

affected agencies, the RTA, as the lead agency, will continue with further preliminary engineering and preparation of a Final EIS.

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Wilbur E. Hare,

Regional Administrator.

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Salt Lake County, Utah

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 1996 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Bryant Intermediate School, 40 South 800 East in Salt Lake City, Utah. This meeting will occur as part of the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for proposed transportation improvements in the corridor from the University of Utah, through downtown Salt Lake City, to the Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake County, Utah.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Cover, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, 216 Sixteenth St., Suite 650, Denver, Colorado 80202, Telephone (303) 844-3242; or Mick Crandall, Wasatch Front Regional Council, Suite 200, 420 West 1500 South, Bountiful, Utah 84010, Telephone (801) 292-4469.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FTA, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) will prepare a major investment study/draft environmental impact statement for transportation improvements in the corridor from the University of Utah through Salt Lake City to the Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake County, Utah.

The study will consider no-build, transportation system management, and build alternatives. A multimodal evaluation of transportation improvements in the corridor will be the focus of the study, with both transit and highway improvements such as traffic management strategies being considered. Among the transit

alternatives to be studied are light-rail transit and express bus service on high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

This Notice of Public Scoping Meeting will be distributed to federal, state, and local agencies and jurisdictions to advise them of the MIS/DEIS process and to request comments and suggestions. An on-going public involvement process will be developed to provide additional opportunities for the public to participate in this planning/environmental process.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the MIS/DEIS should be directed to the FTA and/or the WFRC at the addresses provided above.

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Louis F. Mraz, Jr.,

Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region VIII Denver, Colorado.

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Surface Transportation Board¹

[Finance Docket No. 32530]

Kansas City Southern Railway Company; Construction and Operation Exemption; Geismar Industrial Area Near Gonzales and Sorrento, in Ascension Parish, LA

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of final scope of study for environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the final scope of study prepared in response to written comments, as well as oral comments given at a public meeting, for the environmental impact statement to be prepared for the above proceeding. Written comments on the final scope are requested.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the Act provides, in general, that proceedings pending before the ICC on the effective date of that legislation shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996, insofar as they involve functions retained by the Act. This notice relates to a proceeding that was pending with the ICC prior to January 1, 1996, and to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to section 49 U.S.C. 10901. Therefore, this notice applies the law in effect prior to the Act, and citations are to the former section of the statute, unless otherwise indicated.

DATES: Written comments on the final scope of work are due May 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Michael Dalton, Section of Environmental Analysis, Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, 12th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20423.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Dalton (202) 927-6197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Kansas City Southern Railway Co. (KCS) has filed a petition for exemption with the Board seeking authority to construct and operate an 8.8-mile line of railroad from the KCS mainline near Sorrento to the Geismar Industrial area in Ascension Parish, Louisiana.

We believe that if the Board approves the construction and operation, this action would constitute a major Federal action having the potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, we will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS). A notice of intent to prepare an EIS and to hold a public scoping meeting for this proceeding was published on October 30, 1995. The notice requested comments in writing or orally at a public scoping meeting that was held in Gonzales, Louisiana on November 30, 1995. Over 100 parties provided comments and/or attended the scoping meeting. In accordance with the Board's environmental rules at 49 CFR 1105, the final scope of study is summarized below.

SUMMARY OF THE SCOPE OF STUDY: Construction and operation activities may significantly affect the environment in the project area. Based on the comments and our initial evaluation, the proposed construction and operation may result in a number of environmental impacts. These impacts may include:

- Land Use Impacts
- Socioeconomic Impacts from Physical
- Environmental Changes
- Impacts to Water Resources
- Impacts to Biological Resources
- Transportation and Safety Impacts
- Energy Impacts
- Air Quality Impacts
- Noise and Vibration Impacts
- Impacts to Historic and Cultural Resources
- Impacts to Recreational Resources

Copies of the complete scope of study have been served on all the parties to this proceeding. A copy of the scoping document may be obtained by contacting Michael Dalton at (202) 927-6197.

A notice of availability of the draft EIS will be announced in the Federal Register and served on parties to the proceeding.