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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Rail Yard; Vancouver, 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 (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed rail improvement at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail yard in Vancouver, Washington, and for the possible elimination of the 39th Street Crossing, which falls within the limits of the yard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary S. Hughes, Federal Highway Administration, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 South Capitol Way, Suite 501, Olympia, Washington 98501, Telephone: (360) 753-9025; Mr. James Slakey, Washington State Department of Transportation, 310 Maple Park East, Olympia, Washington, 98504, Telephone: (360) 705-7920.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the Vancouver Rail Project, a proposal to construct a multi-track bypass of the existing Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) yard facility in Vancouver, Washington, including the possible elimination of the 39th Street at-grade crossing located within the limits of the BNSF yard.

Six preliminary alternatives, including the no-action, are currently under consideration. The five build

alternatives all include construction of a multi-track bypass along the eastern edge of the BNSF yard, but differ on what would be done to the 39th Street at-grade crossing. The alternatives for the 39th Street crossing include leaving the crossing as is, closing the crossing, closing the crossing and providing a pedestrian/bicycle overpass of the tracks, closing the crossing and carrying 39th Street over the tracks on structure, and closing the crossing and improving other nearby streets.

Agency and public involvement programs have been on-going in the Vancouver area since the proposal to institute intercity passenger service on the corridor was introduced several years ago. These have described the proposed action and solicited comment from citizens, organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies. Numerous public and agency meetings and open houses have been held, and comments and questions solicited and accepted via telephone, internet, public meetings, and the mail. In addition, targeted direct mail, advertisements, and media relations efforts have been used to reach the public and agencies. These types of efforts will continue throughout the environmental process for this proposal.

Advertisements offering interested persons the opportunity to attend and offer comments at a public hearing will be published prior to circulation of the draft environmental impact statement. Public notice of actions related to the proposal that identify the date, time, place of meetings, and the length of review periods will be published when appropriate.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed improvement program and its reasonable alternatives are addressed and all significant issues are 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 or FRA at the addresses provided above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[EE-175-86]

#### 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, EE-175-86, (TD 8357), Certain Cash or Deferred Arrangements and Employee and Matching Contributions Under Employee Plans (§§ 1.401(k)-1, 1.401(m)-1, and 54.4979-1).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 8, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Larnice Mack, (202) 622-3179, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Certain Cash or Deferred Arrangements and Employee and Matching Contributions Under Employee Plans.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1069.

*Regulation Project Number:* EE-175-86.

*Abstract:* This regulation provides the public with the guidance needed to comply with sections 401(k), 401(m), and 4979 of the Internal Revenue Code. The regulation affects sponsors of plans that contain cash or deferred arrangements or employee or matching contributions, and employees who are entitled to make elections under these plans.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this existing regulation.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit

institutions, farms, and state, local, or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 355,500.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,060,000.

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: June 5, 2000.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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