
The Board is a non-discretionary federal advisory committee that shall provide the Secretary of Defense through the Secretary of the Army and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to construction and rehabilitation priorities and spending levels on the commercial navigation features and components of the U.S. inland waterways and inland harbors as defined in Public Law 95–302 and amended by Public Law 99–662.

The Board shall annually file their recommendations with the Secretary of the Army and with the Congress.

The Secretary of the Army may act upon the Board’s advice and recommendations.

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 2251(a), the Board shall be composed of eleven members appointed by the Secretary of Defense. The members shall be selected so as to represent various regions of the country and a spectrum of the primary users and shippers utilizing the inland and intra-coastal waterways for commercial purposes. Due considerations shall be given to assure a balance among the members based on the ton-mile shipment of the various categories of commodities shipped on inland waterways.

Board members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time federal officers or employees, shall be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and these individuals shall serve as Special Government Employees. Board members shall, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, serve without compensation.

Board members shall serve two-year terms, with members’ appointments renewed on an annual basis by the Secretary of Defense. No member, unless otherwise selected by the Secretary of the Army and approved by the Secretary of Defense, shall serve more than four consecutive years on the Board. Appointments vacated prior to the expiration of the term of appointment shall be filled only for the remainder of the term.

The Secretary of the Army shall select the Board’s Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from the total membership, and these individuals shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary of the Army. The Vice Chairperson will act as Chairperson in the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson, or in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairperson.

The Secretary of the Army shall designate, and the Secretaries of Agriculture, Transportation and Commerce may designate, representatives to act as non-voting observers of the Board. In addition, the Secretary of the Army through the Secretary of Defense may appoint consultants with special expertise to assist the Board on an ad hoc basis.

With DoD approval, the Board is authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission and these subcommittees shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and other appropriate federal regulations.

Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board; nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not Board members.

Subcommittee members, who are not Commission members, shall be appointed in the same manner as the Board members. Such individuals, if not full-time or part-time government employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3019, and serve as special government employees, whose appointments must be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board shall meet at the call of the Board’s Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson.

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 2251(b), the Board shall meet at least semi-annually.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. In addition, the Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all meetings, however, in the absence of the Designated Federal Officer, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend the meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Inland Waterways Users Board membership about the Board’s mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of Inland Waterways Users Board.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Inland Waterways Users Board, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Inland Waterways Users Board Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA’s FACA Database—https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Inland Waterways Users Board. The Designated Federal Officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Jim Freeman, Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703–601–6128.

Dated: March 22, 2011.

Morgan F. Park,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed South Coast Rail Project, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of the Army Permit Application Number NAE–2007–00698

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.
SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate a proposed establishment of public transportation service between Boston and the Cities of New Bedford and Fall River, MA. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT; formerly the Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works or EOT) has submitted an application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.), ranging in area from approximately 10.3 to approximately 21.5 acres (depending on the alternative selected), including wetlands, incidental to the establishment of transportation infrastructure. The Notice of Intent for preparation of the DEIS was published in the Federal Register (73 FR 64927, October 31, 2008).

DATES: The Corps will hold two public hearings to receive comments on the DEIS. The public hearings will be held on:

1. May 4, 2011, 7 P.M., Qualters Middle School, 240 East Street, Mansfield, MA.
2. May 5, 2011, 7 P.M., Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, MA.

Written comments on the DEIS must be received no later than: May 27, 2011.

Additional information on how to submit comments is included in the (SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION) section.

ADDRESSES: Comments can be sent to Mr. Alan Anacheka-Nasemann, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division, ATTN: CENAE–R–PEA, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA, by fax at 978–318–8303, or by e-mail to: SCREIS@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Alan Anacheka-Nasemann, (978) 318–8214, e-mail: SCREIS@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MassDOT has submitted an application under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material into waters of the U.S. incidental to establishment of commuter public transportation service between Boston and New Bedford and Fall River, MA, and known as “South Coast Rail.” The overall project purpose is to more fully meet the existing and future demand for public transportation between Fall River/New Bedford and Boston, MA and to enhance regional mobility. The project envisions up to approximately 9600 passenger daily trips between Boston and New Bedford/Fall River.

Elements of all of the alternatives proposed by MassDOT would be located in waters of the United States. The proposed alternative routes could affect high quality natural resources, including Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wildlife Management Areas and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. In addition, all of the proposed alternative routes would affect historic and cultural resources, including properties eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, National Historic Landmarks and historic districts that have cultural importance in the affected communities. Consultation on the extent of the impacts on these resources is ongoing with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The DEIS is intended to provide the information needed for the Corps to perform a public interest review for the Section 404 permit decision. Significant issues analyzed in the DEIS included impacts to waters of the U.S. (including vernal pools and other wetlands), transportation, land use, socioeconomics, environmental justice, visual effects, noise, vibration, cultural resources, air quality, open space, farmland, hazardous materials, biodiversity, threatened and endangered species, and water resources. Several alternatives were evaluated for comparative purposes, including the No Action Alternative under which no new transportation infrastructure would be built.

