

additional public notification. The format of the meeting will consist of a presentation describing the proposed Coachella Valley—San Gorgonio Pass Corridor Service Project, objectives, and existing conditions. Following the presentation, scoping meeting attendees will be able to participate in an open house format that encourages questions and comments on the Project from the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement for the Long Bridge Project in Washington, DC

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

**ACTION:** Extension of agency and public scoping comment period, Long Bridge project.

**SUMMARY:** On August 26, 2016, FRA published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Long Bridge Project jointly with the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) (81 FR 59036). The Proposed Action consists of potential improvements to Long Bridge and related railroad infrastructure located between the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Crystal City Station in Arlington, Virginia and Control Point (CP) Virginia in Washington, DC. In announcing its intent, FRA and DDOT established a 30-day public comment period that was scheduled to end on September 26, 2016. In consideration of requests for additional time to comment, FRA and DDOT are extending the scoping comment period to October 14, 2016. The extension provides agencies and the public with 30 days to submit comments following public and interagency scoping meetings held on September 14, 2016.

**DATES:** The scoping comment period for the Long Bridge Project is extended to October 14, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Scoping comments can be mailed to the address identified under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** caption below. Internet and email correspondence may be submitted through the Long Bridge Project Web site <http://longbridgeproject.com/> or at [info@longbridgeproject.com](mailto:info@longbridgeproject.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amanda Murphy, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Railroad Policy and Development, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., (Mail Stop–20), Washington, DC 20590; telephone: (202) 493–0624.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** More information about the Long Bridge Project is available at <http://longbridgeproject.com/>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA–2016–009]

#### Final Notice on Updates to the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) and Changes to the National Transit Database (NTD) Reporting Requirements

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

**ACTION:** Notice, response to comments.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice finalizes updates to the USOA and changes to NTD Automatic Passenger Counter Certification requirements.

**DATES:** Full implementation required in report year 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maggie Schilling, National Transit Database Deputy Program Manager, FTA Office of Budget and Policy, (202) 366–2054 or [margaret.schilling@dot.gov](mailto:margaret.schilling@dot.gov).

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#### A. Background

On February 3, 2016, FTA published a **Federal Register** notice (initial notice) (Docket No. FTA–2016–009) for comment on proposed updates to the USOA and changes to NTD reporting requirements. The USOA is the basic reference document that describes how transit agencies are to report to the NTD. The USOA was originally published in

1977 when NTD reporting began. While the NTD has undergone numerous and substantial changes in the past 38 years, the USOA was last updated for minor changes in 1995. The notice described various proposed changes to the USOA to better align with today's NTD and accounting practices and to address FTA data needs and common questions among NTD reporters. In the initial notice, FTA proposed the following changes:

- A. Separation of “Passenger-Paid Fares” and “Organization-Paid Fares”
- B. Separation of “Paid Absences” from “Fringe Benefits”
- C. Consolidation of “Casualty and Liability Costs” under General Administration Function
- D. Expansion of Assets and Liabilities Object Classes (F–60)
- E. Addition of “Voluntary Non-Exchange Transactions”
- F. Addition of “Sales and Disposals of Assets”
- G. Simplification of State Fund Reporting
- H. Reorganization of B–30 Contractual Relationship

Additionally, the initial notice proposed changes to the NTD reporting requirements that are not directly addressed in the updated USOA, which are as follows:

- I. Separation of Operators’ and Non-Operators’ Work Hours and Counts
- J. Enhanced Auditor’s Review
- K. Revised Automatic Passenger Counter (APC) Certification Process

In the initial notice, FTA proposed that it would begin implementing the proposed reporting requirements beginning with the FY 2017 NTD reporting cycle.

#### B. Response to Comments on Proposed Updates to the USOA and Changes to NTD Reporting Requirements

The comment period for the initial notice closed on April 4, 2016. The following is a summary of the comments from the initial notice related to the updates to the USOA and NTD reporting requirements.

*Comment:* Three commenters raised a concern over the separation of “Passenger-Paid Fares” and “Organization-Paid Fares.” Commenters opposed the separation of “Passenger-Paid Fares” and “Organization-Paid Fares” stating that the additional information will add little, if any, value to the NTD report. Commenters noted that adding these additional reporting requirements will only increase the cost of compliance for reporting agencies. One commenter specifically raised a concern stating that the proposed