DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement for Extension of F–Line Streetcar Service to Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Extension of F–Line Streetcar Service to Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, California.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for the extension of the historic streetcar F-line from Fisherman’s Wharf to the Fort Mason Center, in San Francisco, California.

DATES: The Final EIS is available for public inspection as follows: at the Office of the Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (Bldg. 201 Fort Mason, San Francisco, California), and at local public libraries as noted on the Project Web site http://parkplanning.nps.gov/gog. An electronic version may also be accessed at the Project Web site. For further information, please contact Mr. Steve Ortega, Bldg. 201 Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123–0022 (415) 561–2841 or steve.ortega@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action would extend the historic streetcar F-line from Fisherman’s Wharf to the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (SF Maritime NHP) and to the Fort Mason Center in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). The intended effect of the proposed action is to provide park visitors and transit-dependent residents with high-quality access and mobility between existing streetcar service at Fisherman’s Wharf and SF Maritime NHP and the Fort Mason Center in GGNRA, with connection to the regional transit rail services. The Final EIS evaluates potential environmental consequences of implementing the alternatives. Impact topics include the cultural, natural, and socioeconomic environments. The proposed action is the culmination of a cooperative effort by the National Park Service, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and the Federal Transit Administration. Studies from these agencies identified a need for improved regional and local transit connectivity between the identified urban national parks and existing transit infrastructure. Transit improvements between these parks would help accommodate existing and future visitor demand and enhance operational effectiveness. Based on the agency studies, conceptual approaches to address alternative transportation needs were identified and evaluated against the purpose and need of the project, park management objectives, and operability constraints.

Through an intensive public review process, two action alternatives were identified in addition to the No Action Alternative (Alternative 1)—the Preferred Action Alternative has two options for the track turnaround configuration (Alternatives 2A and 2B). Common elements of the Preferred Action Alternatives include the extension of approximately 0.85 mile of new rail track; associated features such as signals, crossings, wires and poles; approximately 8–9 new platforms; new designated stops; retrofitting of the historic State Belt Railroad tunnel (Fort Mason Tunnel). The primary difference between Alternatives 2A and 2B involves the location in which the streetcar would turn around at the terminus of the proposed track extension. Under Alternative 2A, the streetcar would turn around via a loop in the Fort Mason Center parking lot (North Loop). Under Alternative 2B, the streetcar would turn around via a loop in the Great Meadow (South Loop).

The Draft EIS was made available for public review for 60 days (March 18–May 23, 2011); the full text and graphics were also posted on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment Web site. A public open house on the proposed action was held on April 20, 2011, and attended by a total of 81 people, during which the Project team collected oral and written comments. In addition, throughout the review period, NPS received a total of 98 comment letters on the proposed action. The majority of those that commented on the Draft EIS supported the proposed action. The public’s primary concerns about the preferred alternative included mitigating the loss of parking, displacement of street artist sales spaces, increased traffic congestion, noise and congestion near the Marina neighborhood, conflicts with other planned projects, and mitigating impacts to National Historic Landmark resources. Many also suggested various design ideas and other measures to help reduce these impacts.

In coordination with other affected agencies, and after considering all oral and written comments, the NPS prepared the Final EIS. The analysis revealed Alternative 1 (No Action) to be the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. Alternative 2 was found to be the superior alternative with Alternative 2A (North Loop) the preferred option for the Turnaround, and thus NPS’s Final Preferred Action Alternative.

Decision Process: The NPS will prepare a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days following EPA’s notice in the Federal Register of filing of the Final EIS. As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for approval of the extension of F–Line streetcar service from Fisherman’s Wharf to the Fort Mason Center is the Regional Director; subsequently the officials responsible for implementation will be the Superintendents of San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park and Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Dated: December 6, 2012.

