and terminating at existing US 69 north of Jacksonville.

The EIS will evaluate a range of build alternatives and a no-build alterative. Possible build alternatives include up to four alignments currently under development based on the 1000-foot recommended corridors identified in the 2018 US 69 Jacksonville Relief Route Study Feasibility Study. These alternatives generally consider alignments along the center, west, and east limits of the corridor with variations at interchanges, but may extend outside the corridor for a portion of the alignment to avoid key environmental features. The northernmost corridor connects with existing US 69 approximately 1.3 miles north of CR 3908, travels on the west side of Jacksonville, and reconnects with existing US 69 at the existing TX 456 Loop. The southernmost corridor connects with existing US 69 at CR 3908 and joins the previously described corridor north of US 175.

TxDOT will issue a single Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision document pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 139(n)(2), unless TxDOT determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of a combined document. In accordance with 23 U.S.C. 139, cooperating agencies, participating agencies, and the public will be given an opportunity for continued input on project development. A public scoping meeting is planned for November 2019 in Jacksonville, TX. An agency scoping meeting will also be held with participating and cooperating agencies. The agency and public scoping meetings will provide an opportunity for the participating/cooperating agencies and public to review and comment on the draft coordination plan and schedule, the project purpose and need, the range of alternatives, and methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives. In addition to the agency and public scoping meetings, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

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Hazardous Materials: Public Meeting Notice for the Research and Development Roundtable

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to inform the interested public that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS) of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) will hold a public Research and Development (R&D) Roundtable on October 24, 2019, in Washington, DC OHMS will host the meeting to provide an overview of its next Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) which will help the agency meet its goals of promoting safety and fostering innovation. The meeting will provide an overview of OHMS' R&D program; internal and external processes behind the BAA; limits of the BAA; and the results of the 2017 BAA. All participants will have an equal chance to provide input for future consideration.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 24, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Requests to attend the meeting must be received by October 22, 2019. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by October 21, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation Conference Center at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. The DOT requests that attendees pre-register for this meeting by completing the form at *https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BJMMQYM.* Conference call-in capability will be provided. Specific information about conference call-in meeting access will be posted, when available, at: *https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/research-and-development/hazmat/rd-meetings-and-events* under ''Upcoming Events.''

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

OHMS' mission is to protect people and the environment from the risks posed by hazardous materials (hazmat) transportation. To this end, OHMS is particularly interested in research gaps associated with:

- Development of New Standards for Bulk and Non-Bulk Packaging
- Improved Materials and Designs for Hazardous Materials Packaging
- Self (Default) Classification of Hazardous Materials and/or Articles
- Improvements to the North American Emergency Response Guidebook
- Charge Storage Device Transportation Safety
- Innovative Technologies to Improve Hazmat Transportation Safety

The meeting will be hosted and facilitated by PHMSA. Meeting participants will include modal authorities and external research partners including other DOT modal partners. OHMS R&D efforts include laboratory testing, analysis, modeling, product and material development, and field testing.

II. Agenda

The meeting agenda will cover the following topics:

- Safety Briefing and Overview
- Welcome and Administrative Remarks
- Research Gaps: Safety
- Research Gaps: Innovation
- Closing Remarks

III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public on a first come, first served basis, as space is limited. Members of the public who wish to attend in person must RSVP by filling out the form listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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