

C. Application Submission

These guidelines should be followed in submitting applications:

—All applications requesting SSA funds for cooperative agreement projects under this announcement must be submitted on the standard forms provided in the application kit.

NOTE: Facsimile copies will not be accepted.

—The application shall be executed by an individual authorized to act for the applicant organization and to assume for the applicant organization the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement award.

—Number of copies: The package should contain one original, signed and dated application plus at least two copies. Ten additional copies are optional and will expedite processing of the application. A disk copy of the Abstract and the Program Narrative (in MSWord format) would also be helpful to SSA.

—Length: Applications should be brief and concise as possible, but assure successful communication of the applicant's proposal to the reviewers. The Project Narrative portion of the application (Part III) may not exceed 150 double spaced pages (excluding the resume and outside funding appendices), typewritten on one side using standard (8½" × 11") size paper and 12 point font. Attachments that support the project narrative count within the 150 page limit.

Attachments not applicable to the project narrative do not count toward this page limit.

—Attachments/Appendices, when included should be used only to provide supporting documentation. Brochures, videos, etc., should not be included because they are not easily reproduced and are therefore inaccessible to reviewers.

—In item 11 of the Face Sheet (SF 424), the applicant must clearly indicate the application submitted is in response to this announcement (SSA-ORES-03-01). The applicant also is encouraged to select a SHORT descriptive project title.

—On all applications developed by more than one organization, the application must identify only one institution as the lead organization and the official applicant. The other(s) can be included as subgrantees or subcontractors.

Applications must be mailed or hand delivered to: Grants Management Team, Office of Acquisition and Grants, DCFAM, Social Security Administration, Attention: SSA-ORES-

03-01, 1-E-4 Gwynn Oak Building, 1710 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21207-5279.

Hand delivered applications are accepted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. An application will be considered as meeting the deadline if it is either:

1. Received at the above address on or before the deadline date; or

2. Mailed through the U.S. Postal Service or sent by commercial carrier on or before the deadline date and received in time to be considered during the competitive review and evaluation process.

Packages must be postmarked by July 15, 2003. Applicants are cautioned to request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or to obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier as evidence of timely mailing.

Applications that do not meet the above criteria will be considered late applications. SSA will not waive or extend the deadline for any applicant unless the deadline is waived or extended for all applicants. SSA will notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered.

D. Notification

SSA will use Form SSA-3966 PC (a double postcard) to acknowledge receipt of applications. Please complete the top and bottom parts of the double postcard that is included in the application kit and, on the franked sided of the postcard, enter the name and address of the person to whom the acknowledgment is to be sent. Include Form SSA-3966 PC with the original copy of the application forms. If you do not receive acknowledgment of your application within eight weeks after the deadline date, please notify SSA.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information is collected using form SSA-96-BK, Instructions for Completion of Federal Assistance Application has already been approved under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 0960-0184. This is important in that persons are not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

In addition, the collection of information from ten or more members of the public by cooperative agreement awardees during research and study activities will require clearance from OMB if the information is in response to identical questions.

Executive Order 12372 and 12416—Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs

This program is not covered by the requirements of Executive Order 12372, as amended by Executive Order 12416, relating to the Federal policy for consulting with State and local elected officials on proposed Federal financial assistance.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program No. 96.007, Social Security—Research and Demonstration)

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Jo Anne B. Barnhart,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Seattle, WA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for replacing the Magnolia Bridge (Seattle, Washington).

