

the Putnam Street Bridge over the Muskingum River in Marietta, Washington County, Ohio. The preferred alternative (Putnam Street to Putnam Avenue alignment) would involve constructing a new bridge of greater vertical and horizontal clearance immediately south of the current two-lane, 786-foot facility and the removal of the existing bridge. Replacement of the existing bridge is considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demands. The existing Putnam Street Bridge is structurally deficient and is posted for a maximum vehicle weight of three tons. Local truck traffic is presently routed three blocks north to the bridge on Ohio Route 7. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; and alignments connecting (2) Butler Street to Gilman Street; and (3) Putnam Street to Putnam Avenue. Other alignment alternatives and rehabilitation of the existing bridge were considered early on, but are not being carried forward for further evaluation for various reasons.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. A public meeting was held on May 27, 1993. In addition, a public hearing will be held in conjunction with the public availability of the draft EIS. Public notice will be given of the time and place of any further meetings that may be held and the public hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. Cooperating agency requests have been made to the Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all relevant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Research on the Feasibility of Standardized Diagnostic Devices to Aid in the Inspection and Maintenance of Commercial Motor Vehicles; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The FHWA announces a public meeting to present the final results of its contractual research study to assess the feasibility of employing standardized electronic diagnostic devices for use by truck maintenance personnel and roadside safety and emissions inspectors. This meeting will be held for the benefit of representatives of the motor carrier industry, enforcement organizations, trade associations, and other interested persons.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on June 19, 1995, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Conference room 2230 of the NASSIF Building, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stan Hamilton, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Motor Carriers, 400 7th Street SW., room 3103, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-0665. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA announces a public meeting to provide the results of its two-year assessment of the feasibility of standardized electronic diagnostic devices for commercial motor vehicle maintenance and inspection. Mandated by the Congress in Fiscal Year 1992, this research was performed for the FHWA by the Trucking Research Institute in cooperation with the Texas Transportation Institute. The research reviewed current literature on microelectronic technology that was, or could be, available for heavy-duty vehicle usage, and then proceeded to identify and evaluate sensors for application in diagnostic systems for major vehicle components on heavy trucks. Also evaluated were potential cost-sharing opportunities that would be

available from the private sector to assist in the development of standardized diagnostic tools. Commercial motor carriers, original equipment manufacturers, engine manufacturers, components suppliers, diagnostic service tool suppliers, and other involved in the manufacture and use of heavy trucks were interviewed and provided extensive information for this study. Most of the organizations interviewed appeared willing to assist in some fashion in the implementation and testing of the diagnostic systems identified.

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Federal Highway Administrator.

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Federal Transit Administration

[FHWA/FTA Docket No. 95-9]

Notification of FY 95 Reviews

AGENCIES: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: On April 28, 1994, the FHWA and the FTA Administrators jointly issued guidance to their respective regional administrators on the implementation of the Federal certification of the metropolitan planning process in transportation management area (TMA) planning areas. This notice announces the schedule of FY 1995 reviews as known at this time. The FHWA and the FTA are planning approximately 45 certification and 12 enhanced planning (EPR) reviews for FY 1995. Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the individual planning processes to be reviewed.

DATES: Comments on metropolitan planning processes under review must be received within sixty (60) days of the scheduled site review in order to be considered during the certification review process. Where reviews have already been completed prior to the publication of this notice, parties interested in commenting on these metropolitan planning processes should immediately contact Sheldon Edner (see following paragraph for phone number, address, and further instructions). Where dates are to be announced, a supplemental notice announcing these dates will be issued when the specific dates are confirmed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Mr. Sheldon Edner, Planning

Operations Branch (HEP-21), (202) 366-4066 (metropolitan planning) or Mr. Reid Alsop, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel (HCC-31), (202) 366-1371. For the FTA: Ms. Deborah Burns, Resource Management Division (TGM-21), (202) 366-1637 or Mr. Scott Biehl, FTA Office of the Chief Counsel (TCC-40), (202) 366-4063. Office hours for the FHWA are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., and for the FTA are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

ADDRESSES: Submit written, signed comments to Docket Number 95-9, Federal Highway Administration, Room 4232, HCC-10, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at this address during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 1024, 1025, and 3012 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) (Pub. L. 102-240, 105 Stat. 1914, 1955, 1962, and 2098) amended 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (now codified at 49 U.S.C. 5303, 5304, and 5305) to require a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process in metropolitan areas and States. The FHWA and the FTA metropolitan planning regulations implementing these requirements were published on October 28, 1993 (58 FR 58040). The statutes and the planning regulations cited require the FHWA and the FTA to periodically certify that the planning process in metropolitan planning areas designated as transportation management areas

complies with the provisions of the ISTEA and its implementing regulations.

General

Public Involvement in Certification Process

The FHWA and the FTA are soliciting public comment on the planning processes of the FY 1995 certification review sites identified below. The agencies are particularly interested in input regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the planning process in light of the requirements identified in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. Additionally, the views of local officials and the public are welcomed regarding the use of the planning process in transportation investment decisions.

Schedule of FY 1995 Certification Reviews

The following schedule is subject to revision. Changes will be announced in the **Federal Register**. Parties interested in providing comments on the metropolitan transportation planning processes in the identified areas should submit them directly to FHWA/FTA Docket No. 95-9 identified above, clearly identifying the metropolitan area that the comments address. Alternatively, interested parties may choose to provide comments through the individual procedures adopted for each metropolitan area. Information concerning the citizen input process to be utilized for each review may be obtained from the appropriate FHWA division or FTA region office.

