National Commission for UNESCO, which operates pursuant to 22 U.S. Code 287o and the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), will provide recommendations to the U.S. Department of State. The primary focus of the recommendations will relate to the formulation and implementation of U.S. policy towards UNESCO on matters of education, science, communications, and culture. In its efforts to uphold and promote human rights, tolerance, and learning worldwide, the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO is necessary and in the public interest.

To contact the commission, please visit *www.state.gov/p/io/unesco* or call (202) 663–0026 or e-mail *DCUNESCO@state.gov.*

Susanna Connaughton,

Executive Director, U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5621]

Overseas Schools Advisory Council Notice of Meeting

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold its Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1107, Department of State Building, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council works closely with the U.S. business community in improving those American-sponsored schools overseas, which are assisted by the Department of State and which are attended by dependents of U.S. Government families and children of employees of U.S. corporations and foundations abroad.

This meeting will deal with issues related to the work and the support provided by the Overseas Schools Advisory Council to the American-sponsored overseas schools. The agenda includes a review of the recent activities of American-sponsored overseas schools and the overseas schools regional associations, a review of projects selected for the 2005 and 2006 Educational Assistance Programs, which are under development, and selection of projects for the 2007 Educational Assistance Program.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting and join in the discussion, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the State Department is controlled, and individual building passes are required for all attendees. Persons who plan to attend should so advise the office of Dr. Keith D. Miller, Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools, Room H328, SA–1, Washington, DC 20522–0132, telephone 202–261–8200, prior to January 8, 2007. Each visitor will be asked to provide his/her date of birth and Social Security number at the time of registration and attendance and must carry a valid photo ID to the meeting. All attendees must use the C Street entrance to the building.

Dated: November 30, 2006.

Keith D. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Overseas Schools Advisory Council, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5626]

U.S. National Commission for UNESCO Notice of Teleconference Meeting

The U.S. National Commission for UNESCO will hold a conference call on Thursday, December 21, 2006 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time. The open portion of the call should last approximately fifteen minutes and will address the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network. Additional topic areas that relate to UNESCO may be discussed as needed.

The Commission will accept brief oral comments from members of the public during the open portion of this conference call. The public comment period will be limited to approximately ten minutes in total with about three minutes allowed per speaker. Members of the public who wish to present oral comments or listen to the conference call must make arrangements with the Executive Secretariat of the National Commission by December 18, 2006.

The second portion of the teleconference meeting will be closed to the public to allow the Commission to discuss applications for the UNESCO Young Professionals Program. This portion of the call will be closed to the public pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and 5 U.S.C. 552b[c][6] because it is likely to involve discussion of information of a personal nature regarding the relative merits of individual applicants where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. For more information or to arrange to participate in the open portion of the teleconference meeting, contact Alex Zemek, Deputy Executive Director of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, Washington, DC 20037. Telephone: (202) 663–0026; Fax: (202) 663–0035; E-mail: *DCUNESCO@state.gov.*

Dated: December 5, 2006.

Susanna Connaughton,

Executive Director, U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

National Safe Routes to School Task Force to the Secretary of Transportation

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting of advisory committee.

SUMMARY: This document announces the first meeting of the National Safe Routes to School Task Force to the Secretary of Transportation. This is the first meeting of the task force. The purpose of the Task Force is to advise the Secretary of Transportation, through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Safety, on strategies to advance Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programs nationwide and to encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school pursuant to Section 1404(h) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU) (Pub. L. 109–59). This meeting is open to the public and will have time allocated for public testimony. The public is welcome to present written or oral comments to the Task Force.

DATES: The first meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for January 11, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting of the Task Force will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tim Arnade, the Designated Federal Official, Safe Routes to School Program Manager, FHWA Office of Safety Programs, (202) 366–2205 (*Tim.Arnade@dot.gov*); Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 10, 2005, the President signed into law the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU) (Pub. L. 109–59). Section 1404(h) of SAFETEA–LU mandates the establishment of the Task Force as follows: ''The Secretary shall establish a national safe routes to school task force composed of leaders in health, transportation, and education, including representatives of appropriate Federal agencies, to study and develop a strategy for advancing safe routes to school programs nationwide.''

To carry out this requirement, the FHWA published a notice of intent to form an advisory committee in the **Federal Register** on July 11, 2006 (71 FR 39138). This notice, consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. II, announced the establishment of the Task Force and invited comments and nominations for membership.

