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Public Involvement

**Request for Public Comment:
National Gateway Clearance Project in Mexico Farms, MD
CSX Transportation Railroad Bridge**

CSX Transportation (CSXT) requests public comments regarding the National Gateway clearance improvement at the CSXT industrial railroad bridge.

About the Project

The National Gateway will allow for the use of more efficient and environmentally beneficial double-stack trains on the railway. To do this, CSXT must increase the vertical clearance at the CSXT industrial railroad bridge. Work includes removal of the industrial track bridge and constructing a new alignment industrial track.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), CSXT is completing environmental documentation for

this proposed project. This documentation will note the existing conditions and potential impacts of the project.

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, information regarding the presence of any known cultural resources in the vicinity of the project is also requested.

Cultural resources include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic bridges, historic buildings, sites and districts. CSXT requests that information about cultural resources in the area be submitted by the comment submission deadline. CSXT is also coordinating with the Maryland Historical Trust

regarding historic resources in the vicinity of the proposed project.

We welcome your comments on the proposed National Gateway initiative clearance improvements.

Public Comments

Please submit your comments by June 14, 2010 to:

Ms. Martha Register
ARCADIS
801 Corporate Center Drive
Suite 300
Raleigh, NC 27607

Additional project information may be obtained and comments may also be submitted at:
<http://updates.nationalgateway.org>

National Gateway Clearance Projects
Graham Tunnel in the vicinity of Magnolia, WV; Harpers Ferry Tunnel in Sandy Hook, MD; Catoctin Tunnel in Catoctin, MD; and Point-of-Rocks Tunnel in Point of Rocks, MD
Open House – March 3, 2010

CSX Transportation (CSXT) has scheduled an **Open House** to discuss the National Gateway initiative clearance improvements at Graham, Harpers Ferry, Catoctin and Point-of-Rocks Tunnels:

Date: Wednesday, March 3
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Quality Inn, 4328 William L. Wilson Highway Harpers Ferry, WV, 25425

About the Project

The National Gateway initiative clearance projects will allow for the use of more efficient and environmentally beneficial double-stack trains on the railway. To do this, CSXT must increase the vertical clearance at each of the tunnels. At Graham and Harpers Ferry Tunnels, the tunnel liner and portals will be replaced. CSXT is considering several options for modification of the portals at the Harpers Ferry Tunnel. At Catoctin and Point of Rocks Tunnels, the track will be shifted and the tunnel liner replaced.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA), CSXT is completing environmental documentation for the proposed projects in Maryland. This documentation will note the existing conditions and potential impacts of the project. As part of this process, CSXT is actively working to provide federal and state agencies with the information necessary to satisfy the requirements of NEPA.

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Why Attend the Open House?

By attending the Open House, you will be able to learn more about

the project and proposed alternatives, discuss the project with the study team, and provide written and/or verbal comments.

We encourage your participation and welcome your comments on the proposed National Gateway initiative clearance improvements.

Snow Policy

The public meeting will be rescheduled if Jefferson County, WV has a "Snow Emergency Plan" in effect on the day of the meeting, or if the county's public schools have been closed and evening activities canceled.

Public Comments

If you are unable to attend the public meeting please submit your comments by March 17, 2010 to:

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or, by project at:
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