

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration****Notice of Availability of Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments on the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation, which includes preliminary Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determinations for two newly identified Section 4(f) properties.

DATES: By this notice, FTA requests that comments to the Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation must be received by February 25, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Loster, FTA Regional Counsel at (312) 353-3869, kathryn.loster@dot.gov; Maya Sarna, FTA Office of Environmental Programs at (202) 366-5811, maya.sarna@dot.gov. Comments may be submitted to Nani Jacobson, Assistant Director, Environmental and Agreements, Metro Transit-Southwest LRT Project Office, 6465 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 500, St. Louis Park, MN 55426 or via email at swlirt@metrotransit.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FTA is releasing an Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation (Amended Evaluation) for the Southwest LRT Project (Project), evaluating two additional Section 4(f) properties in the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Federal Lead Agency: FTA.

Project Sponsor: Metropolitan Council.

Project Description: The proposed project is a 14.5-mile light rail transit service that would connect downtown Minneapolis to the southwestern region of the metropolitan area through the cities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie, Minnesota. The Amended Evaluation includes FTA's preliminary determination of *de minimis* impact on two park properties located within the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota. Pursuant to 23 CFR 774.5, FTA requests public and agency comments only on the two properties discussed in Amended Evaluation. Comments received on the Amended Evaluation and the preliminary Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determinations will be

included, and responded to, in the Project's Final EIS, which will include the Southwest LRT Final Section 4(f) Evaluation.

To obtain a copy of the Amended Evaluation, please visit the Project's Web site at www.swlirt.org or by request by contacting Nani Jacobson at swlirt@metrotransit.org or Maya Sarna at maya.sarna@dot.gov.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 303.

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Marisol Simon,

Regional Administrator, FTA, Chicago, Illinois.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0121]

Developing Evidence Based Fatigue Risk Management Guidelines for Emergency Medical Services

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is announcing a meeting that will be held in Washington, DC on February 2nd, 2016 to announce a new initiative and accept comments from the public about the development of voluntary evidence-based guidelines (EBGs) for fatigue risk management tailored to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) occupation. The meeting will include presentations by NHTSA and the project team. These presentations will address the following: (1) A brief overview of the potential dangers of drowsy and fatigued driving and the work of EMS practitioners, including the risk of traffic crashes and providing patient care; (2) a summary of the project goals and methods for coming to consensus on EBG fatigue risk management guidelines, (3) the plan for dissemination of EBGs, and (4) additional project related activities and information. Due to space limitations, attendance at the meeting is limited to invited participants and those who register in advance. Time for comment and questions from attendees will be included. Written comments can also be made on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 2nd, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Conference Center of the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. J. Stephen Higgins, Telephone: 202-366-3976; email address: james.higgins@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is announcing a meeting that will be held in Washington, DC on February 2nd, 2016 to announce a new initiative and accept comments from the public about the development of voluntary evidence-based guidelines (EBGs) for fatigue risk management tailored to the EMS occupation. This initiative (<http://www.ems.gov/pdf/nemsac/2013/NEMSAC-AdvisoryFatigueJan2013.pdf>) was started at the behest of the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (NEMSAC), a congressionally authorized Federal Advisory Committee; sponsored by NHTSA; and the work performed by the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO). The fatigue risk management guidelines for the EMS community will be developed by an interdisciplinary team of sleep and fatigue scientists, Evidence Based Guideline (EBG) development specialists, and experts in emergency medicine and EMS. Final results and dissemination are expected within the next two years. The evidence based fatigue risk management guidelines will be widely disseminated across the EMS community through publications, presentations, and at national stakeholder meetings.

The meeting will be attended by members of the project team, the EBG panel, members of the public, and members of the EMS community. The meeting will begin with short presentations by NHTSA staff and the project team discussing the dangers of drowsy and fatigued driving and work, a summary of the project goals and methods for coming to consensus on the guidelines, the eventual dissemination of the guidelines, and additional project related activities. A majority of the time in the meeting will be set aside to accept questions and comments from the registered attendees after the brief initial presentations. This is to ensure that the voluntary fatigue risk management guidelines will address the needs of the entire and diverse EMS community. Due to space limitations, attendance at the meeting is limited to invited participants and those who register in advance. All attendees must bring

government issued identification to gain admittance to the DOT Building. Those who do not register in advance may not be able to attend because of limited space in the DOT Conference Center. To register please contact J. Stephen Higgins by email: james.higgins@dot.gov or by phone: 202-366-3976 (email preferred).

Public Comment: Members of the public are encouraged to comment either in person at the meeting or at <http://www.regulations.gov>. In order to allow as many people as possible to provide comments at the meeting, speakers are requested to limit their remarks to 5 minutes. You may submit written comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number NHTSA-2015-0121 using any of the following methods:

Electronic submissions: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Fax: 1-(202) 493-2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the Docket number for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>

www.regulations.gov including any personal information provided.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30182; 23 U.S.C. 403

Mike Brown,

Acting Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

Adjustment to Rail Passenger Transportation Liability Cap

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice details the adjustment made to the rail passenger transportation liability cap under section 11415 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (December 7, 2015). As a result of the FAST Act, the rail passenger transportation liability cap is raised from \$200,000,000 to \$294,278,983.

DATES: This adjustment will go into effect 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding this notice, please contact Stephanie Lawrence, Office of Policy and Planning, Federal Railroad

Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 20, Washington, DC 20590; Email: stephanie.lawrence@dot.gov; Phone: (202) 493-1376; Fax: (202) 493-6333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice: The Department of Transportation is publishing the inflation adjusted index factors for the rail passenger transportation liability cap under 49 U.S.C. 28103(a)(2), as directed by section 11415 of the FAST Act. The index methodology ensures that the allowable awards to all rail passengers, against all defendants, for all claims, including claims for punitive damages, arising from a single accident or incident is based on current dollars and is adjusted for inflation from the \$200,000,000 cap that went into effect on December 2, 1997.

Under the FAST Act, the index is adjusted to the date of enactment of the FAST Act using the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers. The index is based on the month of the original liability cap and the last full month prior to the enactment of the FAST Act on December 7, 2015 (December 1997 to November 2015, the last available month of the monthly index). Thereafter, the FAST Act directs the Secretary to update the liability cap every fifth year after the date of the FAST Act's enactment. The table below shows the Index and inflator FRA used to calculate an inflation adjusted amount of \$294,278,983.

PASSENGER LIABILITY CAP INFLATION ADJUSTED INDEX AND INFLATION FACTOR

| Month | Index | Inflator | Liability cap |
|---------------------|--------|----------|---------------|
| December 1997 | 161.30 | 1.00 | \$200,000,000 |
| November 2015 | 237.34 | 1.47 | 294,278,983 |

The adjustment of the rail passenger transportation liability cap to \$294,278,983 shall be effective 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Anthony R. Foxx,

Secretary of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Interest Rate Paid on Cash Deposited to Secure U.S. Immigration and Customs; Enforcement Immigration Bonds

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending on March 31, 2016, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Immigration Bond interest rate is 0.14 per centum per annum.

ADDRESSES: Comments or inquiries may be mailed to Sam Doak, Reporting Team Leader, Federal Borrowings Branch, Division of Accounting Operations, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328. You can download this notice at the following Internet addresses: <http://www.treasury.gov> or <http://www.federalregister.gov>.

DATES: Effective January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Charlton, Manager, Federal Borrowings Branch, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328, (304) 480-5248; Sam Doak, Reporting Team Leader, Federal Borrowings Branch, Division of Accounting Operations, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328, (304) 480-5117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal law requires that interest payments on cash deposited to secure immigration bonds shall be "at a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, except