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public, Tribes, and agencies that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed transportation improvement project in Seattle, King County, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Healy, Area Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 711 S. Capitol Way, Suite 501, Olympia, WA 98501, Telephone (360) 753-9480 and Kirk T. Jones, Seattle Department of Transportation Project Manager, 700 Fifth Ave., Seattle 98104, (206) 615-0862 or e-mail kirkt.jones@seattle.gov. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) TDD number is 206-615-0476. Written comments should be sent to Kirk T. Jones, Seattle Department of Transportation, Key Tower, Suite 3900, 700-5th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104-5043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and the City of Seattle will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for a transportation improvement project to replace the Magnolia Bridge which spans from the intersection of 15th Avenue West and West Garfield Street

to the intersection of West Galer Street and Dartmouth Avenue West in Seattle, Washington. The EIS will be prepared to satisfy both NEPA and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

The project proposes to replace the Magnolia Bridge, which has been damaged in recent years by landslides and an earthquake. The City of Seattle has determined that performing ongoing retrofit and maintenance work on the existing bridge would approach the cost of building a new bridge, and is therefore proposing to build a new facility. The EIS will explore several alternatives, including a No Action alternative, to identify a preferred alternative that provides vehicular linkage to Magnolia from the greater Seattle area; remedies ongoing seismic safety, landslide, and maintenance concerns; and minimizes impacts to the human and natural environment.

The existing Magnolia Bridge, an approximately 3,000-foot structure, connects the 15th Avenue West/Elliott Avenue West corridor to Magnolia along the extended alignment of West Garfield Street, serving as one of three transportation routes to Magnolia that cross the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad tracks. Access to the bridge is provided via the West Galer Street Flyover on the east, and from West Galer Street on the west.

Currently four alternatives are being evaluated for inclusion in the EIS, including three different alignment alternatives and a No-Action alternative. The No-Action Alternative will provide the basis for comparison of the build alternatives. The No-Action Alternative would preserve the existing Magnolia Bridge and include necessary maintenance and retrofit projects to meet seismic standards. Alternative A replaces the Magnolia Bridge with a similar facility just south of the existing bridge, using the same connection points and creating a structure approximately 3,000 feet in length. Alternative D maintains the same endpoints as currently exist for the Magnolia Bridge, but arcs the alignment to the north, creating a longer bridge structure than the existing bridge. Alternative H provides two access routes between 15th Avenue West and Magnolia, one similar to that described for Alternative D, the other a northern bridge connecting Wheeler Street and Armory Way to Thorndyke Avenue at 23rd Avenue West. Each alternative would include some method of connection (e.g., ramps or surface-level intersections) to Port of Seattle property currently spanned by the bridge.

The NEPA scoping process is designed to identify important issues to

be studied in the EIS. FHWA and the City of Seattle invite all interested parties to submit comments on the scope of the proposed project. Public and agency scoping will continue until the Draft EIS is completed. Comments can be submitted by mail, e-mail, via the project Web site, or in person at public and agency scoping meetings. A packet on the proposed project, project alternatives, and the scoping process may be obtained from Seattle Department of Transportation. The information may also be obtained through a public Web site for the project, www.seattle.gov/transportation/magbridgereplace.htm.

Letters soliciting comments on the scope of the EIS and describing the purpose, need, and potential alternatives will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, Tribes, and to organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A Public Open House/Scoping Meeting will be held on May 22, 2003, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm PDT, at the Blaine K-8 School Cafeteria, 2550 34th Avenue West, Seattle, Washington. An Agency Scoping Meeting for Federal, State, and local agencies and Tribes will be held from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm PDT at the Alaska Building, Elliott Bay Room, 2nd Avenue and Cherry Street, Seattle, Washington. In addition, a public and agency hearing will be held following circulation of the Draft EIS. All meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. Any individual with a disability who requires special assistance at upcoming meetings, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact Marybeth Turner at (206) 684-8548 or e-mail marybeth.turner@seattle.gov at least 48-hours in advance of the meeting in order for SDOT to make necessary arrangements.

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

Issued on: April 18, 2003.

Elizabeth Healy,

Area Engineer, Olympia, Washington.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than June 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Debra Steward, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number _____. Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6230 or (202) 493-6170, or E-mail to Mr. Brogan at robert.brogan@fra.dot.gov, or to Ms. Steward at debra.steward@fra.dot.gov. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Debra Steward, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington,