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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc., Special Committee 172; Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118-137 MHz)

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 Special Committee 172 meeting to be held September 9-12, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: Tuesday, September 9: (1) Plenary Convenes at 9:00 a.m. for 30 minutes; (2) Introductory Remarks; (3) Review and Approval of the Agenda; (4) Working Group (WG)-2, VHF Data Radio Signal-in-Space MASPS, Continue Work on VDL Modes 2 and 3. Wednesday, September 10: (a.m.) (5) WG-2 Continues; (p.m.) (6) WG-3, Review of Activities in VHF Digital Radio MOPS Document Program. Thursday, September 11: (7) WG-3 Continues. Friday, September 12: (8) Plenary Reconvenes at 9:00 a.m.: (9) Review and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting; (10) Reports from WG's 2 & 3 Activities; (11) Report on VDL Activities; (12) Reports on TDMA Industry Users Session; (13) EUROCAE WG-47 Report and Discussion of Schedule for Joint Meeting with WG-3; (14) Review Issues List and Address Future Work; (15) Other Business (Address FAA Request for Possible Revisions to DO-186A); (16) Dates and Places of Next Meetings.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Janice L. Peters,
Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Environmental Impact Statement on the Phase 1A Extension of Tren Urbano

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration and the Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority intend to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for transportation improvements in the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico, as part of the Tren Urbano rail rapid transit project in the San Juan metropolitan area. The SEIS is intended to be a supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Tren Urbano, San Juan Metropolitan Area, issued in November 1995.

The SEIS for the Phase 1A project covers the extension of the original line past its currently approved eastern terminus at Segrado Corazón station to a new terminus at Minillas, a distance of approximately 1,500 meters. In addition to the No Action Alternative, two remaining "Build" alternatives for the extension will be considered, designated as Alternatives A and B. Each includes an underground station at Minillas and a station between Segrado Corazón and Minillas. The intermediate station in Alternative A is located on an aerial structure, while in Alternative B the intermediate station is underground.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of alternatives to be considered and impacts to be studied should be sent to the Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority's Tren Urbano Project Office by October 6, 1997. See **ADDRESSES** below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the project scope should be sent to Carlos A. Colón, Deputy Executive Director, Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority, P.O. Box 42007, San Juan, PR 00940-2007, FAX (787) 722-1321.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan E. Schruth, Regional

Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region IV, (404) 562-3500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Study Area and Project Need

The Tren Urbano project now under construction will provide rail transit facilities along a 17.2-km route connecting the areas of Bayamón, Guaynabo, Río Piedras, Hato Rey and Santurce in the San Juan metropolitan area. The double-tracked transit line will include segments at grade, on aerial structures and in a subway, depending on right-of-way and physical and urban factors. The Phase 1A extension of the line will bring rail transit facilities further into the Santurce residential, business and government district by connecting the Minillas area to the rest of the Tren Urbano system.

Alternatives

The No Action alternative, which includes the committed Tren Urbano line already under construction, will serve as the baseline for the evaluation of the "Build" alternatives below, and any additional alternatives generated through public comments or other sources. Several alignments were considered for the expansion before the final two were selected for formal analysis in the Draft SEIS. The alternatives eliminated were dropped due to their adverse consequences on estimated project costs, their contribution to excessive urban disruption or design and engineering difficulties. The remaining two "Build" options proposed for further analysis have been designated Alternative A and Alternative B. They each encompass a route extension of approximately 1,500 meters and include an underground station in the Minillas area, although in differing configurations. Each alternative also includes an intermediate station between the current terminal station at Segrado Corazón and the proposed Minillas station.

Alternative A: Elevated Alignment along PR-1 and PR-22

This alternative would extend the elevated structure west from the end of the tail tracks at Segrado Corazón station along the north service road of PR-1 from Segrado Corazón Street to the interchange of PR-1 and PR-22. The alignment would cross over the roadway of PR-22 turning to the north to be parallel with PR-22 on the west side of the roadway. The elevated guideway would descend into a depressed cut south of Fernández Juncos Avenue and continue in an open cut to an

underground station south of Ponce de León Avenue. Tail tracks would extend underground parallel to PR-22 north, beyond Ponce de León to approximately Latimer Street. In addition to the center platform station at Ponce de León, an intermediate stop would be built along PR-1 at Los Angeles Street. This station would be elevated and have side platforms.

