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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Cancellation of Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement for Ontario International Airport, Ontario, San Bernardino County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of preparation of Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces that it has decided to discontinue preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for master plan improvements to Ontario International Airport, Ontario, California. The FAA's decision to discontinue preparation of the EIS is based upon the decision by Los Angeles World Airports, the owner of the airport, to discontinue pursuit of the master plan for Ontario International Airport at this time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victor Globa, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Los Angeles Airports District Office, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007, Telephone: (310) 725-3637.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 9, 2004, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for future development at Ontario International Airport, Ontario, California in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 32394-32396). The need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was based on the procedures described in FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*. The need to prepare a federal EIS was primarily based on Los Angeles World Airports Draft Master Plan for Ontario that included the proposed relocation and increased separation of the runways, new taxiway, additional terminals, aircraft gates, and expansion and/or relocation of parking lots, access roads, ground transportation center, airport maintenance area, administrative facility and aircraft rescue and firefighting facility. Los Angeles World

Airports, as the owner and operator of Ontario international Airport has notified the FAA of their decision to discontinue pursuit of the draft master plan at this time. If and when Los Angeles World Airports decides to resume preparation of a Master Plan, the FAA will evaluate the proposed improvements to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities**

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of OMB approvals.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), this notice announces that new information collections requirements (ICRs) listed below have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). These new ICRs pertain to 49 CFR parts 227 and 229. Additionally, FRA hereby announces that other ICRs listed below have been re-approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). These ICRs pertain to parts 207, 209, 210, 214, 215, 217, 218, 223, 228, 232, 233, 234, 235, and 236. The OMB approval numbers, titles, and expiration dates are included herein under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Gina Christodoulou, Office of Support Systems, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law No. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part

1320, require Federal agencies to display OMB control numbers and inform respondents of their legal significance once OMB approval is obtained. The following new FRA information collection was approved in the last two months: OMB No. 2130-0560, Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway Grade Crossings (49 CFR parts 227 and 229) (Amendments to Final Rule). The expiration date for this collection of information is October 31, 2009.

The following information collections were re-approved: (1) OMB No. 2130-0017, U.S. DOT Crossing Inventory Form (Form FRA F 6180.71). The new expiration date for this information collection is August 31, 2009. (2) OMB No. 2130-0506, Identification of Cars Moved in Accordance with Order 13528 (49 CFR part 232). The new expiration date for this information collection is March 31, 2009. (3) OMB No. 2130-0035, Railroad Operating Rules (49 CFR part 217). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (4) OMB No. 2130-0502, Filing of Dedicated Cars (49 CFR 215). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (5) OMB No. 2130-0519, Bad Order and Home Shop Card (49 CFR part 215). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (6) OMB No. 2130-0520, Stenciling Reporting Mark on Freight Cars (49 CFR part 215). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (7) OMB No. 2130-0523, Rear End Marking Devices (49 CFR part 223). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (8) OMB No. 2130-0527, Locomotive Certification (Noise Compliance Regulations) (49 CFR part 210). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (9) OMB No. 2130-0534, Grade Crossing Signal System Safety (49 CFR part 234) (Form FRA F 6180.83). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (10) OMB No. 2130-0535, Bridge Worker Safety Rules (49 CFR 214). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (11) OMB No. 2130-0537, Railroad Police Officers (49 CFR part 207). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (12) OMB No. 2130-0568, FRA Emergency Order No. 24. The new expiration date for this information collection is August 31, 2009. (13) OMB No. 2130-0006, Railroad Signal System Requirements (49 CFR 233/235/236) (Forms FRA F

6180.14 and FRA F 6180.47). The new expiration date for this information collection is August 31, 2009. (14) OMB No. 2130-0516, Remotely Controlled Switch Operations (49 CFR part 218). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (15) OMB No. 2130-0509, State Safety Participation Regulations and Remedial Actions (49 CFR part 209) (Forms FRA F 6180.33/61/67/96/96A/109/110/111/112). The new expiration date for this information collection is September 30, 2009. (16) OMB No. 2130-0005, Hours of Service Regulations (49 CFR 228). The new expiration date for this information collection is November 30, 2009.

