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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Maglev Study Advisory Committee; Notice of Sixth Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Sixth Meeting of the Maglev Study Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: As required by Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988) and 41 C.F.R. Part 101-6, section 101-6, 1015(a), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) gives notice of the sixth meeting of the Maglev Study Advisory Committee ("MSAC"). The purpose of the meeting is to advise DOT/FRA on the Congressionally mandated study of the near-term applications of maglev technology in the United States.

DATES: The sixth meeting of the MSAC is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 9, 1997.

ADDRESS: The sixth meeting of the MSAC will be held in the 7th floor Conference Room at FRA Headquarters, 1120 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Those with special needs should inform Mr. Mongini 5 days in advance of the meeting so appropriate facilities can be provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arrigo Mongini, Deputy Associate Administrator for Railroad Development, FRA RDV-2, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington D.C. 20590 (mailing address only) or by telephone at (202) 632-3286.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The sixth meeting of the Maglev Study Advisory Committee (MSAC) will be held on June 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT at the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) headquarters, 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, in the

7th floor conference room. The meeting is open to the public.

The MSAC was created by the National Highway System Designation Act to advise the Secretary of Transportation in the preparation of a report to be submitted by the Secretary to the Congress evaluating the near term applications of magnetic levitation transportation technology in the U.S. "with particular emphasis on identifying projects warranting immediate application of such technology." The Act further specifies that the study also "evaluate the use of innovative finance techniques for the construction and operation of such projects." The eight committee members collectively have experience in magnetic levitation transportation, design and construction, public and private finance, and infrastructure policy disciplines. The conference report on the National Highway System Designation Act specifies that "[t]he Committee should identify and analyze specific magnetic levitation projects, such as a connector from New York City to its airports, the transportation project under development between Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC, and technology transfer efforts underway in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, so that Congress can better assess how near-term magnetic levitation technology could complement existing modes of transportation. * * *" The Secretary has assigned responsibility for preparing the report to the Federal Railroad Administrator, working closely with the MSAC. The Secretary's report to the Congress will discuss the extent to which the above and other potential magnetic levitation projects warrant immediate application, taking into account such factors as ability to be financed, benefits vs costs, extent of public commitment and support, and national significance.

This meeting will focus on reviewing a draft of the Secretary's report.

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Donald M. Itzkoff,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB No. MC-F-20907]

**Greyhound Lines, Inc.—Control—
Carolina Coach Company, Inc.,
Kannapolis Transit Company, and
Seashore Trailways**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice tentatively approving finance transaction.

SUMMARY: Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound or applicant), has filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 to acquire control of Carolina Coach Company, Inc., d/b/a Carolina Trailways (Carolina), Kannapolis Transit Company (Kannapolis), and Seashore Trailways (Seashore). Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules under 49 CFR part 1182, subpart B. The Board has tentatively approved the transaction, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

DATES: Comments are due by July 7, 1997. Applicants may reply by July 21, 1997. If no comments are received by July 7, 1997, this notice is effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-20907 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of any comments to applicants' representative: Fritz R. Kahn, Suite 750 West, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005-3934.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Greyhound is a motor passenger carrier operating nationwide, scheduled, regular-route service. Carolina is also a motor passenger carrier, operating scheduled, regular-route service in Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Kannapolis and Seashore are non-operating motor passenger carriers, holding authority to provide regular-route operations in North Carolina and Virginia.

Under the proposed transaction, Carolina, Kannapolis, and Seashore (which currently are wholly owned subsidiaries of Carolina Associates, Inc.) would remain separate corporations but become wholly owned subsidiaries of Greyhound. Greyhound also controls Texas, New Mexico & Oklahoma

Coaches, Inc., Continental Panhandle Lines, Inc., Vermont Transit Co., Inc., Los Rapiados, Inc., and Grupo Centro, Inc. (Grupo), each of which is a regional motor passenger carrier.

Applicant asserts that the aggregate gross operating revenues of Greyhound and its affiliates exceeded \$2 million during the twelve months preceding the filing of this application (the minimum gross operating revenues required to trigger section 14303). Applicant also states that the proposed transaction will have no competitive effects, and that the operations of the carriers involved will remain unchanged; that the total fixed charges associated with the proposed transaction are well within Greyhound's financial means; and that there will be no change in the status of any employees.

Applicant certifies that the pertinent carrier parties have satisfactory safety fitness ratings (including Greyhound's affiliates, except Grupo, a newly organized motor carrier); that Greyhound and Carolina maintain sufficient liability insurance and are neither domiciled in Mexico nor owned or controlled by persons of that country; and that approval of the transaction will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources. Additional information may be obtained from applicant's representative.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), we must approve and authorize a transaction we find consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least: (1) The effect of the transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public; (2) the total fixed charges that result; and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees.

On the basis of the application, we find that the proposed acquisition of control is consistent with the public interest and should be authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, this finding will be deemed as having been vacated and a procedural schedule will be adopted to reconsider the application. If no opposing comments are filed by the expiration of the comment period, this decision will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed acquisition of control is approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.
2. If timely opposing comments are filed, the findings made in this decision will be deemed as having been vacated.

3. This decision will be effective on July 7, 1997, unless timely opposing comments are filed.

4. A copy of this notice will be served on the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530.

Decided: May 14, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1178X)]

Consolidated Rail Corporation— Abandonment Exemption—in Erie County, NY

On May 1, 1997, Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Black Rock Industrial Track, extending from railroad milepost 396.97± to railroad milepost 397.56± in the City of Buffalo, NY, which traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Code 14207, a distance of 0.59 miles±, in Erie County, NY. Conrail has indicated that there are no stations on the line and that the line lies wholly within the station of Buffalo.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in Conrail's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Company—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by August 19, 1997.

Any offer of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by a \$900 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under

49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than June 10, 1997. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1178X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) John J. Paylor, 2001 Market Street-16A, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1416.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary), prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Decided: May 15, 1997.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Notice of Receipt of Cultural Property Request From the Government of Guatemala

The Government of Guatemala has submitted a cultural property request to the Government of the United States under Article 9 of the 1970 UNESCO Convention. The request was received on May 13, 1997, by the United States Information Agency. The request seeks U.S. protection of certain categories of archaeological material and ethnological material the pillage of which, it is alleged, jeopardizes the national cultural patrimony of Guatemala. In