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Subject: New Starts Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Publication Update

Program Area: New and Small Starts

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This advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) seeks public comment regarding the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Starts and Small Starts project justification criteria. In particular, FTA seeks public input on how to improve its calculation of "cost effectiveness," including whether FTA should measure quantifiable benefits other than reduced travel time. In addition, FTA seeks comment on how it should evaluate environmental benefits and economic development effects. Information gathered from this ANPRM will inform FTA's broader effort, next year, to amend the regulations that govern its New Starts and Small Starts programs.

Comments must be received by August 2, 2010. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable. The public should know the dates, times, and locations of the first two public outreach sessions are as follows: (1) Monday, June 7, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., EST, 500 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina (Raleigh Convention Center); (2) Tuesday, June 8, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., PST, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2R7 (Hyatt Regency Hotel) at the APTA 2010 Rail Conference. (The Federal Register (FR) Notice incorrectly lists the start time of this session as 2:30 p.m.) Please check the FR to learn about future ANPRM outreach sessions.

You may submit comments identified by the docket number FTA-2010-0009 by any of the following methods:

1. **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site.
2. **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
3. **Mail:** U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
4. **Hand Delivery:** U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

You must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and Docket number (FTA-2010-0009) for this notice at the beginning of your comments. You should submit two copies of

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your comments if you submit them by mail. If you wish to receive confirmation that FTA received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided and will be available to internet users. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the FR published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The complete notice may be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-13423.pdf>.

Contact Elizabeth Day, Office of Planning and Environment, (202) 366-5159; for questions of a legal nature, Christopher Van Wyk, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1733. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Sincerely,



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