of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(*l*)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before July 7, 2010. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeremy Ketchum, Caltrans Senior Environmental Planner, 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833 or call (916) 274–0621 or e-mail *jketchum@dot.ca.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Effective July 1, 2007, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that the Caltrans has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(*l*)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of California: Caltrans proposes to improve the safety of State Route 16 between the town of Brooks and Interstate 505 in Yolo County by realigning the highway and constructing 8-foot shoulders and a 20-foot clear recovery zone for the length of the project (excluding the towns of Capay and Esparto). The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, approved on December 3, 2009, in the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued on December 3, 2009, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The EA, FONSI, and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the addresses provided above. The Caltrans EA and FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at *http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/projects/yolo16/documents.html*, or viewed at the Esparto Public Library located at 17065 Yolo Avenue, in Esparto, during normal business hours.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4351]; Federal Aid-Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].
2. *Air:* Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)].
3. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and section 1536], Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661–667(d)], Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16U.S.C. 703–712].
4. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470]; Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].
5. *Social and Economic:* Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)–2000(d)(1)]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201–4209]; Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.
6. *Hazardous Materials:* Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601–9675.
7. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C. 1344].
8. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management: E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 139(*l*)(1).

Issued on: January 4, 2010.

**Cindy Vigue,**

*Director, State Programs, Federal Highway Administration, Sacramento, California.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Innovative Technology Administration

### Invitation for Public Comment on Strategic Research Direction, Research Priority Areas and Performance Metrics To Guide Departmental Strategic Plan for Research, Development and Technology Activities (2010—2015)

**AGENCY:** Research and Innovative Technology Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) is providing notice that it is engaging in a strategic planning effort that will guide the Department's research, development, and technology activities as required by SAFETEA–LU. The Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA)'s Office of Research, Development, and Technology (RD&T) is coordinating this effort in collaboration with partner modal administrations and offices across the U.S. DOT. As recommended by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the National Research Council (NRC), RITA and its partners are seeking public stakeholder input on research strategies and metrics necessary to achieve U.S. DOT strategic transportation goals and to drive transportation policy in both the short and long terms.

The U.S. DOT's research, development, and technology (RD&T) efforts and outcomes play critical roles in attaining the vision of a safe, truly multimodal transportation system that provides the traveling public and U.S. businesses with safe, convenient, affordable and environmentally sustainable transportation choices. A previous DOT Research, Development, and Technology Strategic Plan was published in 2006 and served as a compendium of modal research pursuits at that time. The Department is now pursuing a more cross-modal, collaborative and strategic planning process to cover the years 2010–2015 and to address the proposed Departmental key priorities as outlined in the Background section.

**DATES:** *Comment Period:* Written comments should be submitted by February 8, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by RITA Docket ID Number RITA 2009–0005 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* 202–493–2251.

Instructions: Identify docket number, RITA 2009–0005, at the beginning of your comments. To receive confirmation that DOT received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard containing the Docket number.

All comments received by DOT will be posted at *http://www.regulations.gov.*

All comments/questions will be posted electronically without change or edits, including any personal information provided.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments/questions filed in our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment or question (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, corporation, business entity, labor union, *etc.*). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit *http://DocketInfo.dot.gov.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** M.J. Fiocco, Office of Research, Development and Technology, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Telephone Number (202) 366–8018, or E-mail—*mj.fiocco@dot.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Background

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU) enacted in 2005 called for the U.S. DOT to develop a strategic plan to guide its RD&T activities. The strategic plan being pursued as outlined in this notice addresses this requirement and also responds to feedback from the National Research Council's review (*http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/reports/letterreport_usdotrd&tplan.pdf*) of an earlier plan, published in 2006, "Transportation Research, Development and Technology Strategic Plan 2006–2010" (*http://www.rita.dot.gov/publications/transportation_rd_t_strategic_plan/pdf/entire.pdf*), and the recommendations of the GAO report published in 2006, "Transportation Research: Opportunities for Improving the Oversight of DOT's Research Programs and User Satisfaction with Transportation" (*http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d06917.pdf*).

The U.S. DOT, with leadership and coordination from its Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), is engaged in an ongoing collaborative process involving all of the U.S. DOT operating administrations. Two cross-modal bodies participate in this process: the RD&T Planning Council (composed of the heads of the operating administrations, the Under Secretary for Policy, and other senior U.S. DOT leaders) and the RD&T Planning Team, which includes the Associate Administrators for RD&T in each operating administration. Through this **Federal Register** notice, the U.S. DOT is seeking input from stakeholders including individual citizens, members of the private sector, the academic community, non-governmental organizations, and other interested parties.

Stakeholder suggestions for strategic research direction, research priority areas and performance metrics for research outcomes should be aligned, if possible, with the new key priorities for the Department, that will be set forth in the U.S. DOT's 2010–2015 Strategic Plan (which is still in development) for all federal transportation programs and activities. Other high priority research areas also are invited. Stakeholder suggestions also should provide overall guidance for DOT RD&T activities over the next five years and provide a high level view of appropriate research areas. Suggestions for longer term research needs also are welcome. These DOT key priorities include:

- Safety—Fostering a safety culture in our daily work and encouraging our partners, stakeholders and the public to redouble their efforts to reduce transportation-related fatalities and injuries.
- Livable Communities—Creating livable communities that provide residents with affordable transportation options to promote increased access to jobs, school, health services, and other activities for our citizens while improving the quality of life in their communities.
- State of Good Repair—Adequately maintaining and modernizing our vast, existing infrastructure to maximize its reliability, capacity and performance, to reduce operational and replacement costs and to extend the system's useful life.
- Economic Competitiveness—Achieving the maximum economic impact from our transportation investments and lay the groundwork for long-term economic growth and prosperity.
- Environmental Sustainability—Advancing transportation policies and investments that reduce carbon emissions and consumption of fossil fuels as well as protecting and enhancing natural resources.

The RD&T strategic planning process is collaborative, cross-modal, and forward looking, focusing on articulating the U.S. DOT's key research priorities with measurable outcomes over the next five years. The process is taking a department-wide, systems-level view of the multimodal transportation system, and is setting strategies to address research areas that stress a multi-modal-oriented perspective as well as a modal-specific and modal-funded perspective. The strategies described in the plan will be designed to ensure that RD&T resources are invested wisely to achieve measurable improvements in our Nation's transportation system.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 23, 2009.

**Robert L. Bertini,**

*Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

### RTCA Government/Industry Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Government/Industry Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Government/Industry Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held February 11, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at FAA Headquarters, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Bessie Coleman Conference Center (2nd Floor), Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; Web site *http://www.rtca.org. METRO: L'Enfant Plaza Station (Use 7th & Maryland Exit*).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for the Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting. The agenda will include:

- Opening Plenary (Welcome and Introductions)
- Trajectory Operations (TOps) Work Group Status Report
- NextGen Implementation Work Group (NGIWG) Report, Discussion, and Next Steps
- Airspace Work Group Annual Report and Recommendations
- Closing Plenary (Other Business, Adjourn)

**Note:** Please arrive in the FAA lobby by 9:30 a.m. to allow ample time for security and check in procedures.