

prepared for a proposed bridge project in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct a new bridge facility on an alignment to be determined. The proposed project, known locally as the Kerner's Ferry Bridge over Bayou Barataria, is located in the town of Jean Lafitte in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The project will connect LA 3257 with LA 45. The approximate distance of the project is 0.27 miles. Final length will depend on the alternative selected.

The proposed improvements would improve the connectivity, travel time, and safety of the area and increase regional access to the area.

The study area encompasses the local termini, which are LA 302 on the west bank and LA 45 on the east bank of Bayou Barataria. The corridor limits for the project will be one mile north of the existing bridge to five miles south.

Alternatives to be considered are:

- (1) Low level moveable bridge
- (2) Mid level moveable bridge
- (3) High level fixed bridge
- (4) No Action

An agency scoping meeting will be held at a time and place to be determined at a later date. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, state, and local agencies and to private organizations, including conservation groups and groups of individuals who have expressed interest in the project in the past. At least one public informational meeting will be held in the project area that will be affected. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the public informational meeting(s) and the Public Hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the Public Hearing.

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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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4470]

#### Pipeline Safety: Meetings of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Hazardous Liquid Advisory Committee Telephone Conference Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) is giving notice of a meeting of the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) to consider two Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), "Areas Unusually Sensitive to Environmental Damage" (64 FR 73464) and "Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas for Hazardous Liquid Pipelines" (65 FR 21695). In addition, OPS is providing notice of an earlier telephone conference call to provide the members an oral briefing on: (1) A summary of issues raised in comments to the docket on both NPRMs; and, (2) the results of the technical review of the proposed definition of areas unusually sensitive to environmental damage.

**DATES:** OPS will hold the conference call briefing on Thursday, August 24, 2000, at 11:30 a.m. EST. The meeting of the THLPSSC will be conducted by conference call on Monday, September 11, 2000, at 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public may attend the meetings at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The August 24 meeting is in room 8442 and the September 11 meeting is in room 6200.

An opportunity will be provided for the public to make short statements on the topics under discussion. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should notify Juan Carlos Martinez, (202) 366-1933, not later than August 16, 2000, on the topic of the statement and the time requested for presentation. The presiding officer at each meeting may deny any request to present an oral statement and may limit the time of any presentation.

### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance during the telephone conference calls, contact Juan Carlos Martinez at (202) 366-1933.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cheryl Whetsel, OPS, (202) 366-4431 or Richard Huriaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The THLPSSC is a statutorily mandated advisory committee that advises OPS on proposed safety standards and other safety policies for hazardous liquid pipelines. The committee consists of 15 members representing government, industry, and the public. The committees meet twice a year, usually in May and November. However, because the THLPSSC requested a delay in its formal review of two proposed rules at the May 2000 meeting and OPS intends to complete action on both rulemakings this year, a meeting is being held in September.

The biannual meeting generally held in November for both the THLPSSC and the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee will be postponed until February 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33894]

#### Gateway Western Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Kansas City Southern Railway Company

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS) has agreed to grant non-exclusive overhead trackage rights to