

IRLWWB to determine how best to implement an adaptive management strategy in the medium and long term planning and activities of both the IRLWWB and the Commission in the basin.

Stakeholder Concerns: The views of stakeholders, as heard through the Commission and Study Board engagement and hearings, will be communicated to governments.

Engagement with Indigenous Communities: The Commission endorses the Study Board's recommendations regarding improving engagement and collaboration with Tribes, First Nations, and Métis communities.

Public input is essential to the Commission's rendering of a final decision to proceed with the proposed changes to the management of emergency levels and flows of the Rainy and Namakan Lakes, and to the Commission's perspective on changes to the operations and guidance provided to the Water Levels Committee, engagement with Tribes, First Nations, and Métis, and adaptive management.

The International Joint Commission was established under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to help the United States and Canada prevent and resolve disputes over the use of the waters the two countries share. Its responsibilities include investigating and reporting on issues of concern when asked by the governments of the two countries.

Under the Rainy Lake Convention, the IJC determines when emergency conditions exist in the Rainy Lake watershed, by reason of high or low water, and adopts measures of control with respect to the dams at Kettle Falls and International Falls-Fort Frances. For more information, visit the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ijc.org>.

Charles A. Lawson,

Secretary, U.S. Section, International Joint Commission, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Government/Industry Aeronautical Charting Forum Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the bi-annual meeting of the Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) Aeronautical Charting Forum (ACF) to discuss informational content and design of aeronautical charts and related products, as well as instrument flight procedures development policy and design criteria.

DATES: The ACF is separated into two distinct groups. The Instrument Procedures Group (IPG) will meet October 24, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Charting Group will meet October 25 and 26, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and October 27, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the AOPA National Aviation Community Center, 296 Bucheimer Road, Frederick, MD 21701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information relating to the Instrument Procedures Group, contact John Bordy, FAA, Flight Procedures Standards Branch, AFS-420, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125; telephone: (405) 954-0980.

For information relating to the Charting Group, contact Valerie S. Watson, FAA, Aeronautical Information Services, Governance & Standards, AJV-553, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, Station 3409, Silver Spring, MD 20910; telephone: (301) 427-5155.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Instrument Procedures Group agenda will include briefings and discussions on recommendations regarding pilot procedures for instrument flight, as well as criteria, design, and developmental policy for instrument approach and departure procedures.

The Charting Group agenda will include briefings and discussions on recommendations regarding aeronautical charting specifications, flight information products, and new aeronautical charting and air traffic control initiatives.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by October 6, 2017, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements and/or new agenda items to the forum by providing a copy to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section not later than October 6, 2017. Public statements will only be considered if time permits.

Valerie S. Watson,

Co-Chair, Aeronautical Charting Forum.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in Vermont

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C.139(J)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, the Middlebury Bridge and Rail Project on Main Street and Merchants Row over the Vermont Western Rail Corridor in the Town of Middlebury, Addison County, Vermont. Those actions grant approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(J)(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 January 12, 2018. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Mr. Kenneth R. Sikora, Jr., Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 87 State Street, Room 216, Montpelier, Vermont 05602; telephone: (802) 828-4573; email: Kenneth.Sikora@dot.gov. The FHWA Vermont Division Office's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (eastern time). For the Vermont Agency of Transportation: Mr. Wayne Symonds, Project Supervisor, Vermont Agency of Transportation, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, Vermont 05633; telephone: (808) 828-0055; email: Wayne.Symonds@vermont.gov. The Vermont Agency of Transportation's normal business hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (eastern time).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FHWA, has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(J)(1) by issuing approvals for the following highway project in the State of Vermont: The Middlebury Bridge and Rail Project, Federal-aid Project Number WCRS(23), in the Town of Middlebury, Addison County. The project provides for the replacement of Bridges No. 102 and No. 2, carrying Vermont Route 30/ Town Highway 2 (Main Street) and Town Highway 8 (Merchants Row) respectively, over the Vermont Western Rail Corridor (VWRC) railroad track in downtown Middlebury. The bridges

will be replaced by constructing a single tunnel to carry the railroad under both Main Street and Merchants Row. The general purposes of the project are to improve safety, address the deteriorated conditions that have developed at both bridges, and to meet current roadway and railroad design standards. Because of the foreseeable need to provide for increased rail height during the design life of the structure, the project includes lowering the grade of the railroad for approximately 3,600 feet along the rail corridor. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Revised Environmental Assessment (REA) for the project, approved on July 21, 2017, in the FHWA Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued on July 21, 2017, and/or in other documents in the FHWA project files. The REA, FONSI, and other project records are available by contacting the FHWA or the Vermont Agency of Transportation at the addresses provided above. The FHWA REA and FONSI can also be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/middlebury/environmental-assessment-individual-chapters>.

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 and 23 U.S.C. 128].
2. *Land*: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].
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)].
4. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*].
5. *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).

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Environmental Program Manager, Montpelier, Vermont.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2006–25837]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on July 27, 2017, the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at Title 49 CFR part 219, *Control of Alcohol and Drug Use*. FRA assigned the petition docket number FRA–2006–25837.

CATS has provided rail fixed guideway public transit service in the Charlotte, North Carolina metropolitan area since 2007 with its original 9.6-mile Blue Line system that operates from South Charlotte to Center City Charlotte. This portion features a shared corridor with Norfolk Southern Railway (NS), including separation of track centers by 40 feet or more and limited connections with NS at two shared highway-rail grade crossings at East Hebron Street and Sweden Road. CATS and NS signal and train control employees maintain their own respective crossing equipment. CATS is currently constructing a 9.3-mile extension of this Blue Line (LYNX BLE) which will provide service from Center City Charlotte to a terminus on the University of North Carolina campus with revenue service expected to begin by March 31, 2018. This extension will again share a corridor with NS, including a 75-foot track center separation and one limited connection with NS at a shared highway-rail grade crossing at 16th Street. CATS employees will continue to maintain crossing equipment on the CATS side of the corridor only, with NS employees maintaining the equipment on the NS side.

CATS seeks relief from 49 CFR part 219 because it is already in compliance with Federal Transit Administration drug and alcohol regulations at 49 CFR part 655. CATS asserts this compliance provides an equivalent level of safety consistent with FRA's alcohol and drug regulations in part 219. CATS states that such a waiver will not result in any

reduction in safety at the highway rail grade crossings it shares with NS and will preserve consistency throughout the CATS system for already-existing alcohol and drug policies.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax*: 202–493–2251.
- *Mail*: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery*: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by September 29, 2017 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See