

the proposed project will not affect, or affect substantially, many of those areas. However, if any adverse impacts are identified, measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate those adverse impacts will be proposed.

FTA Procedures

Regulations implementing NEPA, as well as provisions of the 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 (23 U.S.C. 139) requires that FTA and WETA do the following: (1) Extend an invitation to other Federal and non-Federal agencies and Native American 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 to help define the purpose and need for a proposed project, as well as the range of alternatives for consideration in the EIS; and (3) establish a plan for coordinating public and agency participation in, and comment on, the environmental review process. An invitation to become a participating or cooperating agency, with scoping materials appended, will be extended to other Federal and non-Federal agencies and Native American Tribes that may have an interest in the proposed project. It is possible that FTA and WETA will not be able to identify all Federal and non-Federal agencies and Native American Tribes that may have such an interest. Any Federal or non-Federal agency or Native American Tribe interested in the proposed 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 for public and interagency involvement will be developed for the project and posted on WETA's Web site: <http://www.watertransit.org>. The public involvement program includes a full range of activities including maintaining the project Web page on the WETA Web site and outreach to local officials, community and civic groups, and the public.

Paperwork Reduction

The Paperwork Reduction Act seeks, in part, to minimize the cost to the taxpayer of the creation, collection, maintenance, use, dissemination, and disposition of information. Consistent with this goal and with principles of economy and efficiency in government, it is FTA policy to limit insofar as

possible distribution of complete printed sets of environmental documents. Accordingly, unless a specific request for a complete printed set of environmental documents is received (preferably in advance of printing), FTA and its grantees will distribute only the executive summary of the environmental document together with a compact disc of the complete environmental document. A complete printed set of the environmental document will be available for review at the grantee's offices and elsewhere; an electronic copy of the complete environmental document will also be available on the grantee's Web site.

Other

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).

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Leslie T. Rogers,

Regional Administrator, FTA, Region 9.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Limitation on Claims Against Proposed Public Transportation Projects

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims.

SUMMARY: This notice announces final environmental actions taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the following projects: (1) Hatcher Pass Recreational Area Access, Trails, and Transit Facilities Project, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Hatcher Pass, AK; (2) Bus Rapid Transit Project, Roaring Fork Transportation Authority, Pitkin, Eagle, and Garfield Counties, CO; (3) Second Avenue Subway Project, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, NY; and (4) Sugar House Streetcar Project, Utah Transit Authority, South Salt Lake and Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, UT. The purpose of this notice is to announce publicly the environmental decisions by FTA on the subject projects and to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge these final environmental actions.

DATES: By this notice, FTA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to Section 139(l) of Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.). A claim seeking judicial review of the FTA actions announced herein for the listed public transportation projects will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before September 30, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katie Grasty, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Planning and Environment, 202-366-9139, or Christopher Van Wyk, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Chief Counsel, 202-366-1733. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FTA has taken final agency actions by issuing certain approvals for the public transportation projects listed below. The actions on these projects, as well as the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the documentation issued in connection with each project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in other documents in the FTA administrative record for the project. Interested parties may contact either the project sponsor or the relevant FTA Regional Office for more information on these projects. Contact information for FTA's Regional Offices may be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

This notice applies to all FTA decisions on the listed projects as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including, but not limited to, NEPA [42 U.S.C. 4321-4375], Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303], Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 470f], and the Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q]. This notice does not, however, alter or extend the limitation period of 180 days for challenges of project decisions subject to previous notices published in the **Federal Register**. For example, this notice does not extend the limitation on claims announced for earlier decisions on the Second Avenue Subway project.

The projects and actions that are the subject of this notice are:

1. *Project name and location:* Hatcher Pass Recreational Area Access, Trails, and Transit Facilities Project, Hatcher Pass, AK. *Project sponsor:* Matanuska-Susitna Borough. *Project description:* The project consists of the development of transportation access and transit-related infrastructure to improve access

to the Government Peak Subunit of Hatcher Pass. The proposed actions include the construction of access roads, parking lots, and enclosed transit facilities. *Final agency actions:* Section 106 finding of no historic properties affected; Section 4(f) determination; and a Record of Decision dated January 2011. *Supporting documentation:* Final Environmental Impact Statement dated November 2010.

