

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Proposed Construction and Operation of a Stadium, Washington, DC; Notice of Public Meeting and Intent to Prepare an Environmental Analysis

Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and the District of Columbia Environmental Policy Act of 1989, and in accordance with Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) requirements, the National Park Service and the District of Columbia Government announce their intent to conduct two (2) public meetings to discuss the construction and operation of a new stadium in Anacostia Park in Washington, DC. These public meetings are intended to determine the significant issues related to the stadium, and will serve as part of the formal scoping process for the preparation of an environmental analysis document that is required for this project.

This Notice of Intent (NOI) initiates the formal environmental review process for this project. At this time, based on an initial analysis of the project and its impacts, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is considered to be the appropriate environmental document for this project and it is expected that completion of an EA will discharge all obligations under both Federal and District of Columbia environmental laws. Please note: if it becomes apparent, either through the scoping process or during the analysis and documentation of environmental impacts, that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is necessary, a supplementary Notice will be issued at that time. Accordingly, the comments and responses received on the scope of alternatives and potential impacts, as a result of this Notice, will be considered for the environmental analysis document, whether it is ultimately an EA or an EIS. The public is encouraged to submit written comments on alternatives and impacts.

The proposed stadium would seat approximately 78,600 persons and would be located north of Robert F. Kennedy Stadium within an area currently designated as parking lot 6. Existing vehicular parking spaces would be reconfigured within the limits of the approximately 190-acre site area. Although previous proposals for a new stadium in this area sought to utilize portions of Langston Golf Course and Children's Island for parking, these

properties are not included within the site of the current proposal. The proposed stadium is scheduled to be completed in time for the 1995 football season.

The site area can be generally defined by Oklahoma Avenue and Benning Road to the north; 21st Street, Constitution Avenue, and 19th Street on the west; the D.C. Armory, Independence Avenue, D.C. General Hospital, and the approximate extension of E Street, SE., to the south; and by Kingman Lake and the Anacostia River to the east.

The Environmental Assessment will analyze impacts and mitigation options. In addition, the EA will consider alternative actions. At present, those alternatives may include: (1) Construction of a new stadium substantially in parking lot 6; (2) the renovation and expansion of RFK Stadium; and (3) a No Action alternative, which would result in no new construction and would involve the continued use of RFK Stadium in its current configuration and capacity. Topics for environmental analysis may include short-term construction-related impacts; long-term changes in traffic, parking, socio-economic impacts, land use, and physical/biological conditions within the project area; historic and natural resource protection; and site operations and maintenance.

The scoping process will include two public scoping meetings for the purpose of determining significant issues related to the alternatives and to the potential impacts associated with the proposed construction and operation of the stadium. The public scoping meetings will be held: Monday, April 12, 1993, at 7 p.m. at Eastern High School, 17th & East Capitol Street, NE.; and Friday, April 16, 1993, at 7 p.m., at D.C. Convention Center, 900 9th Street, NW.

Adequate signs will be posted at both locations to direct meeting participants. At both meetings, a short formal presentation will precede the request for public comments. National Park Service and District of Columbia representatives will be available at these meetings to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern. It is important that Federal, regional and local agencies, and interested individuals and groups take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the Draft EA. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five minutes. A scoping document will be prepared as a result of these meetings.

As of March 12, 1993, an Informational Packet will be available

for inspection at D.C. Public Libraries, the lobby of 1 Judiciary Square at 441 4th Street, NW., the District Building at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., and the D.C. Armory, and upon request. Agencies and the general public are invited and encouraged to provide written comments on the scoping issues in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public scoping meeting. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics which the community believes the EA should address.

All written statements regarding environmental review of the proposed stadium must be mailed no later than Monday, April 19, 1993, to the attention of Ms. Marianne Niles, General Counsel, DC National Guard Armory Complex, 2001 East Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20003, Phone (202) 547-1560.

The responsible officials are: Mr. John G. Parsons, Associate Regional Director, Land Use Coordination, National Capitol Region, National Park Service; and Mr. George Brown, Assistant City Administrator for Economic Development.

Dated: March 9, 1993.

Robert Stanton,

Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate a Cultural Item in the Possession of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 of the intent to repatriate a cultural item in the possession of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology that meets the definitions of "sacred object" and "object of cultural patrimony" under section 2 of the act.