We received a total of fifty-four (54) nominations submitted to the docket for the National SRST Task Force; forty-six (46) were nominated to serve on behalf of a specific organization and eight (8) nominations were for particular individuals. In selecting the members of the Task Force consistent with statutory direction, the FHWA attempted to achieve a balanced membership representing a broad cross-section of the diverse agencies, organizations, and individuals that are involved in Safe Routes to School activities and programs in the United States. Pursuant to congressional conference report language (SAFETEA–LU, Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of the Conference, House Report 109–203, p. 866–867 or you may visit *http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/legislation.htm* to view an electronic copy of the conference report language), a broad range of agencies was selected consisting of ''members [that are] representatives from State and local agencies as well as relevant non-profit organizations and associations including organizations or associations that represent automobile drivers.''

The seventeen (17) selected members are as follows:

Dr. Phyllis Agran, MD, MPH of the University of California, Irvine, CA will represent the American Academy of Pediatrics, a national health-related organization.

Ms. Barbara Alberson is Chief of the State and Local Injury Control Section of the California Department of Health. She will serve representing the State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association, a national health-related organization.

Mr. Thomas Brahms is Executive Director of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. He is located in Washington, DC and will represent professionals working in the transportation field.

Ms. Sabrina Cruz is Principal of Brichta Elementary School in Tucson, AZ. Principal Cruz will represent the educational community and the Pima County-Tucson Safe Routes to School Program.

Mr. Richard Deal, PE, TE, PTOE is a City Traffic Engineer for Monterey, CA and will represent the American Public Works Association and professionals working in the transportation field.

The Honorable Sue Frank is Mayor of Raytown, Missouri. She is a locally elected official and will represent local interests through the National Association of Regional Councils.

Ms. Deborah Hubsmith of California is Coordinator of the Safe Routes to School National Partnership and will represent a national SRTS advocacy organization.

Mr. Michael King of Nelson and Nygaard Consulting Associates in New York, NY will represent the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals and professionals working in the transportation field.

Ms. Lauren Marchetti will represent the National Center for Safe Routes to School at the UNC Highway Safety Research Center in Chapel Hill, NC. She is Director of the National Center for SRTS.

Ms. Refilwe Moeti is Public Health Advisor for the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Department of Health and Human Services) in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Moeti represents a Federal Agency.

Scott Osberg, PhD is Director of Research for the American Automobile Association (AAA) Foundation for Traffic Safety in Washington, DC and will represent professionals working in the transportation field with an emphasis on safety.

Mr. Robert Ping is SRTS Program Director for the Oregon Bicycle Transportation Alliance and Willamette Pedestrian Coalition and will represent practitioners implementing SRTS programs on a local and statewide level.

Ms. Sharon Roerty is Director of Community Programs for the National Center for Bicycling and Walking and is located in Maplewood, NJ. Ms. Roerty will represent a national bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organization.

Ms. Donna Smallwood will serve as the Task Force Chair. Ms. Smallwood is the Operations Manager for MassRIDES in Boston, MA and will represent a State Department of Transportation SRTS program.

Ms. Leslie Thompson is a Planner for the Nashville Area MPO in Nashville, TN. She will represent regional interests through Tennessee's Safer Routes to School Advisory Council.

Mr. Roger Wentz of Fredericksburg, VA is the Executive Director of the American Traffic Safety Services Association and is a representative of the transportation industry.

Ms. Dale Ann Wright is an Officer for the West Valley City Police Department in West Valley City, UT and will represent local law enforcement agencies.

The agenda topics for this meeting will include (1) an overview of strategies that are already in place within the U.S. to advance SRTS programs; (2) an overview of national strategies that are used in other countries to advance SRTS programs; and (3) discussion of how best to advance SRTS programs nationwide.

The FHWA anticipates that the Task Force will meet three times in 2007. Two meetings will be held in Washington, DC, and the remaining meeting may be held in a location outside of Washington, DC. The FHWA will publish notices in the **Federal Register** to announce the times, dates, and locations of these future meetings. Meetings of the Task Force are open to the public and time will be provided in each meeting's schedule for comments by members of the public. Attendance will be necessarily limited by the size of the meeting room. Members of the public may present oral or written comments at the meeting. Written materials should be sent to the FHWA Task Force support contractor, Toole Design Group, 4603 Calvert Road, College Park, MD 20740, attention Ms. Amy Elmquist, (301) 927–1900, *srts@tooledesign.com*, ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may also contact Ms. Amy Elmquist to be placed on the SRTS Task Force mailing list.

