

Dated: August 31, 2016.

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 385X); Docket No. AB 1246X]

### **Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Grand Elk Railroad, L.L.C.—Discontinuance Exemption—in Kalamazoo, Mich.**

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and Grand Elk Railroad, L.L.C. (GDLK) (collectively, applicants), have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152, subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for NSR to abandon, and for GDLK to discontinue service over, an approximately 0.1-mile rail line, between mileposts IJ 44.6 and IJ 44.7, in Kalamazoo, Mich. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 49007 and 49001.

*Applicants have certified that:* (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the Line that would have to be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, these exemptions will be effective on

October 13, 2016, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by September 23, 2016. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 3, 2016, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemptions are void ab initio.

Applicants have filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by September 16, 2016. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling OEA at (202) 245–0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by NSR's filing of a notice of consummation by September 13, 2017, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at “[WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV).”

Decided: September 8, 2016.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Notice of Release From Federal Grant Assurance Obligations at Tucson International Airport, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request to release airport land.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application for a release of approximately 3 acres of airport property at Tucson International Airport, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, from all conditions contained in the Grant Assurances since the parcel of land is not needed for airport purposes. The property will be sold for its fair market value and the proceeds used for airport purposes. The redevelopment of the land for roadway enhancements to property owned by the U. S. Air Force represents a compatible land use that will not interfere with the airport or its operation, thereby protecting the interests of civil aviation.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 13, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Comments on the request may be mailed to the FAA at the following address: Tony Garcia, Airports Compliance Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, **Federal Register** Comment, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, one copy of the comment submitted to the FAA must be mailed to Mr. Eric Roudebush, Director of Environmental Services, Tucson Airport Authority, 7005 South Plumer Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21), Public Law 106–181 (Apr. 5, 2000; 114 Stat. 61), this notice must be published in the **Federal Register** 30 days before the

Secretary may waive any condition imposed on a federally obligated airport by surplus property conveyance deeds or grant agreements.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

Tucson Airport Authority requested a release from the conditions contained in the Grant Agreement Assurances for approximately 3 acres of airport land at Tucson International Airport. The property is located south of the airport on the southeast corner of the intersection of South Raytheon Parkway and the abandoned East Hughes Access Road. The area is mostly undeveloped arid land consisting of desert vegetation. The Airport Authority requested approval to sell the small parcel because the land is not needed for airport purposes presently or in the future. The sale price will be based on its appraised market value and the sale proceeds will be used for airport purposes. The property will be developed with roadway enhancements serving the adjacent U.S. Air Force property that will represent a compatible use and not interfere with airport operations. The mutual benefits will serve the interests of civil aviation.

Issued in Hawthorne, California on September 2, 2016.

**Brian Q. Armstrong,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Twenty Fourth Meeting of SC-222 AMS(R)S

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Twenty Fourth Meeting of the SC-222 AMS(R)S.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of Twenty Fourth Meeting of SC-222 AMS(R)S.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held October 5-6, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at: 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Iversen at [jiversen@rtca.org](mailto:jiversen@rtca.org) or (202) 330-0662, or The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by

telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of the Twenty Fourth Meeting of SC-222 AMS(R)S. The agenda will include the following:

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 5-6, 2016 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Welcome, Introductions, Administrative Remarks by Special Committee Leadership

- Designated Federal Official (DFO): Mr. David Robinson
- Chair RTCA-SC222: Dr. Chuck LaBerge, LaBerge Engineering
- Chair EUROCAE WG-82: Dr. Armin Schlereth, DFS

#### Agenda Overview

1. Review/Approve prior Plenary meeting Summary—(action item status)
2. Brief Status of Related Efforts (as necessary)
3. Detailed MASPS OC/FRAC Review INMARSAT
4. Detailed MOPS OC/FRAC Review HONEYWELL
5. Establish Agenda, Date and Place for next plenary meetings (as needed)
6. Review of Meeting summary report
7. Adjourn—Plenary meeting 12:00 Lunch both days

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 8, 2016.

**Mohannad Dawoud,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the Research, Engineering & Development Advisory Committee meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 6, 2016—9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Round Room (10th Floor), Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chinita A. Roundtree-Coleman at (609) 485-7149 or Web site at [chinita.roundtree-coleman@faa.gov](mailto:chinita.roundtree-coleman@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Research, Engineering and Development (RE&D) Advisory Committee. The meeting agenda will include receiving from the Committee guidance for FAA's research and development investments in the areas of air traffic services, airports, aircraft safety, human factors and environment and energy. Attendance is open to the interested public but seating is limited. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to attend the meeting, present statements, or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 6, 2016.

**Chinita A. Roundtree-Coleman,**  
*Computer Specialist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Request for a Land Release of a 6.1 Acre Non-Contiguous Airport Owned Parcel Near the Long Island Macarthur Airport, New York. The Parcel Is Located at 1612 Coates Avenue, Holbrook, New York

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment for a land release of a 6.1 acre airport owned parcel, not