

recognized worker rights (as defined in section 502(a)(4) of the Trade Act of 1974) to workers in the country (including any designated zone in that country).

Paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (5), and (7) shall not prevent the designation of any country as a beneficiary country under this Act if the President determines that such designation will be in the national economic or security interest of the United States and reports such determination to the Congress with his reasons therefor.

(c) In determining whether to designate any country a beneficiary country under this title, the President shall take into account—

(1) An expressions by such country of its desire to be so designated;

(2) The economic conditions in such country, the living standards of its inhabitants, and any other economic factors which he deems appropriate;

(3) The extent to which such country has assured the United States it will provide equitable and reasonable access to the markets and basic commodity resources of such country;

(4) The degree to which such country follows the accepted rules of international trade provided for under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, as well as applicable trade agreements approved under section 2(a) of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979;

(5) The degree to which such country uses export subsidies or imposes export performance requirements or local content requirements which distort international trade;

(6) The degree to which the trade policies of such country as they relate to other beneficiary countries are contributing to the revitalization of the region;

(7) The degree to which such country is undertaking self-help measures to promote its own economic development;

(8) Whether or not such country has taken or is taking steps to afford to workers in that country (including any designated zone in that country) internationally recognized worker rights.

(9) The extent to which such country provides under its law adequate and effective means for foreign nationals to secure, exercise, and enforce exclusive rights in intellectual property, including patent, trademark, and copyright rights;

(10) The extent to which such country prohibits its nationals from engaging in the broadcast of copyrighted material, including films or television material, belonging to United States copyright owners without their express consent; and

(11) The extent to which such country is prepared to cooperate with the United States in the administration of the provisions of this title.

Persons submitting written comments should provide a statement in twenty copies, by noon, Wednesday, June 30, 1999, to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Room 501, 600 176th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508. Non-confidential information received will be available for public inspection by appointment, in the USTR Reading Room, Room 101, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For an appointment call Brenda Webb on 202-395-6186.

Business confidential information will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. Any business confidential material must be clearly marked as such on the cover letter or page and each succeeding page, and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary thereof.

**Frederick L. Montgomery,**  
*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[OST-1999-5631]

#### The Interagency Task Force on the Roles and Missions of the U.S. Coast Guard

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice reopening public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that we are reopening until July 15, 1999, the period for submitting comments on the roles and missions of the U.S. Coast Guard. The original comment period ended on June 1, 1999.

**DATES:** Comments are now due July 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Your written comments must be signed and refer to docket number OST-199-5631. Send them to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for public examination at this address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET. Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. Persons who wish notification of the receipt of their comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Crowley, Jr., Interagency Task Force on the Roles and Missions of the U.S. Coast Guard, 1111 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 502 West Tower, Arlington, VA 22302, telephone (703) 416-0192, facsimile (703) 416-6793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President has directed an independent study on the appropriate roles and missions of the U.S. Coast Guard through year 2020. The Interagency Task Force on the Roles and Missions of the U.S. Coast Guard will seek to identify and distinguish which Coast Guard roles, missions, and functions: (a) Might be added or enhanced; (b) might be maintained at current levels of performance; or (c) might be reduced or eliminated. The Task Force will also consider whether private organizations, public authorities, local or State governments, or other federal agencies might better perform current Coast Guard roles, missions, and functions. The Task Force will also consider the impact on Coast Guard roles, missions, and functions of future prospects in the areas of technology, demographics, the law of the sea, national security, etc.

On May 10, 1999, the Office of the Secretary of Transportation published a notice seeking public comment on the roles and missions of the U.S. Coast Guard to help the Task Force determine whether those roles and missions are still appropriate. The Coast Guard has received several requests for more time to comment.

This notice reopens the comment period until July 15, 1999, to provide the public with additional time to review and comment on the roles and missions of the U.S. Coast Guard. It should not disadvantage any person, and will give the Task Force the benefit of additional informed comments.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 3, 1999.

**Nancy McFadden,**  
*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: King County, WA

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for proposed redevelopment of