The National Safe Routes to School Task Force Charter, approved by the Secretary of Transportation, is as follows:

Federal Advisory Committee Charter

National Safe Routes to School Task Force Program Advisory Committee

U.S. Department of Transportation

1. *Purpose:* This charter establishes the National Safe Routes to School Task Force pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, and sets forth policies for its

operations. The statutory authority for the Task Force is section 1404(h) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. (Pub. L. 109–59).

2. *Scope and Objectives:*

a. The Task Force will study and develop a strategy for advancing safe routes to school programs nationwide.

b. The Task Force will submit a report to the Secretary of Transportation containing the results of the study conducted, and a description of the strategy developed above, and the report shall contain information regarding use of funds for infrastructure-related projects and non-infrastructure related activities funded by the new Federal-aid Safe Routes to School Program.

c. The Task Force will not exercise program management, regulatory or program guidance responsibilities. It makes no decision directly affecting the programs on which it provides advice. The Task Force provides a forum for the development, consideration, and communication, from a knowledgeable and independent perspective, of a strategy for advancing Safe Routes to School Programs nationwide.

3. *Duties:* The Task Force will be responsive to the specific assignment provided for in law:

a. Study and develop a strategy for advancing safe routes to school programs nationwide.

b. Produce a report to the Secretary of Transportation containing the results of the study conducted, a description of the strategy developed, and information regarding the use of funds for infrastructure-related projects and non-infrastructure activities funded by the new Federal-aid Safe Routes to School Program.

4. *Duration:* The Task Force will remain in existence for 2 years from the effective date of this charter, unless recommended for termination or renewal by the Secretary of Transportation.

5. *Official to Whom Task Force Reports:* The Task Force will report to the Secretary of Transportation through the sponsor.

6. *Sponsor and Agency Providing Support:* The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Safety serves as sponsor of the Task Force and will designate a Designated Federal Official to direct the affairs of the Task Force and will provide necessary administrative support.

7. *Membership:*

a. The Task Force shall be composed of representative members appointed by the Secretary of Transportation upon recommendation by the FHWA Office of Safety. Task Force members shall represent a cross section of the diverse agencies, organizations and individuals that are involved in Safe Routes to School activities and programs in the United States. By statute, the membership will be composed of leaders in health, transportation and education, including representatives of appropriate Federal agencies. Pursuant to congressional conference report language, Task Force members could also include representatives from State and local agencies, as well as relevant non-profit organizations and associations including organizations or associations that represent automobile drivers. The FHWA Office of Safety may consult with applicable organizations to determine the appropriate individuals to be recommended.

b. Members may also be considered who are not from the categories listed above to achieve the broad range of experience and understanding noted above.

c. Nonparticipation by any member in Task Force activities will be sufficient reason for the appointment of a replacement member by the Secretary. However, members may be represented at Task Force meetings and activities by alternates representing the same interest as the member. Alternates shall have full rights and duties of the membership. If a current member is unable to attend a meeting, that member or his/her organization may nominate an alternate for approval by the Task Force sponsor, at any time prior to the meeting or activity for which the appointment is made. Unless otherwise specified by the member, the appointment is valid for only one meeting or activity including any continuation of that meeting or activity.

d. Additional persons may be designated by the Chairman to serve on working groups of the committee to assist in the performance of its functions. Representatives of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, any agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation, or any other Federal agency may participate in any meeting of the Task Force with the approval of the Designated Federal Official.

8. *Task Force Officers:* The Chairman will be appointed by the FHWA Office of Safety from among the members of the Task Force. The Chairman will conduct each meeting using generally accepted meeting management techniques, provide an opportunity for participation by each member and by public attendees, ensure adherence to the agenda, maintain order, and with the Designated Federal Official, prepare any recommendations to be submitted to the FHWA Office of Safety. In the absence of the Chairman, the Designated Federal Official will appoint a Vice Chairman to perform these duties.

