

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arlene Nelson, ACIEP Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Room 6828, Main State, Washington, DC 20520.

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**William J. McGlynn,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Amtrak Reform Council; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Amtrak Reform Council.

**ACTION:** Notice of special public outreach meeting with South/South Central State Departments of Transportation.

**SUMMARY:** As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Amtrak Reform Council (ARC) gives notice of a special public outreach meeting of the Council with representatives from the South/South Central states. At the special meeting, the Council will hear from, among others, representatives from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia, to discuss all aspects of intercity railroad passenger service, including corridor service, in the South/South Central region of the country. The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator from Texas, is scheduled as the Keynote Speaker.

**DATES:** The Special Public Outreach meeting will be held on November 8, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Dallas Union Station (attached to the Hyatt Regency Dallas), 400 S. Houston Street, Dallas, TX 75207.

**ADDRESSES:** The Meetings will held in Pullman Room B, Dallas Union Station (attached to the Hyatt Regency Dallas), 400 S. Houston Street, Dallas, TX 75207, telephone at the Hyatt (214) 651-1234. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for

achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the ARC provide an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after two years, the ARC has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals specified under the ARAA and, if not, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA provides that the ARC consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and Congressional leaders. Each member is to serve a five-year term.

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**Thomas A. Till,**  
*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation (DOT) announces a meeting of the DOT Partnership Council (the Council). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Council will meet on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, room 10214, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The room is located on the 10th floor.

**TYPE OF MEETING:** These meetings will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should contact DOT to obtain appropriate accommodations.

**POINT OF CONTACT:** Jean B. Lenderking, Corporate Human Resource Leadership Division, M-13, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., room 7411, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-8085.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to brief the Council on the Federal Employees

Cancer Warmline, the Life with Cancer Signature Project in memory of the late American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) President John Sturdivant; status report on Phase II of DOT labor-management climate study; and initiatives/options for enhancing partnership efforts throughout DOT.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** We invite interested persons and organizations to submit comments. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Ms. Jean Lenderking at the address shown above. Comments should be received by November 12, 1999 in order to be considered at the November 17th meeting.

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For the Department of Transportation.

**John E. Budnik,**

*Associate Director, Corporate Human Resource Leadership Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Loudon, Roane, Anderson, and Knox Counties, TN

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed project in Loudon, Roane, Anderson, and Knox Counties, Tennessee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles S. Boyd, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 640 Grassmere Park, Suite 112, Nashville, TN 37211, Telephone (615) 781-5770.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to connect Interstate 40 with Interstate 75 from near the current I-40/I-75 interchange in Loudon County, near Lenoir City, Tennessee, to an area north and east in Anderson County, near the interchange of I-75 and State Route 61. The proposed project is considered necessary to improve the operation and safety of these affected interstate highways.

Alternatives to be considered include: (1) taking no action; (2) three build alternatives consisting of different