

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA–2000–7257, Notice Number 8]

**Northeast Corridor Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of Northeast Corridor Safety Advisory Committee (NECSC) meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FRA announces the sixth meeting of the NECSC, a Federal Advisory Committee mandated by section 212 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA). The NECSC is composed of stakeholders operating on the Northeast Corridor (NEC), and its purpose is to provide annual recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. NECSC meeting topics will include the following: Maintenance-of-way fatigue, presentations on the NEC's future and NEC construction projects, Tier III passenger equipment rulemaking, the Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS), Amtrak 160 mph waiver requests, split rail derails on track leading to the NEC, and a general discussion of safety issues.

**DATES:** The NECSC meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, and will adjourn by 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The NECSC meeting will be held at the National Housing Center located at 1201 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20005. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NECSC is mandated by a statutory provision in section 212 of the PRIIA (codified at 49 U.S.C. 24905(f)). The NECSC is chartered by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and is an official Federal Advisory Committee

established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. title 5—Appendix.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****Environmental Impact Statement for the California High Speed Rail System San Francisco to San Jose Section, CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** Through this NOI, FRA announces its intent to jointly prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) for the San Francisco to San Jose Section of the California High-Speed Rail (HSR) System, Blended System Project (Blended System Project or Project). FRA invites the public and all interested parties to provide comments on the scope of the EIR/EIS, including the proposed purpose and need, the alternatives to consider, potential environmental impacts of concern, and methodologies for analysis of impacts. Through this NOI, FRA also rescinds its December 2008 NOI for the San Francisco to San Jose Section.

FRA and the Authority will develop the EIR/EIS in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). FRA and the Authority will hold scoping meetings and outreach activities as part of the NEPA/CEQA process. Federal cooperating agencies for the EIR/EIS are the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

**DATES:** Written comments on the scope of the San Francisco to San Jose Section EIR/EIS must be provided to the Authority by June 8, 2016.

Public scoping meetings are scheduled in May 2016: FRA and the Authority will hold the scoping meetings between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the following dates:

- *San Francisco:* Monday, May 23, 2016.
- *San Mateo:* Tuesday, May 24, 2016.
- *Mountain View:* Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

The Authority will make scoping materials and information concerning the scoping meetings available on the Authority's Web site: [http://hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide\\_Rail\\_Modernization/project\\_sections/sanfrancisco\\_sanjose.html](http://hsr.ca.gov/Programs/Statewide_Rail_Modernization/project_sections/sanfrancisco_sanjose.html).

**ADDRESSES:** You can send written comments on the scope to Mr. Mark McLoughlin, Director of Environmental Services, Attention: San Francisco to San Jose Section EIR/EIS, California High-Speed Rail Authority, 770 L Street, Suite 1160, Sacramento, CA 95814, or via email with subject line "San Francisco to San Jose Section EIR/EIS" to: [comments@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:comments@hsr.ca.gov).

You may provide comments orally or in writing at scoping meetings. FRA and the Authority will hold the scoping meetings between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- *San Francisco:* University of California, San Francisco Mission Bay, 11500 Owens Street, San Francisco, CA 94158.
- *San Mateo:* San Mateo Marriott, 1770 South Amphlett Boulevard, San Mateo, CA 94402.
- *Mountain View:* SFV Lodge, 361 Villa Street, Mountain View, CA 94041.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stephanie Perez, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Program Delivery, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., (Mail Stop 20), Washington, DC 20590; Telephone: (202) 493–0388, email: [stephanie.perez@dot.gov](mailto:stephanie.perez@dot.gov), or Mr. Guy Preston, Regional Delivery Manager, California High Speed Rail Authority, 100 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose, CA 95113, Telephone: (408) 277–1091 or [sanfrancisco\\_sanjose@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:sanfrancisco_sanjose@hsr.ca.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FRA is an operating administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation and is responsible for overseeing the safety of railroad operations, including the safety of any proposed high-speed ground transportation system. FRA is also authorized to provide, subject to appropriations, funding for high-speed and intercity passenger rail projects and is also authorized to provide loans and other financial support for railroad investments. FRA is conducting this review under NEPA because it may provide funding or financing for this project in the future. STB and USACE are Federal cooperating agencies on the EIS. STB has approval authority under