9. *Meetings:*

a. Meetings will be held at the call of or with the advance approval of the Designated Federal Official. The Task Force will meet approximately three times the first year. Special meetings and working group meetings may be called as necessary. Notice of each scheduled meeting will be published in the **Federal Register**.

b. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are permitted to appear before or file statements with the Task Force. The Designated Federal Official, or a Departmental employee alternate designated by the DFO, must be present at each Task Force meeting. This official has the authority and duty to adjourn the meeting whenever such action is deemed to be in the public interest. A quorum exists when at least one-half of the appointed members are present. A quorum must exist for any official action, including voting, to occur. In any situation involving voting, the majority vote of members present will prevail. An agenda for each meeting must be approved in advance by the Designated Federal Official in consultation with the Task Force Chairman.

10. *Compensation:* Members of the Task Force may receive travel and per diem, as allowed by regulations and U.S. Department of Transportation policy.

11. *Costs:* Operating expenses are borne by the Task Force Sponsor. The estimated annual cost to the government is $200,000 inclusive of administrative contract support, report writing, meeting costs, travel, and other logistics expenses.

12. *Availability of Records:* Subject to Section 552 of Title 5, United States Code, the records, reports, minutes, agenda, and other documents made available to or by the Task Force will be available for public inspection and duplication in the FHWA Office of Safety, or through the Office of Safety Safe Routes to School Web site, *www.safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/htm.*

13. *Reports:* The Designated Federal Official will furnish detailed minutes of each meeting to the sponsor. The minutes contain a record of the persons present, a complete and accurate description of matters discussed and conclusions reached, and copies of all reports received, issued or approved by the Committee. The Chairman and Designated Federal Official will certify the accuracy of the minutes.

14. *Working Groups:*

a. The Task Force Chairman may establish working groups to perform specific assignments with the approval of the Designated Federal Official. The Chairman may designate members from either the Task Force or the public to serve on working groups. The Working Group Chair will be a Task Force member. Recording or videotaping of working group meetings may only be performed by the sponsor, Designated Federal Official, or their designee.

b. Any recommendations to the Department by working groups must be approved by the Task Force as a whole.

15. *Filing Date:* October 27, 2006, is the filing date and the effective date of this Charter which will expire in 2 years from this filing date, unless sooner terminated or extended.

Conclusion: The first meeting of the National Safe Routes to School Task Force to the Secretary of Transportation will be held on January 11, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t. at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

(Authority: Section 1404(h) of Pub. L. 109–59; Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App. II § 1.)

Issued on: December 7, 2006.

J. Richard Capka,

Federal Highway Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34958]

Nevada Pacific Railroad Corporation—Lease and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of Pan Western Corporation

Nevada Pacific Railroad Corporation (NPRC),[1] a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from Pan Western Corporation (Pan Western) and operate approximately 2.66 miles of private rail line owned by Pan Western, extending between milepost 0.0, and milepost 2.66, in Clark County, NV.[2] Pan Western intends to lease the railroad line to NPRC so that NPRC may initiate and provide common carrier rail operations on and over the line.

NPRC certifies that its projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier or $5 million annually. The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or about November 21, 2006, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio.* Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34958, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Jeffrey O. Moreno, Thompson Hine LLP, 1920 N Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at *WWW.STB.DOT.GOV.*

Dated: December 7, 2006.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[1] The verified notice of exemption was originally filed under the name UP Nevada Railroad LLC. However, the Union Pacific Railroad Company objected to this name as a violation of its trademarks. Accordingly, by letters filed November 20, and November 22, 2006, counsel addressed issues relating to the identity and name of the Applicant in this proceeding and in the latter letter, requested that Nevada Pacific Railroad Corporation be substituted as the Applicant.

[2] This line was the subject of a notice of exemption that, according to the current verified notice, was never consummated. *See Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad Co.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Pan Western Corporation,* STB Finance Docket No. 34547 (STB served Sept. 30, 2004).

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, January 9, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. Central Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Delzer at 1–888–912–1227, or (414) 231–2360.

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, January 9, 2007, 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, PO Box 3205, Milwaukee, WI 53201, 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) 231–2360 for additional information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues

Dated: December 7, 2006.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 7 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Alaska, California, Hawaii, and Nevada)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 7 committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. The TAP will use citizen input to make recommendations to the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday January 17, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janice Spinks at 1–888–912–1227, or 206–220–6096.

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 Area 7 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2007, from 2 p.m. Pacific Time to 3:30 p.m. Pacific Time via a telephone conference call.