DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6437]

Announcement of a Meeting of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) to prepare for an April 19–30 meeting of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) Study Group 13 (Future networks including mobile and Next Generation Networks).

The ITAC will meet by conference call to prepare advice for the U.S. government for the meeting of ITU–T Study Group 13 (Future networks including mobile and Next Generation Networks) on March 26, 10 a.m.—noon Eastern Time. Access to the conference bridge may be obtained on request to the ITAC Secretariat, minardje@state.gov or at (202) 647–3234. This meeting is open to the public and the public will have an opportunity to provide comments at this meeting. Any requests for reasonable accommodation should be made at least seven days before the meeting. All such requests will be considered; however, requests made after that date might not be possible to fulfill. Those desiring further information on this meeting may contact the Secretariat at minardje@state.gov or at (202) 647–3234.


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Preparation of an Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Impact Statement for High Capacity Transit Improvements for the Indianapolis Northeast Corridor in the Indiana Counties of Marion and Hamilton

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA), the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (Indianapolis MPO) and Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo) intend to prepare an Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Impact Statement (AA/EIS) relating to proposed high capacity transit improvements in the Northeast Corridor located in the Indiana counties of Marion and Hamilton. The study area is an approximately 23-mile long travel corridor extending from downtown Indianapolis to the northern parts of Noblesville and includes the communities of Carmel and Fishers. Options to be considered include No-Build, Transportation System Management (TSM), Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and Commuter Rail. The AA/EIS will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations. The AA/EIS process provides opportunities for the public to comment on the scope of the EIS, including the project’s purpose and need, the alternatives to be considered, and the impacts to be evaluated. The southern terminal of all alternatives will be Union Station or an adjacent transit center in downtown Indianapolis.

The purpose of this notice is to alert interested parties regarding the intent to prepare the AA/EIS, to provide information on the nature of the proposed project and possible alternatives, to invite public participation in the AA/EIS process, including comments on the scope of the EIS as proposed in this notice, to announce that public scoping meetings will be conducted, and to identify participating agency contacts. This input will be used to assist decisionmakers in determining a locally preferred alternative (LPA) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Northeast Corridor. Upon selection of an LPA, the project sponsors will request permission from FTA to enter into preliminary engineering per requirements of New Starts regulations 49 CFR Part 611. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be issued after FTA approves entrance into preliminary engineering.

Dates, Times, and Locations:
Comment Due Date: Written comments on the purpose and need for the proposed improvements, and the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to the Indianapolis MPO by April 30, 2010. Public scoping meetings to accept comments on the scope of the study will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 17 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Julia Carson Government Center located at 300 E Fall