

Engineering & Development Advisory Committee meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on May 31, 2017—9:30 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 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 May 12, 2017.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Disposal of 9.63 Acres of Airport Land at Laconia Municipal Airport in Gilford, NH

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is being given that the FAA is considering a request from the Laconia Airport Authority in Gilford, NH, to dispose of 9.63 acres of airport land that is not required for aviation purposes at Laconia Municipal Airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 19, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the instructions on providing comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W 12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver to mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Interested persons may inspect the request and supporting documents by contacting the FAA at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jorge E. Panteli, Compliance and Land Use Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration New England Region Airports Division, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803. Telephone: 781-238-7618.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the provisions of Title 49, U.S.C. Section 47153(d), FAA is considering a request from the Laconia Airport Authority in Gilford, NH, to dispose of 9.63 acres of airport land that is not required for aviation purposes at Laconia Municipal Airport.

The subject parcel has been identified as property no longer needed for aviation use by the Laconia Airport Authority (LAA). The property, Lot 3.200, located along to the northwest of the airport along the west side of Lily Pond Road (NH Route 11C) in the Town of Gilford. The property is located approximately a quarter mile northwest of the airport proper and has been identified by the Laconia Airport Authority as not needed for aviation use. Given the location of this parcel, the disposal of this property will have no effect on aviation land nor future development opportunities for the airport. The proceeds of the disposal will be placed in the airport's account and will be used for the operation and maintenance of the airport. Appropriate aviation easements will be placed on the property to ensure compatibility with the airport and the airport's airspace.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts on May 5, 2017.

**Mary T. Walsh,**  
*Manager, ANE-600.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at the Abilene Regional Airport, Abilene, Texas

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at the Abilene Regional Airport, Abilene, Texas under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 19, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Ben Guttery, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Texas Airports District Office, ASW-650, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, Texas 76177.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Don Green, Director of Transportation Services, at the following address: Abilene Regional Airport, 2933 Airport Blvd.; Suite 200, Abilene, Texas 77554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Marcelino Sanchez, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Texas Airports District Office, ASW-650, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177, Telephone: (817) 222-5652, Email: [Marcelino.Sanchez@faa.gov](mailto:Marcelino.Sanchez@faa.gov).

The request to release property may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Abilene Regional Airport, Abilene, Texas under the provisions of the AIR 21.

The following is a brief overview of the request: City of Abilene, Abilene, Texas requests the release of 51.891 acres of non-aeronautical airport property. The property is located adjacent to State Highway Loop 322 and on the west side of the airport. The property to be released will be sold and revenues shall be used as local matching funds for future AIP grants, development of common use facilities and utilities within airport property. Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents relevant to the application in person at the Abilene Regional Airport, telephone number (325) 676-6061.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on May 4, 2017.

**Ignacio Flores,**

*Director, Airports Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2017-0017]

#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

Under part 235 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that on April 28, 2017, Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) submitted an amended petition to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the original and amended petitions Docket Number FRA-2017-0017.

*Applicant:* Norfolk Southern Corporation, Mr. B.L. Sykes, Chief Engineer C&S Engineering, 1200 Peachtree Street NE., Atlanta, GA 30309.

NS seeks a waiver from compliance with cab signal system requirements in 49 CFR 236.566, *Locomotive of each train operating in train stop, train control, or cab signal territory; equipped*, at the following geographic locations:

- Between control point (CP) Bright, milepost (MP) PC28.2 and CP Rochester, MP PC25.9 in the area of Rochester, PA.

- Movements on Fort Wayne Main 1 or Main 2 to or from Youngstown Line.

After turnout rationalization and installation of new cab signal operations east of CP Rochester, completed in conjunction with PTC implementation, NS requests that FRA expand the limits of the waiver to include operations between:

- CP Rochester on Fort Wayne Line Main 1 for movements to or from the Cleveland Line.

- CP West Conway, MP PC24.5 on Fort Wayne Line Main 1 or Main 2 for movements to or from Youngstown Line track #101 or #102.

All movements will be made with an absolute block at Restricted Speed.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by July 3, 2017 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/>

*privacyNotice* for the privacy notice of *regulations.gov*.

**Robert C. Lauby,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2017-0034]

#### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

Under part 235 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides public notice that on April 20, 2017, Union Pacific Railroad (UP) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2017-0034.

*Applicant:* Union Pacific Railroad, Mr. Kevin D. Hicks, AVP Engineering-Design, 1400 Douglas Street, MS 0910, Omaha, NE 68179.

UP seeks approval to discontinue the traffic control system on the Pequot Subdivision, between milepost (MP) 56.90 and MP 62.75 in the cities of Mazon, Braceville, and Coal City, IL. The subdivision will be converted to a non-signalized industrial lead.

The reason given for the proposed discontinuance is to allow the track currently out of service per Timetable Special Instruction SI-01, between MP 58.69 and MP 62.75, to be re-opened to service an industry project for Hoffman Transportation, whose facility will begin at the end of the proposed industrial lead at MP 59.77. UP will discontinue its common carrier operation between MP 59.77 and MP 56.75 per Surface Transportation Board Docket AB-333X. UP will upgrade and return to service the highway-rail grade crossing warning equipment within the project's limits at MP's 58.69 Spring Road, MP 59.78 Reed Road, and MP 61.71, Braceville Road. The north switch on the BNSF Railway at MP 56.90 was previously removed.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m.