

report will be transmitted to OMB, and be made available to the public via OMB's *USAspending.gov* Web site—as part of ECA's Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) reporting requirements.

(3) A SF-PPR, "Performance Progress Report" Cover Sheet with all program reports.

(4) Quarterly program and financial reports which should include, updated project calendars, description of any program complications, and program accomplishments to date.

Award recipients will be required to provide reports analyzing their evaluation findings to the Bureau in their regular program reports. (*Please refer to IV. Application and Submission Instructions (IV.3.d.3) above for Program Monitoring and Evaluation information.*)

All data collected, including survey responses and contact information, must be maintained for a minimum of three years and provided to the Bureau upon request.

All reports must be sent to the ECA Grants Officer and ECA Program Officer listed in the final assistance award document.

Additional Program Data Requirements:

Award recipients will be required to maintain specific data on program participants and activities in an electronically accessible database format that can be shared with the Bureau as required. As a minimum, the data must include the following:

(1) Name, address, contact information and biographic sketch of all persons who travel internationally on funds provided by the agreement or who benefit from the award funding but do not travel.

(2) Itineraries of international and domestic travel, providing dates of travel and cities in which any exchange experiences take place. Final schedules for in-country and U.S. activities must be received by the ECA Program Officer at least three work days prior to the official opening of the activity.

VII. Agency Contacts

For questions about this announcement, contact: Jill Staggs, Program Officer, U.S. Department of State, Cultural Programs Division, Office of Citizen Exchanges, ECA/PE/C/CU, SA-5, Floor 3, Reference Number: ECA/PE/C/CU-10-24, 2200 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522-0503, (202) 632-6408, staggsjj@state.gov.

All correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFGP should reference the above title and number ECA/PE/C/CU-10-24.

Please read the complete announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

VIII. Other Information

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements per section VI.3 above.

Dated: April 15, 2010.

Maura M. Pally,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed highway project and route adoption study in San Benito and Santa Clara Counties, California.

DATES: Public circulation of this document will begin on April 26, 2010 and will end on June 10, 2010. An open forum public hearing will be held for this project on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Hollister. The location is R.O. Hardin Elementary School, 881 Line Street, Hollister, CA 95023 in the Multi-purpose Room.

ADDRESSES: This document will be available at the Caltrans District 5 office, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except for the first, second, and

third Fridays of the month, when Caltrans offices are closed). Copies of the document can also be read at the San Benito County Free Library, 470 Fifth Street, Hollister, CA 95023 and at the Santa Clara County Library, 7562 Monterey Street, Gilroy, CA 95020. The Draft EIS is also available at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/hwy25widening/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: G. William 'Trais' Norris III, Sierra Pacific Environmental Analysis Branch, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726. E-mail trais_norris@dot.ca.gov. Telephone (805) 542-4711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 1, 2007, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned, and (Caltrans) assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Caltrans as the delegated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) agency, has prepared a Draft Tier I Environmental Impact Statement that evaluates two proposed projects: (1) A route adoption of State Route 25 between Hollister in San Benito County and US 101 just south of Gilroy in Santa Clara County and (2) a proposed four-lane expressway construction project within the limits of the proposed route adoption in San Benito County. Caltrans approved the Draft EIS on April 13, 2010.

Alternatives 1 and 2, the route adoption alternatives, would share the same alignment from 1/2 mile south of Shore Road in San Benito County to US 101 in Santa Clara County. Between 1/2 mile south of Shore Road and the southern end of the proposed project at San Felipe Road, these alternatives separate. In this area Alternative 1 proposes to align the future four-lane expressway generally to the east of the existing highway, while Alternative 2 would be aligned mostly to the west of the existing two-lane highway.

The proposed widening project extends from San Felipe Road in Hollister to just west of Hudner Lane in San Benito County. A four-lane expressway would be built on a new alignment. Alternative A would be within the footprint of Alternative 1, and Alternative B would be within the footprint of Alternative 2. Because this project is really two projects, it would be possible for the No-Build Alternative to be selected instead of a construction project, and to also have an action: a route adoption. The No-Action Alternative would result in no action being taken.

(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.)

Issued on: April 16, 2010.

Cindy Vigue,

Director, State Programs, Federal Highway Administration, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35344]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement dated December 16, 2009, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over a BNSF line of railroad known as the Thayer Subdivision extending between BNSF milepost 483.8 (Kentucky Street) and BNSF milepost 486.0 (KC Junction) in Memphis, Tenn., a distance of approximately 2.2 miles.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on May 6, 2010, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the exemption is filed). The purpose of the trackage rights agreement is to allow UP to interchange railcars with Canadian National Railway Company (CN) at CN's Johnson Yard in Memphis.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry.—Trackage Rights—Burlington N., Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry.—Lease and Operate—Cal. W. R.R.*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), and any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Or. Short Line R.R.—Aban. Portion—Goshen Branch Between Firth and Ammon, in Bingham and Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). 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 effectiveness of the exemption. Stay petitions must be filed by April 29, 2010 (at least 7 days

before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35344, 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 Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room #1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

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

Decided: April 19, 2010.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[eDocket Number: **TREAS-DO-2010-0001**;
eDocket Number: **HUD-2010-0029**]

Public Input on Reform of the Housing Finance System

AGENCIES: Office of the Undersecretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Information.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the Obama Administration's commitment to openness and transparency and the President's Open Government Initiative, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) seek public input on establishing a more stable and sound housing finance system.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* July 21, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice according to the instructions for "Electronic Submission of Comments" below. All submissions must refer to the document title and one of the above docket numbers. Treasury and HUD encourage the early submission of comments.

Electronic Submission of Comments. Interested persons must submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [http://](http://www.regulations.gov)

www.regulations.gov. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt, and enables Treasury or HUD to make them available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

Note: To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through the method specified above. Again, all submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the notice.

No Facsimile Comments. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

Public Inspection of Public Comments. All properly submitted comments will be available for inspection and downloading at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Additional Instructions. Please note the number of the question to which you are responding at the top of each response. Though the responses will be screened for obscenities and appropriateness, in general comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are immediately available to the public. Do not enclose any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general inquiries, submission process questions or any additional information, please call 202-622-7653. All responses to this Notice and Request for Information should be submitted via <http://www.regulations.gov> to ensure consideration.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Treasury and HUD seek public comment on the following questions:

1. How should federal housing finance objectives be prioritized in the context of the broader objectives of housing policy? Commentary could address: Policy for sustainable homeownership; rental policy; balancing rental and ownership; how to account for regional differences; and affordability goals.

2. What role should the federal government play in supporting a stable, well-functioning housing finance system and what risks, if any, should the federal government bear in meeting its housing finance objectives? Commentary could address: Level of government involvement and type of support provided; role of government