

Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of PTC. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PTC-98-01 and should be submitted by April 29, 1998.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-PTC-98-01) be and hereby is approved.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket 37554]

Notice of Order Adjusting the Standard Foreign Fare Level Index

Section 41509(e) of Title 49 of the United States Code requires that the Department, as successor to the Civil Aeronautics Board, establish a Standard Foreign Fare Level (SFFL) by adjusting the SFFL base periodically by percentage changes in actual operating costs per available seat-mile (ASM). Order 80-2-69 established the first interim SFFL, and Order 98-01-32 established the currently effective two-month SFFL applicable through March 31, 1998.

In establishing the SFFL for the two-month period beginning April 1, 1998, we have projected non-fuel costs based on the year ended December 31, 1997 data, and have determined fuel prices on the basis of the latest available experienced monthly fuel cost levels as reported to the Department.

By Order 98-4-5 fares may be increased by the following adjustment factors over the October 1979 level:
Atlantic: 1.3794
Latin America: 1.5089

Pacific: 1.5764

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Keith A. Shangraw (202) 366-2439.

By the Department of Transportation:

Dated: April 2, 1998.

Charles A. Hunnicutt,

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement:
Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, Okeechobee, Saint Lucie, Indian River, Brevard, Ocala, Orange, Polk, and Hillsborough Counties in Florida

AGENCIES: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA and FRA are issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed Florida High Speed Rail project between Miami, Orlando, and Tampa, Florida.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
George Hadley, Environmental Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration, 227 North Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, (850) 942-9594 and/or Mark Yachmetz, RDV-13, Chief of Passenger Programs, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., MS-20, Washington D.C. 20590, (202) 632-3855.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA and FRA in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation, will prepare an EIS for a proposal to construct a high speed rail project between Miami, Orlando, and Tampa, Florida. The project would be approximately 320 miles long. The proposed project includes acquisition of right of way, construction of guide way structures and track, stations, park and ride lots, storage and maintenance facilities, and other ancillary facilities. The facilities would be built to allow trains to operate at speeds up to 200 miles per hour. The high speed rail would provide service to business and tourist travelers.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) the "no build alternative; and, (2) build alternatives in a variety of corridors. The corridor alternatives traverse areas where various social, economical, and environmental resources and issues are believed to exist. The resources and issues include

but are not limited to: wetlands, cultural resources, water quality issues including sole source aquifers, safety, residential and business relocations, wildlife and habitat, farmland, and land use planning, parklands, economic, and floodplains.

Notices describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been and will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and to private organizations and citizens who have expressed an interest in this proposal. Interagency and public meetings and public hearings will be held in several locations in the project area. Information on the time and place of the public meetings and hearings will be provided in the appropriate local news media. There are tentative plans to hold a scoping meeting in or near Orlando, Florida on May 12, 1998.

Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to insure the full range of issues related to the proposed action and alternatives are addressed and all significant issues are identified. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the address provided above.

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

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J.R. Skinner,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Coordinating Council on Sunday, May 3, 1998. The following designations are made for each item: (A) is an "action" item; (I) is an "information item;" and (D) is a "discussion" item. The agenda includes the following: (1) Call to Order and Introductions (I); (2) Statements of Anti-Trust Compliance and Conflict of Interest (A); (3) Approval of Last

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Meeting's Minutes (A); (4) Federal Report (I&D); (5) ITS America IVI Activities; (6) Update on Board Governance Policy Task Force; (7) Report of the Planning Committee; Strategic Plan Update/National Research Agenda (D); (8) ITS in Nagano Winter Olympic Games (I/D); (9) Professional Capacity Building Update (I); (10) FCC Frequency Petition Update (I); (11) ITS America Web Site; (12) Report on the ITS World Congresses (I/D); (13) ISTEA Reauthorization Update (I/D); (14) APTA/ITS America Memorandum of Understanding (I/D); (15) ITS America 8th Annual Meeting Update (I/D); (16) Roundtable Discussion of Committee and Task Force Activities—Committee and Task Force Chairs (I/D); (17) Other Business. *Additional Information:* DSRC Status Report and Coordinating Council Meeting Dates.

ITS AMERICA provides a forum for national discussion and recommendations on ITS activities including programs, research needs, strategic planning, standards, international liaison, and priorities. The charter for the utilization of ITS AMERICA establishes this organization as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 USC app. 2, when it provides advice or recommendations to DOT officials on ITS policies and programs. (56 FR 9400, March 6, 1991).

DATES: The Coordinating Council of ITS AMERICA will meet on Sunday, May 3, 1998, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Standard time).

ADDRESSES: The Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan, 48243. (No street address provided.) Mackinac Ballroom. Phone: (313) 568-8000 and Fax: (313) 568-8118.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20024. Persons needing further information or to request to speak at this meeting should contact Kenneth Faunteroy at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-4130, or by FAX at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Mary Pigott, FHWA, HVH-1, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-9230. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

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Jeffrey Paniati,

Deputy Director, ITS Joint Program Office.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors on Wednesday, May 6, 1998. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. The letter designations that follow each item mean the following: (I) Is an information item; (A) is an action item; (D) is a discussion item. The General Session includes the following items: (1) Introductions and ITS America Antitrust Policy and Conflict of Interest Statements; (2) Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes (A); (3) Review and Acceptance of Election Results: Installation of New Board Members (A); (4) Election of New Officers of the Board of Directors (A). Then, there will be a transfer of the gavel from the outgoing Chairman to the incoming Chairman. (5) Federal Report (A); (6) Appointment of At-large Coordinating Council Members (A); (7) Appointment of State Chapters Council Officers (A); (8) Coordinating Council Report (I/D); (9) State Chapters Council Report (I/D); (10) President's Report (I/D); (11) Eighth Annual Meeting Update and Report of the World Congresses (I); (12) Plans for Board of Directors Workshop (August 4-5, 1998) (I/D); (13) Report on ITS in Japan; (14) ISTEA Reauthorization Update; (15) ITS Awareness Program Plans (I/D); (16) Other Program Business.

4 p.m. Business Session (Board Members, ITS America Members, and Staff only.) (17) President Search Committee Report (I); (18) Report of the Membership Committee (I); (19) Report of the Administrative Policy and Finance Committee (I/D); (20) Bylaws Committee Report (A); (21) Governance Policy Discussion (I/D); (22) New Board of Directors Committee Assignments (A); (23) Other Business; (24) Adjournment until August 4-5, 1998, Board of Directors Workshop in Savannah, GA.

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Jeffrey Paniati,

Deputy Director, ITS Joint Program Office.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, IRS Citizen Advocacy Panel; Notice of Solicitation of Panel Members for the South Florida Tax District

The Department of the Treasury is establishing IRS Citizen Advocacy Panels to provide independent monitoring of the quality of IRS customer service and to make recommendations to improve that service throughout the country. The first Citizen Advocacy Panel (CAP) will be formed in the South Florida Tax District which includes the counties of Broward, Dade, Monroe, Charlotte, Collier, De Soto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Sarasota, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie. An independent consulting firm, Booz-Allen and Hamilton, Inc., is accepting applications for membership in the South Florida CAP between April 6 and April 24, 1998. The South Florida CAP will be operational in the spring of 1998.

The mission of the Panel is to provide citizen input into enhancing IRS