

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arlene Nelson, ACIEP Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Room 6828, Main State, Washington, DC 20520.

Dated: October 22, 1999.

**William J. McGlynn,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Amtrak Reform Council; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Amtrak Reform Council.

**ACTION:** Notice of special public outreach meeting with South/South Central State Departments of Transportation.

**SUMMARY:** As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Amtrak Reform Council (ARC) gives notice of a special public outreach meeting of the Council with representatives from the South/South Central states. At the special meeting, the Council will hear from, among others, representatives from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia, to discuss all aspects of intercity railroad passenger service, including corridor service, in the South/South Central region of the country. The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator from Texas, is scheduled as the Keynote Speaker.

**DATES:** The Special Public Outreach meeting will be held on November 8, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Dallas Union Station (attached to the Hyatt Regency Dallas), 400 S. Houston Street, Dallas, TX 75207.

**ADDRESSES:** The Meetings will held in Pullman Room B, Dallas Union Station (attached to the Hyatt Regency Dallas), 400 S. Houston Street, Dallas, TX 75207, telephone at the Hyatt (214) 651-1234. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for

achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the ARC provide an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after two years, the ARC has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals specified under the ARAA and, if not, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA provides that the ARC consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and Congressional leaders. Each member is to serve a five-year term.

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**Thomas A. Till,**  
*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation (DOT) announces a meeting of the DOT Partnership Council (the Council). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Council will meet on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, room 10214, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The room is located on the 10th floor.

**TYPE OF MEETING:** These meetings will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should contact DOT to obtain appropriate accommodations.

**POINT OF CONTACT:** Jean B. Lenderking, Corporate Human Resource Leadership Division, M-13, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., room 7411, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-8085.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to brief the Council on the Federal Employees

Cancer Warmline, the Life with Cancer Signature Project in memory of the late American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) President John Sturdivant; status report on Phase II of DOT labor-management climate study; and initiatives/options for enhancing partnership efforts throughout DOT.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** We invite interested persons and organizations to submit comments. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Ms. Jean Lenderking at the address shown above. Comments should be received by November 12, 1999 in order to be considered at the November 17th meeting.

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For the Department of Transportation.

**John E. Budnik,**

*Associate Director, Corporate Human Resource Leadership Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Loudon, Roane, Anderson, and Knox Counties, TN

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed project in Loudon, Roane, Anderson, and Knox Counties, Tennessee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles S. Boyd, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 640 Grassmere Park, Suite 112, Nashville, TN 37211, Telephone (615) 781-5770.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to connect Interstate 40 with Interstate 75 from near the current I-40/I-75 interchange in Loudon County, near Lenoir City, Tennessee, to an area north and east in Anderson County, near the interchange of I-75 and State Route 61. The proposed project is considered necessary to improve the operation and safety of these affected interstate highways.

Alternatives to be considered include: (1) taking no action; (2) three build alternatives consisting of different

alignments; and (3) other alternatives that may arise from public and agency input.

Coordination letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. Public meetings were held to discuss concept alignments in January and February 1997 and public comments were received. The draft environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared and made available for public and agency review and comment. Comments from the initial coordination letters and the public meetings will be considered in determining the scope of the EIS.

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

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The provisions of Executive Order 12372 regarding state and local clearinghouse review of federal and federally assisted programs and projects apply to this program.)

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**Charles S. Boyd,**

*Division Administrator, Tennessee Division, Nashville, Tennessee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement, Polk County, TN

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Polk County, Tennessee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles S. Boyd, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 640 Grassmere Park, Suite 112, Nashville, Tennessee 37211, Telephone: (615) 781-5770.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve U.S. Route 64

(U.S. 64) in Polk County, Tennessee. The proposed project would involve improvements to a section of the U.S. 64 roadway between U.S. 411 on the west and State Route 68 in Ducktown for a distance of about 42 kilometers (26) miles.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for existing and projected traffic demand and to improve safety. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; and (2) widening the existing two-lane highway to four lanes to the east and west of the Ocoee River Gorge, and constructing a four-lane divided highway on new location to bypass existing U.S. 64 through the Ocoee River Gorge.

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 hearing will be held upon completion of the Draft EIS and public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. A formal scoping meeting is planned.

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 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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**Charles S. Boyd,**

*Division Administrator, Tennessee Division, Nashville, Tennessee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[FRA Docket No. FRA-1999-5685, Notice No. 3]

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#### Proposed Joint Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Shared Use of the General Railroad System by Conventional Railroads and Light Rail Transit Systems

**AGENCIES:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** By notice of a proposed policy statement published on May 25, 1999 (64 FR 28238), FRA and FTA proposed how they intend to coordinate use of their respective safety authorities to address safety issues related to light rail transit operations that take place, or are planned to take place, on the general railroad system of transportation. The proposal also summarized how the process of obtaining waivers of FRA's safety regulations may work, particularly where the light rail and conventional rail operations occur at different times of day. In that notice, the deadline for the submission of written comments was July 30, 1999. By notice published on July 28, 1999 (64FR 40931), the deadline for the submission of written comments was extended until October 29, 1999.

Due to the need to ensure that all interested parties have a sufficient amount of time to fully develop their comments, and because FRA's separate proposed statement of agency policy concerning its safety jurisdiction over railroad passenger operations is not yet published, this document announces an additional extension of the deadline for the submission of written comments.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by January 14, 2000. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent possible without incurring additional expense or delay.

**ADDRESSES:** Procedures for written comments: Submit one copy to the Department of Transportation Central Docket Management Facility located in room PL-401 at the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. All docket material on the proposed statement will be available for inspection at this address and on the Internet at <http://doms.dot.gov>. (Docket hours at the Nassif Building are Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding