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Greta Peisch,

General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the ARAC.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Requests to attend the meeting must be received by Monday, February 28, 2022.

Requests for accommodations to a disability must be received by Monday, February 28, 2022.

Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than Monday, February 28, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public who wish to observe the meeting must RSVP by emailing 9-awa-arac@faa.gov. General committee information including copies of the meeting minutes will be available on the FAA Committee website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lakisha Pearson, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-4191; fax (202) 267-5075; email 9-awa-arac@faa.gov. Any committee-related request should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The ARAC was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), in accordance with Title 5 of the United States Code (5 U.S.C. App. 2) to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA concerning rulemaking activities, such as aircraft operations, airman and air agency certification, airworthiness standards and certification, airports, maintenance, noise, and training.

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- Approval of Minutes
- Status Updates
 - Active Working Groups
 - Transport Airplane and Engine (TAE) Subcommittee
- Recommendation Reports
- FAA Updates

Detailed agenda information will be posted on the FAA Committee website address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section at least one week in advance of the meeting.

III. Public Participation

This virtual meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to register via email by submitting the following information: Full legal name, country of citizenship, and name of your industry association, or applicable affiliation, to the email listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. When registration is confirmed, registrants will be provided the virtual meeting information/teleconference call-in number and passcode. Callers are responsible for paying associated long-distance charges.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to

providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

The FAA is not accepting oral presentations at this meeting due to time constraints. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time. The public may present written statements to ARAC by providing a copy to the Designated Federal Officer via the email listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 7, 2022.

Brandon Roberts,

Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2022-0009]

Rescission: Equitable Economic Recovery and Workforce Development Through Construction Hiring Pilot Program

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As a result of a provision in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, that authorizes a recipient or subrecipient of a grant provided under title 23 or 49, United States Code, to implement a local or other geographical or economic hiring preference relating to the use of labor for construction of a project funded by the grant subject to applicable State and local laws, FTA is rescinding the Equitable Economic Recovery and Workforce Development Through Construction Hiring Pilot Program (Pilot Program).

DATES: Effective February 10, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dana Nifosi, Deputy Chief Counsel, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590, 202-366-4011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On May 21, 2021, FTA announced an initiative to permit FTA recipients and subrecipients to utilize geographic, economic, or other hiring preferences on FTA-funded

construction projects. (86 FR 27672). The initiative was carried out as a pilot program for a period of four years and the purpose of the program was to provide flexibility to utilize hiring preferences to promote equitable creation of employment opportunities and workforce development activities, particularly for economically or socially disadvantaged workers, while evaluating the impact of such preferences on full and open competition and project delivery. This initiative implemented Section 199B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116–260), a provision that has been included in prior Appropriations Acts since Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 that authorizes the Secretary to permit States and local governments to implement geographic, economic, or other hiring preferences not otherwise authorized by law, subject to certain mandatory certifications that the recipient must make. Through this Pilot Program, FTA also intended to exercise flexibility recently granted to Federal agencies by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to support recipients and subrecipients in achieving equitable economic recovery from the COVID–19 pandemic. Additionally, the pilot program advanced Executive Order 13985, “Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government,” issued on January 20, 2021, by supporting workers in overcoming barriers to obtaining successful, long-term careers in the transit construction industry.

Reason for Recission: Section 25019 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Section 25019), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58), authorizes recipients or subrecipients of Federal funds under title 23 or 49, United States Code, to implement certain hiring preferences related to the use of labor for construction projects. Specifically, Section 25019 provides that a “recipient or subrecipient of a grant provided by the Secretary under title 23 or 49, United States Code, may implement a local or other geographical or economic hiring preference relating to the use of labor for construction of a project funded by the grant, including prehire agreements, subject to any applicable State and local laws, policies, and procedures.” In addition, this provision specifically states that the use of such preferences “shall not be considered to unduly limit competition.” Therefore, FTA will not engage in or have a role in evaluating the effects on competition,

if any, of labor or hiring preferences expressly authorized by Section 25019.

FTA has determined that because Section 25019 provides an express authorization for FTA recipients and subrecipients to utilize a local or other geographical or economic hiring preference relating to the use of labor for the construction of a project funded under title 49, United States Code, FTA recipients and subrecipients no longer must request approval from FTA through the Pilot Program to utilize such preferences. Additionally, the certification requirements of Section 199B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 do not apply to hiring preferences authorized by Section 25019 because such requirements only apply to hiring preferences “not otherwise authorized by law.”

FTA has determined there are no hiring preferences eligible for FTA approval under the Pilot Program that are not authorized by Section 25019, and so such preferences going forward are subject to Section 25019, not Section 199B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. Accordingly, FTA has concluded that the Pilot Program no longer is necessary, and hereby rescinds it.

Nuria I. Fernandez,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2022–0004]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describe the nature of the information collection and their expected burdens.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 14, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/

PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

Comments are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tia Swain, Office of Administration, Management Planning Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop TAD–10, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–0354 or tia.swain@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13, Section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On November 1, 2021 FTA published a 60-day notice (86 FR 60332) in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments on the ICR that the agency was seeking OMB approval. FTA received one comment on January 1, 2022 after issuing this 60-day notice. The commentor suggested that although implied, FTA specifically include a reference to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 in the wording of future **Federal Register** Notices. FTA has a robust ADA program that is separate from this information collection, however we have added the reference to this **Federal Register** Notice and all future notices so it is explicitly clear FTA supports and enforces the ADA. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for