

and car-hire agreement at 425 Third Street SW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20024; and on the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association at 50 F Street NW., Suite 7020, Washington, DC 20001.

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Decided: December 22, 2015.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Tia Delano,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35802]

#### Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority—Construction and Operation Exemption—in Lake County, TN

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Issuance of Draft Environmental Assessment; Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board’s (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in response to a petition for exemption filed on June 27, 2014 by the Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority (NWTRPA) to construct and operate an approximately 5.5 mile line of railroad in Lake County, Tennessee. The proposed rail line would connect the Port of Cates Landing, a river port located on the Mississippi River, with an existing line of railroad operated by the Tennken Railroad at a connection near Tiptonville, Tennessee. The proposed rail line would provide rail service to customers at the Port of Cates Landing and at the Lake County Industrial Park, a proposed industrial park located adjacent to the Port of Cates Landing.

The EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts of three alternative rail alignments, as well as the No Action Alternative and preliminarily concludes that construction of the proposed rail line connection would have no significant environmental impacts if the Board imposes and NWTRPA implements the recommended mitigation measures set forth in the EA. The entire EA is available on the Board’s Web site ([www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)) by clicking on the “Decisions & Notices” button that

appears in the drop down menu for “ELIBRARY,” and searching by Service Date (December 28, 2015) or Docket Number (FD 35802).

**DATES:** The EA is available for public review and comment. Comments must be postmarked by January 27, 2016. OEA will consider and respond to comments received on the Draft EA in the Final EA. The Board will issue a final decision on the proposed transaction after issuance of the Final EA.

**Filing Environmental Comments:** Comments submitted by mail should be addressed to: Josh Wayland, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423. Comments on the Draft EA may also be filed electronically on the Board’s Web site, [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov), by clicking on the “E FILING” link. Please refer Docket No. FD 35802 in all comments, including electronic filings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Josh Wayland by mail at the address above, by telephone at 202–245–0330, or by email at [waylandj@stb.dot.gov](mailto:waylandj@stb.dot.gov).

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.

**Tia Delano,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 728]

#### Policy Statement on Implementing Intercity Passenger Train On-Time Performance and Preference Provisions of 49 U.S.C. 24308(c) and (f)

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Statement of Board Policy.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is issuing a proposed Policy Statement to provide guidance to the public regarding complaint proceedings under 49 U.S.C. 24308(f) and related issues under 49 U.S.C. 24308(c). The Board seeks public comment on the proposed Policy Statement, and may revise it, as appropriate, after consideration of the comments received.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed Policy Statement are due February 22, 2016. Reply comments are due March 14, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott M. Zimmerman, (202) 245–0386.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information is contained in the Board’s decision. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV).

Decided: December 16, 2015.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Begeman, and Commissioner Miller.

**Brendetta S. Jones,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel’s Special Projects Committee

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel’s Special Projects Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, January 14, 2016 and Friday, January 15, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Vinci at 1–888–912–1227 or 916–974–5086.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel’s Special Projects Committee will be held Thursday, January 14, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time and Friday, January 15, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Mountain Time at the IRS Office, 5338 Montgomery Blvd. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109–1338. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited time and structure of meeting, notification of intent to participate must be made with Kim Vinci. For more information please contact Kim Vinci at 1–888–912–1227 or 916–974–5086, or write TAP Office, 4330 Watt Ave. Sacramento, CA 95821–7012 or contact us at the Web site: