

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared with a revised terminus for the proposed Interstate 73 (I-73) highway project in eastern South Carolina.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Patrick Tyndall, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 1835 Assembly Street, Suite 1270, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, telephone: (803) 765-5411, e-mail: [Patrick.tyndall@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:Patrick.tyndall@fhwa.dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), previously published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (August 9, 2004; 69 FR 48271) to prepare a Tier 1 EIS from the South Carolina/North Carolina state line to the vicinity of I-95, a distance of approximately 35 miles. This revised notice provides for an EIS, not tiered, from the vicinity of Hamlet, North Carolina (southeast of Rockingham) to I-95 in South Carolina, a distance of approximately 40 miles.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to improve national and regional connectivity to the Conway/Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina by providing a direct link from North Carolina. This link will enhance economic opportunities and tourism in South Carolina. The proposed project would fulfill congressional intent, as originally proposed in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-240; 105 Stat. 1914) and confirmed in the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21) of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-178; 112 Stat. 107). Alternatives to be evaluated include the no action alternative, the upgrade of existing roads, construction on new alignment, and combinations of upgrades and new alignments.

The FHWA and SCDOT are seeking input as a part of the scoping process to assist in identifying issues relative to this project. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. An interagency coordination process will begin soon, with the invitations to Cooperating Agencies and a formal scoping meeting to occur in Fall 2005. A public involvement plan is being developed for this project and will include a variety of opportunities for interested parties to be involved in the project. Two public interest group/public scoping meetings will be held in

late summer 2005 at one location in northeastern South Carolina and one in Southern North Carolina. These meetings will be well publicized in advance, giving the location and time for each meeting. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research Planning and Construction. The regulation implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34726]

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

Pursuant to a written trackage rights agreement dated April 26, 2005, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over a line of railroad extending from BNSF milepost 345.8 (Tower 55) near Fort Worth, TX, to BNSF milepost 213.2 (South Junction) near Wichita, KS, a distance of approximately 375.10 miles.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on July 13, 2005.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow UP to use BNSF trackage for overhead movement of UP trains between Tower 55 in Fort Worth, TX, and Wichita, KS.

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. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN,*

<sup>1</sup> The trackage rights involve BNSF segments with non-contiguous mileposts. Therefore, total mileage does not correspond to the milepost designations of the endpoints.

354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

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 transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34726, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert T. Opal, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1580, Omaha, NE 68179.

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

Decided: July 15, 2005.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices: Proposed Collections: Comment Requests

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on revisions of an information collection that are proposed for approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Affairs within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Forms CQ-1 and CQ-2, Financial and Commercial Liabilities to, and Claims on, Unaffiliated Foreigners.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 20, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 4410-1440NYA, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, please also notify Mr. Wolkow by e-mail ([dwight.wolkow@do.treas.gov](mailto:dwight.wolkow@do.treas.gov)), Fax