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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 24, 2021 (86 FR 27942), FTA and Capital Metro issued a NOI to prepare an EIS for the Blue Line LRT project. The project is part of Capital Metro's 2018 Project Connect Long-Term Vision Plan (Project Connect), as amended in 2020. Project Connect presents a regional vision for high-capacity transit investments that would add mobility options for the Central Texas region. The project would have constructed an approximately 8.2-mile LRT line from Republic Square in downtown Austin to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS).

As planning and preliminary engineering progressed, it became evident that due to higher than projected cost estimates from inflationary pressure, escalating real estate costs, and scope advancement, the approach and phasing for implementation of the LRT system would need to be refined to make the project economically feasible. Therefore, ATP, an independent local government corporation formed by the City and Capital Metro to design, construct, and implement Project Connect, undertook a public planning process to define an economically feasible and expandable LRT system that would meet regional transportation goals and objectives of Project Connect. After a robust community engagement process, on June 6, 2023, a proposed Austin Light Rail Phase 1 project was unanimously approved by Capital Metro, ATP, and the City to advance into the next phase of implementation. This proposed project includes combining segments of the Orange and Blue LRT projects into one LRT project. Based on the foregoing, FTA is rescinding the May 24, 2021, NOI for the Blue Line LRT project.

Comments and questions concerning this notice should be directed to FTA at the address provided above.

**Gail Lyssy,**

*Regional Administrator, FTA Region VI.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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**Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking: Notice of Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an in-person meeting of the Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 13, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Any person requiring accessibility accommodations should contact the Official listed in the next section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maha Alkhateeb, Office of International Transportation and Trade, U.S. Department of Transportation, at [trafficking@dot.gov](mailto:trafficking@dot.gov) or (202) 366-4398. Also visit the ACHT website at <https://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking/acht>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

ACHT was re-chartered on July 29, 2022, using the Department's authorities under the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL) (Pub. L. 117-58). The ACHT was initially established as mandated by Sec. 5(a) of the 2018 *Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act* (Pub. L. 115-99). Sec. 23020 of the BIL requires the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the ACHT and in coordination with the Attorney General, to submit a triennial counter-trafficking report with recommendations for countering human trafficking, an assessment of best practices by transportation stakeholders, and human trafficking violations involving commercial motor vehicles.

**II. Agenda**

At the December 13, 2023 meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Survivor Remarks
- Subcommittee Updates
- Public Participation

A final agenda that includes a virtual participation link will be posted on the ACHT internet website at <https://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking/acht> at least one week in advance of the meeting.

**III. Public Participation**

The hybrid meeting will be open to the public in-person and virtually. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to register, including name, title, affiliation, and whether they plan to attend in-person or virtually, to

[trafficking@dot.gov](mailto:trafficking@dot.gov) by December 5, 2023. Individuals requesting accessibility accommodations, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, may do so via email at: [trafficking@dot.gov](mailto:trafficking@dot.gov) by December 5, 2023.

There will be 30 minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, the Office of the Secretary may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks by 5 p.m. EST on December 5, 2023, for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to ACHT members. Written comments timely submitted from those participants not selected to speak will be accepted and considered as part of the meeting record.

Persons who wish to submit written comments for consideration by ACHT during the meeting must submit them no later than 5 p.m. EST on December 5, 2023, to ensure transmission to ACHT prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date and time will be distributed to the members but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting.

Copies of the meeting minutes will be available on the ACHT internet website at <https://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking/acht>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 17, 2023.

**Carol Annette Petsonk,**

*Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Open Meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance**

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

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