

31/2012 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Parishes:* (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):

Assumption, Saint Helena, Saint James, Terrebonne, Washington.

*Contiguous Parishes/Counties:*

(Economic Injury Loans Only):

Louisiana:

East Feliciana, Iberia, Saint Martin, Saint Mary.

Mississippi:

Marion, Walthall.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8025]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Tokyo 1955-70: A New Avant-Garde"

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Tokyo 1955-70: A New Avant-Garde," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, from on or about November 18, 2012, until on or about February 25, 2013, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of

the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6467). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: September 6, 2012.

**J. Adam Erel,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC); Renewal

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA announces the charter renewal of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC), a Federal Advisory Committee that works with industry and the public to improve the development of the FAA's regulations. This charter renewal will take effect on September 17, 2012, and will expire after 2 years.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Renee Butner, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-5093; fax (202) 267-5075; email [Renee.Butner@faa.gov](mailto:Renee.Butner@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the FAA is giving notice of the charter renewal for the ARAC. The ARAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to FAA on regulatory matters. The ARAC is composed of member organizations and associations that represent the various aviation industry segments. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. See the ARAC Web site for details on pending tasks at [http://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/).

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on September 10, 2012.

**Lirio Liu,**

*Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Comment Period Extension for the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the California High-Speed Train Project Fresno to Bakersfield Section

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), United States Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of comment period extension.

**SUMMARY:** FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the comment period for the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section of the California High-Speed Train (HST) Project (Project) issued on June 20, 2012 has been extended and shall now end on October 19, 2012. FRA and the Project sponsor, the California High Speed Rail Authority (Authority), made this decision to be responsive to stakeholder requests and to encourage comprehensive public participation. FRA is the lead Federal agency and Authority is the lead state agency for the environmental review process. Public hearings were held on August 27, August 28, and August 29, 2012, in the Cities of Fresno, Hanford, and Bakersfield, CA respectively.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Supplemental Draft EIS for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section should be provided to the California High-Speed Rail Authority on or before October 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the Supplemental Draft EIS should be sent to the California High-Speed Rail Authority, EIR/EIS Comments, 770 L Street, Suite 800, Sacramento, CA 95814, or may be submitted online at [Fresno\\_Bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:Fresno_Bakersfield@hsr.ca.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Valenstein, Chief, Environment and Systems Planning Division, Office of Railroad Policy and Development, Federal Railroad Administration, U.S., Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., MS-20, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: 202-493-6368).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Once completed, the California HST system will provide intercity, high-speed passenger rail service on more than 800 miles of tracks throughout California, connecting the major population centers of Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area, the Central Valley, Los Angeles, the Inland Empire, Orange County, and San Diego. It will use state-of-the-art,

electrically powered, high-speed, steel-wheel-on-steel-rail technology, including contemporary safety, signaling, and automated train-control systems, with trains capable of operating up to 220 miles per hour (mph) over a fully graded-separated, dedicated double track alignment. The HST System is comprised of multiple sections, one of which is the Fresno to Bakersfield Section analyzed in the Supplemental Draft EIS.

This project-level EIS tiers off of the Statewide Program EIS published in 2005 and the Bay area to Central Valley Program EIS published in 2008 and builds on the earlier decisions and Program EISs. The Fresno to Bakersfield Section is comprised of a 114-mile dedicated, double-track high-speed passenger rail corridor between Fresno and Bakersfield, CA. The Project includes stations in downtown Fresno and Bakersfield, and a possible Kings/Tulare Regional Station in the vicinity of Hanford, CA. A heavy maintenance facility for assembly, testing, and commissioning of trains, train inspection and service, and train overhaul may be construction in the Fresno to Bakersfield Section.

In August 2011, FRA issued a Draft EIS and circulated the document for a 60-day public and agency review and comment period. The Draft EIS analyzed a no action alternative and various action alternatives for the construction and operation of the California HST Project Fresno to Bakersfield Section including alignment alternatives and station locations. FRA and Authority held three public hearings on the Draft EIS held in Fresno, Hanford, and Bakersfield on September 20, September 21, and September 22, 2011 respectively to collect public comments.

Based on substantive comments received during the public and agency review of the Draft EIS, the Authority and FRA decided to reintroduce alignment alternatives west of Hanford. In response to concerns raised by stakeholders in metropolitan Bakersfield, FRA and the Authority also decided to evaluate another alternative in Bakersfield (Bakersfield Hybrid Alternative) in an effort to minimize impacts to residential and community facilities. The FRA and Authority determined that the introduction of these new alternatives and refinements being considered for existing Fresno to Bakersfield route alternatives required preparation of a Supplemental Draft EIS under NEPA and a Revised Draft EIR under CEQA.

Consistent with the provisions of NEPA Section 102(2)(c) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental

Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500 *et seq.*), FRA's Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts (64 FR 28545, May 26, 1999), the Supplemental Draft EIS describes the Project's purpose and need, identifies the reasonable range of alternatives including the no action alternative, evaluates the potential environmental effects associated with those alternatives, and identifies mitigation measures to minimize potential environmental effects.

Copies of the Supplemental Draft EIS are available online at FRA's Web site: [www.fra.dot.gov](http://www.fra.dot.gov); the Authority's Web site: [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov); and are also available for viewing at the following locations near the planned rail system:

- Fresno County Public Library, Central Branch, Central Reference Department, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, CA;
- Fresno County Public Library, Clovis Regional Library, 1155 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA;
- Fresno County Public Library, Laton Branch, 6313 DeWoody Street, Laton, CA;
- Kern County Library, Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA;
- Kern County Library, Corcoran Branch, 1001 Chittenden Avenue, Corcoran, CA;
- Kern County Library, Delano Branch, 925 10th Avenue, Delano, CA;
- Kern County Library, Shafter Branch, 236 James Street, Shafter, CA;
- Kern County Library, Wasco Branch, 1102 7th Street, Wasco, CA;
- Kings County Library, Hanford Branch (Main Library), 401 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA;
- Kings County Library, Lemoore Branch, 457 C Street, Lemoore, CA;
- Tulare County Library, Visalia Branch (Main Library), 200 West Oak Avenue, Visalia, CA; and
- Tulare Public Library, 475 North M Street, Tulare, CA.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 7, 2012.

**Corey Hill,**

*Director, Rail Project Development and Delivery.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Surface Transportation Board**

[Docket No. FD 35670]

**Iowa Traction Railway Company—  
Acquisition and Operation  
Exemption—Rail Line of Iowa Traction  
Railroad Company**

Iowa Traction Railway Company (Iowa Railway), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Iowa Traction Railroad Company (Iowa Railroad) and to operate a 10.4-mile rail line extending from milepost 0.0 at Mason City to milepost 10.4 at Clear Lake in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa (the Line). Iowa Railway states that the acquisition and operation of the Line do not involve any interchange commitments.

In a related proceeding, Progressive Rail Incorporated has concurrently filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of Iowa Railway upon Iowa Railway's becoming a Class III rail carrier. *Progressive Rail Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Iowa Traction Ry.*, Docket No. FD 35671.

The transaction may be consummated on or after September 30, 2012 (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

Iowa Railway certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than September 21, 2012 (at least 7 days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35670, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: September 11, 2012.