214; Aug. 10, 2005.

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**J. Richard Capka,**

*Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2005-23112]

##### Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administration

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of advisory committee and change to membership.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the third meeting of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administration (MAC-FHWA). The purpose of this meeting is to advise the Secretary of Transportation, through the Administrator of the Federal Highway

Administration, on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists, including (1) barrier design; (2) road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and (3) the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies, pursuant to section 1914 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

**DATES:** The third meeting of the MAC-FHWA is scheduled for December 5-6, 2007, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on December 5, 2007, and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on December 6, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The third MAC-FHWA meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Halladay, the Designated Federal Official, Office of Safety, 202-366-2288, ([michael.halladay@dot.gov](mailto:michael.halladay@dot.gov)), or Dr. Morris Oliver, Office of Safety, 202-366-2288, ([morris.oliver@dot.gov](mailto:morris.oliver@dot.gov)), Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On August 10, 2005, the President signed into law the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-59, 119 Stat. 1144). Section 1914 of SAFETEA-LU mandates the establishment of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council as follows: "The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, in consultation with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate, shall appoint a Motorcyclist Advisory Council to coordinate with and advise the Administrator on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists, including—

- (1) Barrier design;
- (2) Road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and
- (3) The architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies."

In addition, section 1914 specifies the membership of the council: "The Council shall consist of not more than 10 members of the motorcycling community with professional expertise in national motorcyclist safety advocacy, including—

- (1) At least—
- (A) One member recommended by a national motorcyclist association;

(B) One member recommended by a national motorcycle riders foundation;  
 (C) One representative of the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators;

(D) Two members of State motorcyclists' organizations;

(E) One member recommended by a national organization that represents the builders of highway infrastructure;

(F) One member recommended by a national association that represents the traffic safety systems industry; and

(G) One member of a national safety organization; and

(2) At least one, and not more than two, motorcyclists who are traffic system design engineers or State transportation department officials."

To carry out this requirement, the FHWA published a notice of intent to form an advisory committee in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 2005 (70 FR 76353). This notice, consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), announced the establishment of the Council and invited comments and nominations for membership. The FHWA announced the ten members selected to the Council in the **Federal Register** on October 5, 2006 (71 FR 58903). An electronic copy of this document and the previous **Federal Register** notices associated with the MAC-FHWA can be downloaded through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and the Office of the Federal Register's home page at: [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register).

This notice also serves to identify changes in the MAC-FHWA membership due to changes in the employment status for two persons. Due to his semi-retirement, Mr. Robert J. McClune has been replaced by Mr. Dean Tisdall as a member recommended by the traffic safety systems industry. Mr. Mark Blosschok has retired from the Texas Department of Transportation and no longer fulfills the criterion of a motorcyclist who is a State transportation department official. An additional person will not be substituted for Mr. Blosschok as the charter requires "at least one, and not more than two, motorcyclists who are traffic system design engineers or State transportation department officials" and, Mr. Donald Vaughn of the Alabama Department of Transportation, an original member of the MAC-FHWA, is currently fulfilling that requirement.

The FHWA anticipates that the MAC-FHWA will meet at least once a year, with meetings held in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and the FHWA will publish notices in the **Federal**

**Register** to announce the times, dates, and locations of these meetings. Meetings of the Council are open to the public 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 may present oral or written comments at the meeting or may present written materials by providing copies to Ms. Fran Bents, Westat, 1650 Research Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20850-3195, (240) 314-7557, ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

The agenda topics for the meetings will include a discussion of the following issues: (1) Barrier design; (2) road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and (3) the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies.

### Conclusion

The third meeting of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administration will be held on December 5-6, at the Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on December 5, 2007, and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on December 6, 2007.

(Authority: Section 1914 of Pub. L. 109-59; Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App. II § 1)

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**J. Richard Capka,**

*Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35066]

#### **Columbia Basin Railroad Company, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—BNSF Railway Company and BNSF Acquisition, Inc.**

Columbia Basin Railroad Company, Inc. (CBRW), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire, by purchase pursuant to an agreement it anticipates entering into with BNSF Railway Company and BNSF Acquisition, Inc., and to operate approximately 74 miles of rail lines as follows: (1) From milepost 186.9 at or near Connell to milepost 145.7 at or near Wheeler, WA; (2) from milepost 0.0 at or near Bassett Junction to milepost 12.5 at or near Schrag, WA; (3) from milepost 20.0 at or near Moses Lake to

milepost 5.6 at or near Sieler, WA; and (4) from milepost 5.6 at or near Sieler to milepost 0.0 at or near Wheeler. In addition, CBRW intends to acquire incidental trackage rights for local and overhead rail service over approximately 13 miles of rail line from milepost 1987 at or near Othello to the end of the track at milepost 1974 at or near Warden, WA. CBRW has leased, operated and performed trackage rights services over substantially the same rail lines since December 1996.<sup>1</sup>

CBRW certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

CBRW states that it intends to consummate the transaction on or after December 1, 2007, but shall in no event consummate the transaction before the Board either grants its petition for waiver of the 60-day labor notice requirement or CBRW satisfies the applicable labor notice requirement at 49 CFR 1150.42(e).<sup>2</sup>

If the verified 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed no later than 7 days before the exemption becomes effective.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35066, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Rose-Michele Nardi, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th Street, NW., Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

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

Decided: November 9, 2007.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> See *Columbia Basin Railroad Company, Inc.—Exemption to Lease and Operate—Burlington Northern Railroad Co. and BNSF Acquisition, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33140 (STB served Dec. 13, 1996).

<sup>2</sup> On November 1, 2007, CBRW concurrently filed a certification of labor notice compliance and a petition for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirement at 49 CFR 1150.42(e). That request will be addressed in a separate decision. Unless the Board grants the waiver request, the earliest this transaction may be consummated will be December 31, 2007.