

natural gas to the pipeline system. Additional vaporization equipment and associated support equipment and facilities would be installed during Phase II to increase the facility vaporization and send out rate to 2.0 billion SCFD peak.

Alternatives

The FEIS examines in detail an alternative location for siting of the project and a no action alternative. The alternative site, approximately 30 miles east of Vermilion Block 140, would involve use of South Marsh Island Block 4. Evaluation of the no action alternative, defined as not approving the license application, provides a baseline for comparing the impacts associated with the proposed action and use of the alternative site.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Lake Washington Ship Canal Bridge and Proposed Modification of the Duwamish Waterway Bridge

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability; notice of public hearing; and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Seattle Monorail Project "Green Line" monorail in Seattle, Washington. The Draft EIS has been prepared in cooperation with the Seattle Monorail Project, which is a municipal transportation agency of the State of Washington and is proposing the transit project analyzed in the Draft EIS. The Coast Guard and the Seattle Monorail Project agreed to prepare this Draft EIS to satisfy the requirements of both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for the proposed Green Line monorail project. We request your comments on

the Statement. The Coast Guard will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIS. The proposed location of the bridge is across the Lake Washington Ship Canal, approximate milepoint 1.0, at Seattle, Washington. The proposed bridge modification is across the Duwamish Waterway, approximate milepoint 0.3, at Seattle, Washington. The hearing will allow interested persons to present comments and information concerning the impact of the proposed bridgework on navigation and the human environment. Because the Coast Guard is using the EIS process to also conduct public outreach under the National Historic Preservation Act, this public hearing is also an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed project's impacts to cultural resources, such as historic resources or archaeological resources.

DATES: This hearing will be held on Monday, September 29, 2003, with an afternoon and evening session. The afternoon session will begin promptly at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. The evening session will begin promptly at 5 p.m. and adjourn when all evening speakers have spoken. Requests to speak, with session preference, and requests for services must be received in the Bridge Section at the address given under **ADDRESSES** by September 22, 2003. Attendees at the hearing, who wish to present testimony and have not previously made a request to do so, will follow those having submitted a request, as time permits. Comments pertaining to the Draft EIS must be received by the docket October 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: To make sure that your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(2) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-2003-15797), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as the Draft EIS,

will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket, including the Draft EIS, on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The hearing will be held at the Northwest Rooms, Seattle Center, 305 Harrison Street, Seattle, Washington. The Northwest Rooms are near the northwest corner of the Seattle Center campus, just to the north of the Key Arena.

The Coast Guard point of contact is Mr. Austin Pratt, Bridge Section, Commander (oan), Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 Second Avenue, Room 3510, Seattle, WA 98174-1067.

Requests to receive copies of the Draft EIS should be sent to the Seattle Monorail Project, ATTN: Mr. Ross Macfarlane, 1904 Third Avenue, Suite 105, Seattle, WA 98101. Alternatively, the Draft EIS is available on the Internet at <http://www.elevated.org>. Copies are also available for inspection at the offices of the Seattle Monorail Project, 1904 Third Avenue, Suite 105, Seattle, WA 98191 (telephone (206) 328-1220), and are available at the City of Seattle public libraries, and at the U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Section address given under **ADDRESSES**.

Comments, including names and home addresses, may be published as part of the Final EIS. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, the proposed project, or the associated Draft EIS, call Mr. Austin Pratt, Bridge Administrator, telephone (206) 220-7282. Information may also be obtained from the Seattle Monorail Project, 1904 Third Avenue, Suite 105, Seattle, WA 98101, telephone (206) 382-1220. Information, including copies of the Draft EIS, is available over the Internet at the Seattle Monorail Project Web site: <http://www.elevated.org>. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of