Goverance (the “Sub-Committee”) on May 29, 2012, and the third meeting of the Environmental Affairs Council (the “Council”) and the second meeting of the Environmental Cooperation Commission (the “Commission”) on May 31, 2012. The public sessions for the Council and Sub-Committee also will be held on May 31, at 2:00 p.m. The entire meeting of the Commission will be open to the public and will begin at 3:45 p.m. All meetings will take place at 1724 F St. NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meetings is to review implementation of Chapter 18 (Environment) of the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (PTPA); the PTPA Annex on Forest Sector Governance (Annex 18.3.4); the United States-Peru Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA); and the 2011–2014 Work Program under the ECA.

The Department of State and USTR invite interested organizations and members of the public to attend the public sessions and Commission meeting, and to submit written comments or suggestions regarding implementation of Chapter 18, Annex 18.3.4, the ECA, or the 2011–2014 Work Program, and any items that should be included on the meetings’ agendas. If you would like to attend the public sessions or Commission meeting, please notify Tiffany Prather and Amy Karpel at the email addresses listed below under the heading ADDRESSES. Please include your full name and any organization or group you represent.

In preparing comments, submitters are encouraged to refer to:

- Chapter 18 of the PTPA, including Annex 18.3.4,
- The Final Environmental Review of the PTPA,
- The ECA, and


DATES: The public sessions of the Council, Sub-Committee and Commission meetings will be held on May 31, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m., at 1724 F St. NW., Washington, DC. Comments and suggestions are requested in writing no later than May 23, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions should be submitted to both:

(1) Tiffany Prather, Office of Environmental Policy, U.S. Department of State, by electronic mail at PratherT@state.gov with the subject line “U.S.-Peru EAC/ECC/Sub-Committee Meetings”;

(2) Amy Karpel, Office of Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the United States Trade Representative, by electronic mail at KarpelA@ustr.eop.gov with the subject line “U.S.-Peru EAC/ECC/Sub-Committee Meetings”.

If you have access to the Internet, you can view and comment on this notice by going to http://www.regulations.gov/#!home and searching on its Public Notice number: 7673.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tiffany Prather, Telephone (202) 647–4548 or Amy Karpel, Telephone (202) 395–7320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The PTPA entered into force on February 1, 2009. Article 18.6 of the PTPA establishes an Environmental Affairs Council, which is required to meet at least once a year or as otherwise agreed by the Parties to discuss the implementation of, and progress under, Chapter 18, Annex 18.3.4 of the PTPA establishes a Sub-Committee on Forest Sector Governance. The Sub-Committee is a specific forum for the Parties to exchange views and share information on any matter arising under the PTPA Annex on Forest Sector Governance. The ECA entered into force on August 23, 2009. Article III of the ECA establishes an Environmental Cooperation Commission and makes the Commission responsible for developing a Work Program. Chapter 18 of the PTPA and Article VI of the ECA require that meetings of the Council and Commission respectively include a public session, unless the Parties otherwise agree. At its first meeting, the Sub-Committee on Forest Sector Governance committed to hold a public session after each Sub-Committee meeting.


George N. Sibley,
Director, Office of Environmental Policy, Department of State.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Susquehanna River Basin Commission will hold its regular business meeting on June 7, 2012, in Binghamton, New York. Details concerning the matters to be addressed at the business meeting are contained in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

DATES: June 7, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Binghamton State Office Building, Warren Anderson Community Room (18th Floor), 44 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Cairo, General Counsel, telephone: (717) 238–0423, ext. 306; fax: (717) 238–2436.