Martha J. Lee,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation. Comments may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., MS 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., 8th floor, Washington DC 20005; or by fax, 202–371–6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by March 7, 2012. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

J. Paul Loether,
Chief, National Register of Historic Places/ National Historic Landmarks Program.

ALASKA
Anchorage Borough-Census Area
Fort Richardson National Cemetery, Bldg. 58–512, Davis Hwy., Fort Richardson, 99605
Sitka Borough-Census Area
Sitka National Cemetery, 803 Sawmill Creek Rd., Sitka, 99835

HAWAII
Honolulu County
Withington House, 3150 Huelani Pl., Honolulu, 96817

ILLINOIS
Lee County
Dixon Downtown Historic District, Roughly bounded by River St., Dixon Ave., 3rd St., & Monroe Ave., Dixon, 61021
Marion County
Centralia Commercial Historic District, 126 W. Broadway to 331 E. Broadway, Centralia, 62821
McHenry County
Plum Tree Farm, 1001 Plum Tree Rd., Barrington Hills, 60010
Whiteside County
Fulton Commercial Historic District, 4th St. between 10th & 12th Aves., Fulton, 61036

IOWA
Polk County
Sherman Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase and Decrease), Generally between 15th St., Woodland Ave., MLK Pkwy., & I–235, Des Moines, 50316

KANSAS
Sedgwick County
Kansas Gas & Electric Company Building, 120 E. 1st St., Wichita, 67202

MAINE
Cumberland County
Children’s Hospital, 68 High St., Portland, 04101
Portland Waterfront (Boundary Increase), Merrill’s Wharf, 252–260 Commercial St., Portland, 04101

MASSACHUSETTS
Essex County
LAMARTINE (shipwreck), (Granite Vessel Shipwrecks in the Stellwagen Bank NMS MPS) Address Restricted, Gloucester, 01930
Hampden County
Outing Park Historic District, Roughly bounded by Saratoga, Niagara, Oswego, & Bayoone Sts., Springfield, 01105
Suffolk County
Revere City Hall and Police Station, 281 Broadway & 23 Pleasant St., Revere, 02154

MINNESOTA
Winona County
Central Grade School, 317 Market St., Winona, 55987
Jefferson School, (Federal Relief Construction in Minnesota MPS) 1268 W. 5th St., Winona, 55987
Madison School, 515 W. Wabasha St., Winona, 55987
Washington—Kosciusko School, (Federal Relief Construction in Minnesota MPS AD) 365 Mankato Ave., Winona, 55987

NEBRASKA
Lincoln County
Fort McPherson National Cemetery, 12004 S. Spur 36A, Maxwell, 68520

NEW JERSEY
Monmouth County
Camp Evans Historic District (Boundary Increase and Decrease), 2201 Marconi Rd. (Wall Township). New Bedford, 07750
White, Robert, House, 20 South St., Red Bank, 07701

OREGON
Clatskanie IOOF Hall, 75 S. Nehalem St., Clatskanie, 97016

SOUTH DAKOTA
Clay County
Forest Avenue Historic District (Boundary Increase), 15–322 Forest Ave., 57205

WASHINGTON
Pierce County
Curran, Charles and Mary Louise, House, 4009 Curran Ln., University Place, 98334

Whatcom County
Axtell, Dr. William H. and Frances C., House, 313 E. Maple St., Bellingham, 98225
In the interest of preservation a three day comment period is requested for the following resources:

MASSACHUSETTS
Suffolk County
Fenway Park, 24, & 2–4 Yawkey Wy., 64–76 Brookline Ave., & 70–80 Lansdowne St., Boston, 02215

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Notice of Availability
AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of availability.
SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of the Act of Sept 28, 1976, 16 U.S.C. 1901, and in accordance with the provisions of 36 CFR 9.17, Randy Elliott has filed a proposed plan of operations to conduct mining operations on lands embracing Mineral Survey No. 923, patented mineral property within Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.
Public Availability: This plan of operations is available for inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve—Headquarters, Mile 106.8 Richardson Highway, Post Office Box 439, Copper Center, Alaska 99573; National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office—Natural Resources