Except where the certification review was completed prior to the publication of this notice, comments on metropolitan planning processes under review must be received within 60 days after the scheduled review in order to be

considered during the certification review process. The FHWA and the FTA will make every effort to review comments received after this period and address them in their findings as long as final action has not been taken on the certification review. To ensure consideration of comments, commenters should submit their written comments as soon as possible.

Where a review was completed prior to publication of this notice, interested parties wishing to make comments on a particular certification must contact Sheldon Edner within two weeks of the date of publication of this notice. Where dates for a planned certification review have not been established, please contact the appropriate FHWA Division or FTA region office for the dates. The FHWA and the FTA will publish a second notice of scheduled fiscal year 1996 review dates as the remaining review schedules are finalized.

The site visits are intended to provide an opportunity for the FHWA and FTA review team to solicit information from the metropolitan planning organizations (MPO), State DOTs and transit agencies regarding the implementation of the planning process. In addition, the team will solicit input from the public and local officials. Each relevant MPO is being asked to provide public notice, through its regular public notice processes, of the review and the opportunity to provide public input to the review team. Public officials should contact the appropriate MPO to identify processes set up to solicit local government input.

The results of the certification reviews will be made public through the regular MPO public information process at a time to be set by each MPO policy board.

Region/State/TMA	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Region 1/2												
Connecticut:												
New Haven-Meriden
Hartford-Springfield (MA)	7-9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts:												
Boston (EPR* Week of May 15, 1995)
Lawrence-Haverhill	X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springfield	10-11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire:												
Lawrence-Haverhill	X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York:												
Buffalo-Niagra Falls	15-17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York (EPR Week of September 11, 1995)
Puerto Rico: San Juan	1-5	.....	.....	.....	.....

Region/State/TMA	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Region 9												
California:												
Fresno	14-15	.....	.....	.....
Los Angeles	12-14
Stockton	13-14	.....	.....
Hawaii: Honolulu (EPR January 9-12, 1995)
Region 10												
Oregon: Portland	19-21	.....	.....	.....
Washington:												
Seattle (EPR Week of May 8-12, 1995)
Vancouver	19-21	.....	.....	.....

Note: "X" indicates month of certification review; dates are specified where they are scheduled.
 *Enhanced Planning Reviews (EPR) generally are scheduled for approximately 3-4 days during a given week.

Guidance and Responsibility

The FHWA and the FTA published guidance on the certification of planning processes (59 FR 42873). The guidance indicated that the primary responsibility for the certification process rested with the respective regional offices of the FHWA and the FTA. The preparatory work and analysis would be conducted by the appropriate division office of the FHWA or regional office of FTA, as a prelude to a site visit by representatives of both agencies to the metropolitan planning area to be certified. During the site visit, the FHWA and FTA representatives would, in addition to meeting with representatives of the MPO, State DOTs, and transit agencies serving the metropolitan planning area, also provide an opportunity to meet with citizens and elected local officials of the principal local governments in the area. The purpose of these meetings is to afford the officials and citizens an opportunity to provide input to the certification decision in terms of the performance of the planning process.

As indicated above, the MPO and/or State DOT or transit operator may make arrangements for these meetings through their normal procedures. Other alternatives are acceptable based on arrangements between the Federal agencies and the appropriate transportation planning agencies. Officials and citizens wishing to obtain information regarding the process of providing input should contact the MPO for the metropolitan planning areas identified above. Alternatively, the Transportation Planner or Planning and Research Engineer for the appropriate Division office of the FHWA also can provide this information. Each FHWA Division office is located in or near the capitol of each State.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48; Pub. L. 102-240, Sections 1024, 1025 and 3012; 105 Stat. 1914, 1955, 1962, and 2098.

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Federal Transit Administration

**Environmental Impact Statement:
 Peninsula Commute Service San Francisco Downtown Extension (PCS-DTX) Project in the San Francisco Bay Area, California**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB), is resuming preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the PCS-DTX in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The PCJPB will ensure that the EIS also satisfies the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NEPA Lead Agency will be FTA. The CEQA Lead Agency will be the PCJPB.

The Peninsula Commute Service, commonly referred to as CalTrain, is the commuter rail system that serves the San Francisco Peninsula between Gilroy and the existing terminal station in San Francisco located at Fourth and Townsend Streets. The present location of the terminal is not considered desirable from a transportation, land

use, or public policy perspective. The proposed project would extend CalTrain to a new station closer to downtown San Francisco.

The project was determined by the Bay Area Partnership, a body of transportation officials representing different modes, regulatory agencies and federal agencies, to belong in the category of projects "requiring a Major Investment Study (MIS) but may be satisfied by prior studies". The consultation group convened to discuss MIS requirements for this project agreed that past corridor studies such as PENTAP, SCR 74, BART/SFO AA/DEIS, and the MTC/IPBCalTrain Downtown Extension/System Upgrades Study satisfy MIS requirements and that the project could advance into preliminary engineering and environmental documentation.

DATES: Written comments on the alternatives and impacts to be considered must be postmarked no later than June 15, 1995, and send to PCJPB at the address below. Two public informational meetings will be held June 21, 1995 at 10 AM-noon and 5:30 PM-7:30 PM in Auditorium B, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco 94105. These meetings will mark the resumption of environmental studies and preparation of the EIS/EIR (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below).

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Ms. Marie Pang, Environmental Manager, PCS-DTX Project, Peninsula Corridor JPB, P.O. Box 3006, San Carlos, CA 94070-1306. Phone: (415) 508-6338.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Mr. Robert Hom, Director, Program Development, FTA Region IX, 201 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Phone: (415) 744-3116.