

the new Transbay Transit Center; and the establishment of a redevelopment area with related development activities, including transit-oriented development on publicly owned land in the vicinity of the new Transbay Transit Center. *Final agency actions:* ROD issued February 8, 2005; Section 4(f) finding; Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement; project-level Air Quality Conformity Determination. *Supporting documentation:* Final Environmental Impact Statement issued April 2, 2004.

5. *Project name and location:* South Corridor I-205/Portland Mall Light Rail Transit Project. *Project sponsors:* Portland Metro and Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District. *FTA Regional Office:* Region X in Seattle. *Project description:* The project has two major components: a 6.5-mile light rail transit (LRT) line along I-205 from the Clackamas Town Center to the Gateway Transit Center where it connects to the existing Banfield LRT line; and a 1.8-mile downtown transit mall LRT segment connecting into the existing light rail system at the Steel Bridge. The I-205 segment includes eight new LRT stations and five new park-and-ride lots. The Portland Mall segment adds seven pairs of LRT stations on 5th and 6th Avenues. The project includes the expansion of the Ruby Junction light rail vehicle storage and maintenance facility. *Final agency actions:* ROD issued February 22, 2005; Section 4(f) Finding; Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement; project-level Air Quality Conformity Determination. *Supporting documentation:* Final Environmental Impact Statement issued December 17, 2004.

Issued on: May 11, 2006.

Ronald Fisher,

Acting Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment, Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 664X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Anderson County, SC

On April 28, 2006, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 12.74-mile rail line between milepost AKL 26.26

near Belton, the end of the line, and milepost AKL 39.00, near Pelzer, on the Southern Region, Florence Division, Belton Subdivision, in Anderson County, SC. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 29627 and 29654 and includes one station, the Belton Station, at milepost AKL 31.0.

CSXT states that, based on information in its possession, the line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in CSXT's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by August 16, 2006.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each offer must be accompanied by a \$1,300 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than June 7, 2006. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 664X), and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) Louis E. Gitomer, 1455 F Street, NW., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005. Replies to CSXT's petition are due on or before June 7, 2006.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be

served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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

Decided: May 10, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-103320-00]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, REG-103320-00, Disclosure of Returns and Return Information to Designee of Taxpayer.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 17, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this regulation should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Disclosure of Returns and Return Information to Designee of Taxpayer.

OMB Number: 1545-1816.

Regulation Project Number: REG-103320-00.

Abstract: Abstract Regulation section 301.6103(c)-1 generally authorizes the IRS and its agents to disclose returns and return information to such person or persons as the taxpayer may designate in a written request for or consent to disclosure, or to any other person at the taxpayer's written or nonwritten request to the extent necessary to comply with a request for information or assistance made by the taxpayer to such other person. The regulation requires a taxpayer who wishes to authorize disclosure of his or her returns or return information to provide the IRS or its agents with certain information, such as information identifying the taxpayer, the returns or return information to be disclosed, and the person to whom the disclosure is to be made.

Current Actions: There is no change to this final regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 12 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 800.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: April 27, 2006.

Allan Hopkins,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Earned Income Tax Credit Issue Committee**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Earned Income Tax Credit Issue Committee will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Y. Jenkins at 1-888-912-1227 (toll-free), or 718-488-2085 (non toll-free).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Earned Income Tax Credit Issue Committee will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2006 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET via a telephone conference call. The public is invited to make oral comments. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. For information or to confirm attendance, notification of intent to attend the meeting must be made with Audrey Y. Jenkins. Ms. Jenkins may be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or (718) 488-2085, send written comments to Audrey Y. Jenkins, TAP Office, 10 MetroTech Center, 625 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 or post comments to the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>. Due to limited

conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made in advance.

The agenda will include various IRS issues.

Dated: May 11, 2006.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Open Meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas)**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. Central Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 231-2365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Area 5 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. Central Time via a telephone conference call. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop1006MIL, 211 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. This meeting is not required to be open to the public, but because we are always interested in community input, we will accept public comments. Please contact Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 231-2365 for additional information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: May 11, 2006.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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