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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12894]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Raphael: Sublime Poetry” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to agreements with their foreign owners or custodians for temporary display in the exhibition “Raphael: Sublime Poetry” at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reed Liriano, Program Coordinator, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA-5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12895]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “A Bestiary of Ancient Nubia” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to an agreement with their foreign owner or custodian for temporary display in the exhibition “A Bestiary of Ancient Nubia” at the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures Museum of the University of Chicago, in Chicago, Illinois, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 420X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in the City of Baltimore, Md.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of

exemption (NOE) under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon its freight rail easement over an approximately one-mile rail line extending from milepost UU 0.00 +/- to milepost UU 1.00 +/- in the City of Baltimore, Md. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 21201 and 21211.

According to the verified notice, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) owns the portion of the Line from milepost UU 0.50 +/- to milepost UU 1.00 +/-,¹ and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) owns the portion of the Line from milepost UU 0.00 +/- to milepost UU 0.50 +/- but NSR retained the “freight operating easement, rights and operations” for the Line. NSR states that because neither MTA nor Amtrak have a residual common carrier obligation to provide rail freight service over the Line, the entire common carrier obligation of any rail carrier or party to provide freight service over the Line will be extinguished with the abandonment of the freight operating rights. NSR further states that MTA’s passenger services will continue after NSR abandons its easement and, therefore, the corridor is not available for alternative public use(s) and that it does not intend to negotiate for trail use/railbanking.

NSR has certified that: (1) no local freight traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending with either the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (notice of environmental and historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91* (1979). To address whether this

¹ MTA currently operates light rail transit service over the Line. The Board previously determined that MTA did not require authorization from the Board’s predecessor when MTA acquired the Line in 1990 and that MTA had not become a common carrier on the Line. *See Md. Transit Admin.—Pet. for Declaratory Ord.*, FD 34975, slip op. at 7-8 (STB served Oct. 9, 2007).