

Governments (SCAG), serving as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties, initiated the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW)/WSAB Alternatives Analysis (AA) Study evaluating transit connections and modes for the 34 mile corridor from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to the City of Santa Ana in Orange County. In February 2013, SCAG approved the PEROW/WSAB AA Study and recommended the LRT alignment as the preferred transit mode and two northern alignment alternatives for further consideration: West Bank 3 along the west bank of the Los Angeles River, and East Bank along the east bank of the Los Angeles River. In September 2015, based upon the West Bank 3 alternative, four new northern alignment options (Pacific/Alameda, Pacific/Vignes, Alameda, and Alameda/Vignes) were identified as part of the Technical Refinement Study (TRS) that was completed and received by the Metro Board. Prior to initiation of the environmental scoping, a screening evaluation was conducted to further refine the recommendations from the TRS and recommended the four highest performing northern alignment options to be carried into Environmental Scoping. In April 2017, the Metro Board approved the Project definition for environmental scoping and received and filed the WSAB Transit Corridor Northern Alignment Options Screening Report.

In addition, in the event that the WSAB line was to be extended to Orange County in the future, the Project will evaluate an optional station at Bloomfield Avenue (just north of the Los Angeles County-Orange County boundary).

*The EIS Process and the Role of Participating Agencies and the Public:* The EIS will be prepared in accordance with NEPA and its implementing regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and with the FTA/Federal Highway Administration regulations “Environmental Impact and Related Procedures” (23 CFR part 771). In accordance with 23 CFR 771.105(a) and 23 CFR 771.133, FTA will comply with all federal environmental laws, regulations, and executive orders applicable to the proposed project during the environmental review process to the maximum extent practicable. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the environmental and public hearing provisions of federal transit laws (49 U.S.C. 5301(e), 5323(b), and 5324); the

project-level air quality conformity regulation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (40 CFR part 93); the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines of EPA (40 CFR part 230); the regulation implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR part 800); the regulation implementing Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (50 CFR part 402); Section 4(f) (23 U.S.C. 38 and 49 U.S.C. 303); and Executive Orders 12898 on environmental justice, 11988 on floodplain management, and 11990 on wetlands.

Regulations implementing NEPA, as well as provisions of the recently enacted Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), call for public involvement in the EIS process. Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU requires that FTA and MDT do the following: (1) Extend an invitation to other Federal and non-Federal agencies and Indian tribes that may have an interest in the proposed project to become “participating agencies,” (2) provide an opportunity for involvement by participating agencies and the public in helping to define the purpose and need for a proposed project, as well as the range of alternatives for consideration in the impact statement, and (3) establish a plan for coordinating public and agency participation in and comment on the environmental review process. Any Federal or non-Federal agency or Indian tribe interested in the Project that does not receive an invitation to become a participating agency should notify at the earliest opportunity the Project Manager identified above under **ADDRESSES**.

A comprehensive public involvement program has been developed and a public and agency involvement Coordination Plan will be created. The program includes a project Web site ([www.metro.net/wsab](http://www.metro.net/wsab)); outreach to local and county officials and community and civic groups; a public scoping process to define the issues of concern among all parties interested in the project; establishment of a community advisory committee and organizing periodic meetings with that committee; a public hearing on release of the draft EIS; establishment of walk-in project offices in the corridor; and development and distribution of project newsletters.

**Leslie Rogers,**

*Regional Administrator, FTA Region 9.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Meeting

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces that the following U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Academy) Board of Visitors (BOV) meeting will take place:

1. *Date:* July 12, 2017.
2. *Time:* 1:30–2:30 p.m.
3. *Location:* Capitol Visitors Center, Washington, DC. Room to be determined.
4. *Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is to brief BOV members on the Academy Advisory Board’s annual report to the Secretary of Transportation, the state of the Academy and the status of reaccreditation.
5. *Public Access to the Meeting:* This meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will need to show photo identification in order to gain access to the meeting location.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The BOV’s Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact Brian Blower; 202 366–2765; [Brian.Blower@dot.gov](mailto:Brian.Blower@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Academy BOV. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at: Brian Blower; 1200 New Jersey Ave SE., W28–314, Washington, DC 20590 or via email at [Brian.Blower@Dot.gov](mailto:Brian.Blower@Dot.gov). (Please contact the Designated Federal Officer for information on submitting comments via fax.) Written statements must be received no later than three working days prior to the next meeting in order to provide time for member consideration. Due to time constraints, there will not be a public comment period during the meeting, but, individuals wishing to provide follow-on comments can do so by contacting the DFO, Brian Blower at his email listed above.

**Authority:** 46 U.S.C. 51312; 5 U.S.C. app. 552b; 41 CFR parts 102–3.140 through 102–3.165.

By Order of the Executive Director in lieu of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: June 21, 2017.  
**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.**,  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Special Permits**

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** List of Applications for Modification of Special Permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material

Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 11, 2017.

*Address comments to:* Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration U.S. Department of Transportation Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ryan Paquet, Director, Office of

Hazardous Materials Approvals and Permits Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC or at <http://regulations.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 1, 2017.

**Donald Burger**,  
*Chief, Office of the Special Permits and Approvals.*

**SPECIAL PERMITS DATA**

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
7277-M .....	.....	STRUCTURAL COM- POSITES INDUS- TRIES LLC.	180.205, 173.302a(a)(1), 173.304a(a)(1), 173.304a(d).	To modify the special permit to authorize an additional Division 2.2 gas. (modes 1,2,3,4)
14523-M .....	.....	PACIFIC BIO-MATERIAL MANAGEMENT, INC.	173.199(a), 173.196(A), 178.603, 178.603, 178.609(d), 178.609(d).	To modify the special permit to authorize, an additional packaging for transporting vials of hazmat. (mode 1)
14951-M .....	.....	HEXAGON LINCOLN, INC.	173.301(f) .....	To authorize modal acoustic emissions (MAE) as an alternative method of tank recertification. (mode 1)
16536-M .....	.....	FIBA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	178.37(k)(1), 178.45(A)(1).	To authorize a reduction in the tensile test specimens from 2 to 1 as is permitted by ISO 11120. (modes 1,2,3,4)
16452-M .....	.....	THE PROCTOR & GAM- BLE COMPANY.	171.1, 180.1 .....	To modify the permit to clarify the requirement for strong outer packaging to meet the requirements normally applied to packages of "limited quantities" moving by air. (modes 1,2,3,4)
20255-M .....	.....	STERICYCLE SPE- CIALITY WASTE SO- LUTIONS, INC.	171.1, 180.1 .....	To modify the special permit to authorize cargo vessel as an approved means or transportation. (modes 1,3)

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Special Permits**

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of actions on Special Permit Applications.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application

for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 26, 2017.

*Address Comments to:* Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety

Administration U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ryan Paquet, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Approvals and Permits Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.