Persons affected by the above referenced information collections are not required to respond to any collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. These approvals by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) certify that FRA has complied with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and with 5 CFR 1320.5(b) by informing the public about OMB's approval of the information collection requirements of the above cited forms and regulations.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement for Improvements To Enhance the Capacity and Improve the Operation of the Portal Bridge, a Rail Crossing Over the Hackensack River Along the Northeast Corridor Between Kearny, NJ and Secaucus, NJ

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that it will jointly prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) with the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) and in cooperation with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), to study improvements to enhance the capacity and improve the

operation of the Portal Bridge, a two-track moveable swing-span bridge crossing over the Hackensack River along AMTRAK's Northeast Corridor rail line. AMTRAK and NJ TRANSIT are proposing to enhance the capacity and improve the operation of the Portal Bridge.

FRA is issuing this notice to solicit public and agency input into the development of the scope of the EIS and to advise the public that outreach activities conducted by NJ TRANSIT and its representatives will be considered in the preparation of the EIS. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is a cooperating agency for the environmental review. FTA will contribute information for which it has special expertise and ensure the EIS is prepared in compliance with its environmental regulations. The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) of 1969 and the applicable regulations implementing NEPA as set forth in 64 FR 28545 (May 26, 1999) and 23 CFR part 771. The EIS will also address as necessary Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. 303) (DOT Act) and other applicable Federal, and State laws and regulations.

The EIS will evaluate a "No Action Alternative" along with various build alternatives which could retain, replace, or modify the existing Portal Bridge. Alternatives proposing to retain the existing bridge would include the rehabilitation of the existing structure to a state of good repair, along with the construction of an additional bridge for added capacity. The new bridge could be either a moveable or a fixed bridge and its height above mean high water (MHW) would vary accordingly. The new structure may consist of a two- or three-track bridge. Alternatives proposing to replace the existing bridge would require the construction of two new bridges of varying heights, types, and number of tracks. The two new bridges could be built on new parallel alignments, or one new bridge could be built on the existing bridge alignment by use of a staged approach. Each of these new bridges would have two or three new tracks. Alternatives proposing to modify the existing bridge would entail rehabilitation and raising of the existing bridge to a new height. The existing bridge may be fixed in place or may remain moveable, depending on the proposed height above MHW. A new bridge could also be constructed on a different alignment.

**DATES:** A scoping meeting will be held on January 17, 2007 in the Newark Public Library, Centennial Hall, 2nd Floor, 5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ, 07101, (973) 733-7800, from 4 to 8 p.m. To ensure that all significant issues are identified and considered, a formal presentation will be made at 4:30 and 6 p.m. followed by the opportunity for the public to comment on the scope of the EIS. Those wishing to speak are required to register at the meeting location. At the meeting, comments may also be submitted in written form, or orally one-on-one to a stenographer.

Persons interested in providing written comments on the scope of the EIS should do so by January 31, 2007. Written comments sent should be sent by mail to persons identified below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding the environmental review, please contact: Mr. John Wilkins, Director, Capital Planning, The New Jersey Transit Corporation, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105-2246, telephone (973) 491-7846, or Mr. David Valenstein, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Mail Stop 20, Washington DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-6368. Information and documents regarding the environmental review process will be also made available through appropriate means, including the project Web site: <http://www.portalbridgenec.com>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Description of Project Area

AMTRAK owns and operates the Northeast Corridor rail line from Pennsylvania Station New York to Union Station in Washington DC, including the heavily used "High Line" portion connecting Newark, NJ and New York, NY across the Portal Bridge. NJ TRANSIT's Northeast Corridor Line operates over AMTRAK's Northeast Corridor in portions of Pennsylvania and in New Jersey from Trenton to New York's Pennsylvania Station. NJ TRANSIT's North Jersey Coast Line, certain Montclair-Boonton Line trains, and certain Morris & Essex Line trains join AMTRAK's Northeast Corridor west of the Hackensack River utilize the Portal Bridge and subsequently travel under the Hudson River to their terminus at New York's Pennsylvania Station.

NJ TRANSIT's commuter rail system ridership has been growing and will continue to grow due to population growth in communities throughout New Jersey, Orange and Rockland Counties