The carved, wooden figurine, with a height of 34.75" and a diameter of 3.5", was collected between 1902 and 1917 by Henry W. Sharp, the divisional superintendent of the Santa Fe Railroad. The object was donated to the Peabody Museum by Miss Gladys Sharp in 1951. The original museum records describe the object as "#51-31-10/33190: Hopi? wooden post carved to represent a figure." While museum records do not

indicate exactly where the object was collected, other materials donated by Miss Sharp came from ruins located east of Zuni Salt Lake, in New Mexico.

The form of the item and its apparent source lead the museum to believe that the item is of Zuni origin, and most likely a Zuni War God. Copies of museum records and photographs of the object have been provided to the Governor and Head Councilman of the Pueblo of Zuni. Authorized representatives of the Zuni tribe have viewed photographs of the object and concur with the identification of the object as a Zuni War God. The Pueblo of Zuni has requested repatriation of the object from the Peabody Museum in a letter dated February 8, 1993. The Peabody Museum has no objection.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with this object should contact Dr. David Pilbeam, Director, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, 11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, telephone: (617) 495-2248, before April 19, 1993. Repatriation of the object of the Pueblo of Zuni may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: March 10, 1993.

Francis P. McManamon,

Departmental Consulting Archeologist, Chief, Archeological Assistance Division.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Docket No. AB-42; Sub-No. 2X]

Aroostook Valley Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Aroostook County, ME

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Commission exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-10904 the abandonment by Aroostook Valley Railroad Company of a 4.87-mile rail line in Presque Isle, ME: (1) Between milepost 0.0, at Washburn Junction, and milepost 3.0, at Rands; (2) between milepost 2.06, at Presque Isle Junction (including the Wye connection), and the end of the line at milepost 3.75, near Dyer Street; and (3) the Skyway Branch, between mileposts 2.95 and 3.04, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

DATES: Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial

assistance has been received, this exemption will be effective on March 29, 1993. Formal expressions of intent to file an offer of financial assistance¹ under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) must be filed by March 25, 1993. Petitions for stay must be filed by March 25, 1993. Requests for a public use condition in conformity with 49 CFR 1152.28(a)(2) must be filed by March 25, 1993. Petitions to reopen must be filed by April 9, 1993.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Docket No. AB-42 (Sub-No. 2X) to:

- (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423
- (2) Linda Smith Dyer, 45 Memorial Circle, Augusta, ME 04330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard B. Felder, (202 927-5610). [TDD for hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write, call, or pick up in person from: Dynamic Concepts, Inc., room 2229, Interstate Commerce Commission Building, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: March 8, 1993.

By the Commission, Chairman McDonald, Vice Chairman Simmons, Commissioners Phillips, Philbin, and Walden.

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Civil Rights Division

Public Access Section; The Americans with Disabilities Act; Technical Assistance Grants to Promote Voluntary Compliance With the Act

AGENCY: Public Access Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and of solicitation for grant applications.

PURPOSE: The Public Access Section of the Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice (DOJ), announces the availability of up to \$2.5 million to conduct projects to inform individuals with disabilities and covered entities about their rights and responsibilities under titles II and III of the Americans

with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and to facilitate voluntary compliance with the Department's regulations implementing titles II and III of the ADA. The term "covered entities" refers to businesses, institutions, State or local governments or their agencies, or other organizations that have responsibilities under title II or title III of the ADA.

Grants will be awarded to selected applicants who propose cost-effective and efficient approaches of disseminating information about, and encouraging voluntary compliance with, the requirements of these titles of the ADA. Only submissions that propose projects of national scope or significance will be considered.

The Department is particularly interested in receiving, but is not limiting this solicitation to, proposals that: Reflect an ability to begin project activities in an expedited manner; represent joint ventures between covered entities and persons with disabilities; specifically address how members of minority communities will be included within the population targeted by the applicant for receipt of technical assistance; and/or provide technical assistance to entities that have responsibilities under title II of the ADA.

The Department intends to award grants in amounts ranging from \$85,000 to \$200,000.

DATES: March 15, 1993.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Bennett, Public Access Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 66738, Washington, DC 20035-6738. (202) 514-0317 (Voice) or (202) 514-3519 (TDD). This notice and other related information, with the exception of standard forms, are available in alternate formats, i.e., large print, braille, audiotape, and computer disk. With the exception of standard forms, this information may also be accessed through the Civil Rights Division's electronic bulletin board at (202) 514-6193.

BACKGROUND: On January 26, 1992, the major provisions of titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) went into effect. The ADA provides legal protections to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, commercial facilities, State and local government services, and public transportation. Title II prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in State and local government employment and State and local government services. Title III prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in a broad range of public accommodations and commercial

¹ See *Exempt. of Rail Line Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.D.C.2d 164 (1987).