

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6390]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Subcommittee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), through its Subcommittee on the Safety of Life at Sea, will conduct an open meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the eighty-fifth Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Safety Committee (MSC) to be held at IMO headquarters in London, United Kingdom, from November 26 to December 5, 2008. The primary matters to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
- Measures to enhance maritime security
- Goal-based new ship construction standards
- Long range identification and tracking (LRIT) related matters
- Technical assistance sub-programme in maritime safety and security
- Capacity-building for the implementation of new measures
- Role of the human element
- Formal safety assessment
- Piracy and armed robbery against ships
- General cargo ship safety
- Reports of six subcommittees—Ship design and equipment, Training and Watchkeeping, Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue, Flag State Implementation, Safety of Navigation, Stability, Load Lines and Fishing Vessel Safety, Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers
- Relations with other organizations
- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2009

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Persons planning to attend this meeting should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Jason Smith, not later than 72 hours before the meeting by e-mail at jason.e.smith2@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1372, by fax at (202) 372-1925, or in writing at Commandant (CG-5212), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Room 1308, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

The U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and

privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). Please note, however, that parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Please also note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Coast Guard Headquarters building. If you have any questions about this SHC subcommittee meeting, please contact LCDR Jason Smith at the numbers or addresses listed above.

Dated: October 3, 2008.

Mark Skolnicki,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Notice of Availability of the Mid County Parkway Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement**

DATE: October 2008.

AGENCY: United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

SUMMARY: The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announce the availability of the Mid County Parkway (MCP) Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) that evaluates the environmental effects of the proposed MCP project. The MCP project will construct a new west-east parkway between Interstate 15 (I-15) on the west and State Route 79 (SR-79) on the east which will provide a direct and continuous route connecting existing and planned major population/employment centers in the County of Riverside and the cities of Corona, Perris, and San Jacinto, a distance of approximately 51 kilometers (km) (32 miles [mi]). The project alternatives consist of five Build Alternatives (4, 5, 6, 7 and 9) and two No Build Alternatives (1A and 1B).

DATES: The comment period for the MCP Draft EIR/EIS will end 60 days after publication of the NOA in the

Federal Register. The RCTC is hosting public informational meetings to provide the public with information about the Draft EIR/EIS. The public informational meetings will be held on October 28, 29, & 30, 2008 at the following locations, respectively: Eagle Glen Golf Course, 1800 Eagle Glen Parkway, Corona CA 92883; Perris Senior Center, 100 North D Street, Perris, CA 92570; and Valley Wide Recreation and Park District—Sport Center Meeting Room, 901 West Esplanade Avenue, San Jacinto, CA 92581. At these “open house” style meetings, you may attend anytime between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. to view informational displays and the Draft EIR/EIS. The MCP project team will be available to discuss your questions, comments, and suggestions, one-on-one, regarding the proposed project.

In addition, the RCTC is holding two formal public hearings to accept public comments. These public hearings will be held on November 6, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Perris City Council Chambers, 101 North D Street, Perris CA 92570 and November 12, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the RCTC—Board Room, 4080 Lemon Street, Main Floor, Riverside, CA 92501.

Contact/Address: Comments on the MCP Draft EIR/EIS can be mailed to the following addresses: Ms. Cathy Bechtel at RCTC, 4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor, Riverside, CA 92502 and/or Mr. Tay Dam, FHWA, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100, Sacramento, CA 95814, or via e-mail at: midcountyparkway.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cathy Bechtel at RCTC: (951) 787-7141, or Mr. Tay Dam at FHWA: (213) 605-2013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MCP Draft EIR/EIS evaluates the environmental and socioeconomic effects of constructing and implementing the proposed MCP project. The purpose of the proposed MCP project is to provide a transportation parkway that would effectively and efficiently accommodate regional west-east movement of people and goods between and through Corona, Perris, and San Jacinto. The proposed MCP project is subject to federal, as well as local and State, environmental review requirements because the RCTC proposes the use of federal funds from the FHWA and/or the project requires a FHWA approval action. Project documentation, therefore, has been prepared in compliance with both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The RCTC is the project proponent and the lead agency under CEQA. Because of