Alternative B: Underground Alignment along Ponce de León Avenue

This alternative is the currently approved alignment by the Puerto Rico Planning Board, and has been in the Plan Vial for the San Juan Metropolitan Region since the Board and the Governor approved it in 1982. Under this alternative, the extension of Tren Urbano would be via an underground alignment beneath Ponce de León Avenue. Similar to the previous alternative, two stations would be constructed. As part of this alternative, both stations would be underground. The alignment would extend west from the Sagrado Corazón station along the north marginal road of PR-1 until west of Pedro de Castro Street. At this point, the alignment would curve northwest and descend to a tunnel portal south of Fernández Juncos Avenue. The Minillas station would be located immediately west of PR-22 under Ponce de León and have a center platform. The tail tracks would extend to a point west of Dos Hermanos Street. An intermediate center platform station would be located at or near the corner of Fidalgo Díaz Avenue.

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Susan E. Schruth,

Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. PS-142; Notice 8]

Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program; Electronic Update

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, September 17, 1997, the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) will sponsor the second in a series of satellite-based video presentations on the status of the Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program. The broadcast will show how communities can learn

about demonstration projects in their area, and the potential benefits that may result. It will be aired as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Education Network (EENET) 150th broadcast, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, and will be easily accessible nationwide. Meaningful community involvement and effective communication are critical elements in the success of the Demonstration Program.

DATE: The electronic update broadcast will be aired on September 17, 1997, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eben M. Wyman, (202) 366-0918, or by e-mail (eben.wyman@rspa.dot.gov), regarding the subject matter of this Notice. Contact the Dockets Unit, (202) 366-5046, for other material in the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Demonstration Program tests an innovative regulatory approach to achieving superior safety performance by allowing pipeline operators to customize safety activities. OPS aired an electronic town meeting on June 5, 1997, to discuss the risk management program and candidate projects. Based on feedback received from this effort, OPS is using this method as a regular feature of risk management communication efforts. During the June 5th live broadcast, viewers had an opportunity to pose questions and voice concerns to OPS, State, industry and community representatives. OPS is seeking ways to expand the audience to include local safety and environmental protection officials as well as other community representatives. These broadcasts are also available via new Internet technology, which provided the information via linkage to properly equipped personal computers. Links to the show and necessary software to view it are found at the Town Meeting Homepage. The Internet address is: <http://ops.dot.gov/tmvid.htm>. Videotapes of these broadcasts are available to loan to interested parties from their State pipeline safety office, or from OPS Headquarters. Individuals can request to borrow a copy of the June 5th videotape via the OPS Homepage (<http://ops.dot.gov>), or by contacting OPS by e-mail (pipeline.safety@rspa.dot.gov). During the coming months while OPS is evaluating candidate projects, stakeholders are encouraged to ask questions and provide information they feel is relevant.

OPS programs will be broadcast via EENET, which has been broadcasting for

more than ten years and has an extensive audience in the emergency services and emergency management communities. By using EENET, OPS has the opportunity to involve thousands of public safety and emergency management officials who routinely receive these programs. EENET sites use the widely available "backyard satellite dish" technology.

Here are the ways you can watch this broadcast:

- View the broadcast via Internet (address <http://ops.dot.gov/tmvid.htm>).
- Contact your local television cable company and ask if they will carry this EENET video broadcast.
- Contact your local government cable access office for specific information. Many local governments have dedicated internal cable systems which carry programs such as these to their offices and other facilities.
- Use a local facility which has a TeleVision Receive-Only ("dish"). Many schools (elementary, secondary, and community colleges), hospitals, or local hotels and motels have these facilities.
- Rent a portable TeleVision Receive-Only ("dish") and have it set up at your viewing place.
- Set up a TeleVision Receive-Only ("dish") at your viewing facility.

The technical information necessary to align the receiver dish with one of the satellites is:

C-Band

Galaxy 6
Transponder 11
Downlink Freq: 3920 MHz
Audio Frequency: 6.2/6.8
Location: 74 degrees West
Polarity: Horizontal

KU-Band

SBS 6
Transponder 14
Downlink Freq: 12043.5 MHz
Audio Frequency: 6.2/6.8
Location: 74 degrees West
Polarity: Vertical

A technical test will be shown 15 minutes before broadcast. For additional information, call EENET at 1-800-527-4893.

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Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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