2. *Project name and location:* Bus Rapid Transit Project, Pitkin, Eagle, and Garfield Counties, CO. *Project sponsor:* Roaring Fork Transportation Authority. *Project description:* The project consists of a Bus Rapid Transit project with service along approximately 40 miles of Colorado State Highway 82 from Glenwood Springs to Aspen, CO. The project includes 18 buses, nine stations, and five park and ride lots. *Final agency actions:* Section 106 finding of no historic properties affected; no use of Section 4(f) properties; project-level air quality conformity; and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) dated November 2010. *Supporting documentation:* Environmental Assessment dated August 2010.

3. *Project name and location:* Second Avenue Subway, New York, NY. *Project sponsor:* Metropolitan Transportation Authority. *Project description:* The Second Avenue Subway project is the phased construction of a new 8.5-mile subway line under Second Avenue in Manhattan from 125th Street to Hanover Square in Lower Manhattan. It includes sixteen new stations which will be accessible by persons with disabilities. FTA has agreed to partially fund the first phase of the project which will run between 105th Street and 62nd Street and will connect to the existing F line at 63rd Street, so that Phase 1 can be operated before the other phases are built. Various changes to Phase 1 have been evaluated in a number of technical memorandums. *Final agency actions:* FTA determination that neither a supplemental environmental impact statement nor a supplemental environmental assessment is necessary. *Supporting documentation:* Technical Memorandum No. 8 assessing design changes for the 86th Street Station Ancillary Facility #2 dated January 2011.

4. *Project name and location:* Sugar House Streetcar Project, South Salt Lake and Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, UT. *Project sponsor:* Utah Transit Authority. *Project description:* The project is a 2-mile streetcar line on an existing railroad right-of-way between 1700 South and Interstate 80 in Salt Lake County, UT. The streetcar will connect a commercial center to the

existing TRAX light rail system. *Final agency actions:* Section 4(f) determination; Section 106 finding of no adverse effect; project-level air quality conformity; and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) signed February 2011. *Supporting documentation:* Environmental Assessment dated November 2010.

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Elizabeth S. Riklin,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment, Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number MARAD 2010 0115]

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Beaumont Layberth Facility

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Maritime Administration, of the U.S. Department Transportation (US DOT) has made available to interested parties the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Beaumont Layberth Facility. An environmental assessment (EA) and FONSI have been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508).

The purpose of the EA is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts from the construction of a Layberth facility that can accommodate eight Large Medium Speed Roll-on/Roll-off sized vessels at the Beaumont National Defense Reserve Fleet anchorage. A preliminary cost feasibility assessment determined that building a permanent Layberth facility would be more cost-effective over the long term than using commercial Layberth facilities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kris Gilson 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; phone (202) 366-1939; or e-mail Kristine.gilson@dot.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above

individuals during business hours. The FIRS is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours. A copy of the Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact can be obtained or viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The files are in a portable document format (pdf); in order to review or print the document, users need to obtain a free copy of Acrobat Reader. The Acrobat Reader can be obtained from <http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Dated: March 31, 2011.

Christine Gurland,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 323X)]

The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Saint Bernard Parish, LA

The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company (AGS),¹ filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 3.50-mile rail line between mileposts 1.00-PT and 4.50-PT, near Toca, in Saint Bernard Parish, La.² The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 70085.

AGS has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years, and that overhead traffic, if there were any, could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR

¹ AGS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

² Service on the line (plus an additional segment between mileposts 0.00-PT and 1.00-PT) was discontinued in 2006 pursuant to Board authorization in *Alabama Great Southern Railroad—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Saint Bernard Parish, La.*, Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 273X) (served July 18, 2006).