Opportunity To Appear and Comment

Interested parties are invited to attend the business meeting and encouraged to review the Commission’s Public Meeting Rules of Conduct, which are posted on the Commission’s Web site, www.srbc.net. As identified in the public hearing notice referenced below, written comments on the Regulatory Program projects, amendment to its Regulatory Program Fee Schedule, amendment to its Records Processing Fee Schedule, and amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the Water Resources of the Susquehanna River Basin that were the subject of the public hearing, and are listed for action at the business meeting, are subject to a comment deadline of May 21, 2012. Written comments pertaining to any other matters listed for action at the business meeting may be mailed to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102–2391, or submitted electronically through http://www.srbc.net/pubinfo/publicparticipation.htm. Any such comments mailed or electronically submitted must be received by the Commission on or before June 1, 2012, to be considered.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting will include actions on the following items: (1) Election of officers for FY–2013; (2) update on the Low Flow Protection Policy; (3) the proposed Water Resources Program; (4) amendment to its Records Processing Fee Schedule; (5) amendments to its Regulatory Program Fee Schedule; (6) authorization to refinance the Curwensville Water Storage Project; (7) adoption of a FY–2014 budget; (8) amendment of the Comprehensive Plan for the Water Resources of the Susquehanna River Basin; (9) a request for administrative appeal from Anadarko E&P Company LP—Well PW–11 (Council Run)—Pending No. 2011–021; and (10) Regulatory Program projects. Projects, proposed fee schedules, and amendment to the comprehensive plan listed for Commission action are those that were
the subject of a public hearing conducted by the Commission on May 10, 2012, and identified in the notice for such hearing, which was published in 77 FR 23319, April 18, 2012.


Thomas W. Beauduy,
Deputy Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2000–7257; Notice No. 70]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Charter Renewal

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


SUMMARY: FRA announces the charter renewal of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. This charter renewal will take effect on May 17, 2012, and will expire after 2 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Woolverton, RSAC Designated Federal Officer/Administrative Officer, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6212; or Robert Lauby, Acting Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety/Chief Safety Officer, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), FRA is giving notice of the charter renewal for the RSAC. The RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to FRA on railroad safety matters. The RSAC is composed of 63 voting representatives from 37 member organizations, representing various railroad industry perspectives. In addition, there are non-voting advisory representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Transportation Safety Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. See the RSAC Web site for details on pending tasks at http://rsac.fra.dot.gov/. Please refer to the notice published in the Federal Register on March 11, 1996, 61 FR 9740, for additional information about the RSAC.

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on May 8, 2012.

Robert C. Lauby,
Acting Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety/Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project, Minneapolis and Saint Paul, MN

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as the federal lead agency, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Council, is issuing this notice of intent (NOI) to advise interested parties that it proposes to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project, located in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota (Project). The Project is 10.9 miles long and consists of 23 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) stations. The SDEIS will evaluate potential impacts on the loss of business revenue during construction of the Project and will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), its implementing regulations, and provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU).


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Central Corridor LRT is 10.9-miles in length, of which 9.7 miles consists of new alignment and 1.2 miles uses the existing Hiawatha LRT alignment in downtown Minneapolis. The Project will connect the Minneapolis and Saint Paul downtown areas as well as the University of Minnesota and the State Capitol complex. The purpose of the Project is to meet the future transit needs of the Central Corridor and the Region and to support the economic development goals for the Corridor. It allows the opportunity to provide a direct connection to the existing 11.6-mile Hiawatha LRT line in Minneapolis thereby, increasing mobility options within the Region.

In June 2009, FTA, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Council, prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the Project. FTA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on the Project in August 2009. Subsequent to FTA’s issuance of the ROD, the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota determined that the FEIS did not adequately evaluate potential impacts on the loss of business revenue during construction of the Project and that these impacts must be evaluated through a supplemental environmental review. Memorandum Opinion and Order, Civil No. 10–147, (Jan. 26, 2011). Pursuant to the Court’s order, FTA, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Council, prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) pursuant to its NEPA implementing regulations, which was issued in February 2011. Subsequent to FTA’s issuance of the SEA, the court determined that FTA must also prepare a supplemental environmental review using the format of an Environmental Impact Statement. Memorandum Opinion and Order, Civil No. 10–147, (Jan. 23, 2012). Thus, FTA is preparing pursuant to this notice of intent will evaluate potential impacts on the loss of business revenue during construction of the Central Corridor LRT Project. This notice of intent is being published at this time to notify interested parties and invite participation in the study.

Notice regarding the intent to prepare the SDEIS will be sent to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies that have expressed or are known to have an interest or legal role in this proposed action. When complete, the SDEIS will be made available for public and agency review and comment prior to any public hearings. Following publication, review, and approval of the SDEIS, a FEIS will be prepared and circulated.

The Paperwork Reduction Act seeks, in part, to minimize the cost to the taxpayer of the creation, collection, maintenance, use, dissemination, and disposition of information. Consistent with this goal and with principles of economy and efficiency in government, it is FTA policy to limit insofar as