The “Attleboro Alternative” would add new rail service via the existing AMTRAK Northeast Corridor, with added capacity, new track and existing freight lines, from Boston via Attleboro and Norton to Taunton. The new track (“Attleboro bypass”) would be laid near Chartley Pond in the vicinity of an existing National Grid electrical line right-of-way.

The “Stoughton Alternative” would extend the existing Stoughton commuter rail line from its current terminus in Stoughton along presently abandoned railroad rights-of-way through Easton and Raynham to Taunton. This would follow the existing, abandoned railroad grade that crosses Hockomock Swamp and then an abandoned, serpentine (winding) railroad grade to the west side of Taunton.

Continuation of all three rail alternatives from Taunton would follow existing, active freight lines through Lakeville and Freetown to New Bedford and Fall River. These links between Taunton and New Bedford/Fall River are common to all three rail alternatives identified above. In addition, all three routes would entail the addition of new train stations and major reconstruction of existing stations.

The “Rapid Bus” Alternative would provide commuter bus service, in lieu of rail, from New Bedford, Fall River and Taunton to South Station via I–93, Route 24, and Route 140. Buses would use a combination of new zipper bus lanes, new reversible bus lanes, two-way bus lanes, and general purpose lanes in mixed traffic. New bus stations would serve New Bedford, Fall River, Freetown, and Taunton.

The No-Build Alternative would provide enhancements to existing bus services with limited improvements to the existing transit and roadway system, but otherwise no major infrastructure improvements.


Public Participation. Public comment on the proposal, and any or all of the alternative routes and modes is requested and encouraged. Any person
wishing to comment on the DEIS can submit written comments to: Alan Anacheka-Nasemann, Project Manager, Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England Division, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, Massachusetts 01742–2751, Reference File No. NAE–2007–00698, by fax at 978–318–8303, or by e-mail to SCREIS@usace.army.mil. The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of comments submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of comments will be forwarded to the applicant. Interested parties may view the DEIS online at: http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/projects/ma/SouthCoastRail/southcoastrail.htm. The DEIS is also available to review at the following locations:

1. State Transportation Library of Massachusetts 10 Park Plaza, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA.
2. Russell Memorial Library, 88 Main Street, Acushnet, MA.
3. Attleboro Public Library, 74 North Main Street, Attleboro, MA.
4. Berkley Public Library: 3 North Main Street, Berkley, MA.
5. Boston Public Library, Central Library, 700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA.
6. Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington Street, Braintree, MA.
7. Canton Public Library, 786 Washington Street, Canton, MA.
8. Dedham Public Library, 43 Church Street, Dedham, MA.
9. Ames Free Library, 15 Barrows Street, North Easton, MA.
10. Fall River Public Library, 104 North Main Street, Fall River, MA.
11. Boyden Library, 10 Bird Street, Foxborough, MA.
13. Lakeville Public Library, 4 Precinct Street, Lakeville, MA.
14. Mansfield Public Library, 255 Hope Street, Mansfield, MA.
15. Milton Public Library, 476 Canton Avenue, Milton, MA.
16. New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA.
17. Norton Public Library, 68 East Main Street, Norton, MA.
18. Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy, MA.
19. Turner Free Library, 2 North Main Street, Randolph, MA.
20. Raynham Public Library, 760 South Main Street, Raynham, MA.
21. Sharon Public Library, 11 North Main Street, Sharon, MA.
22. Stoughton Library, 84 Park Street, Stoughton, MA.
23. Taunton Public Library, 12 Pleasant Street, Taunton, MA.

24. West Bridgewater Public Library, 80 Howard Street, West Bridgewater, MA.

Dated: March 18, 2011.


DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Navy

[DOCKET ID USN–2011–0004]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to Amend a System of Records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy proposes to amend a system of records in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: The changes will be effective on April 25, 2011 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and Regulatory Information Number (RIN) and title, by any of the following methods:


Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Robin Patterson (202) 685–6546, or by mail at HEAD, FOIA/Privacy Act Policy Branch, the Department of the Navy, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350–2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Navy systems of records notice subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, has been published in the Federal Register and is available from the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT address above.

The specific changes to the record system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety. The proposed amendment is not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of new or altered systems reports.

Dated: March 22, 2011.

Morgan F. Park, Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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CHANGES:

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SYSTEM LOCATION:
Delete entry and replace with “CNIC Transitional Hosting Center, 1968 Gilbert St., Norfolk, VA 23511–3318 and organizational elements of the Department of the Navy; official mailing addresses are published in the Standard Navy Distribution List.”

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SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:
Delete entry and replace with “Policy Official: Commander, Navy Installations Command, 2713 Mitscher Road, SW., Ste 300, Anacostia Annex, DC 20373–5802.”

Record Holder: Organizational elements of the Department of the Navy. Official mailing addresses are published in the Standard Navy Distribution List.”

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:
Delete entry and replace with “Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to the Commanding Officer of the local activity. Official mailing addresses are published in the Standard Navy Distribution List. The request should contain individual’s full name, Social Security Number (SSN), address and be signed. The system manager may require an original signature or a notarized signature as a means of proving the identity of the individual requesting access to the records.”

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:
Delete entry and replace with “Individuals seeking to access the