

The objective of this meeting is to review the progress of the Committee's five subcommittees. The meeting is open to public participation through live stream at <http://www.state.gov/s/sacsed/c47725.htm>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 16, 2012, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC.

Written comments may be submitted to Madeleine Ioannou via email to civilsociety@state.gov or facsimile to (202) 736-7880. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Room 1317, Washington, DC 20520. Please call ahead to (202) 736-7824 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madeleine Ioannou, Committee Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Room 1317, Washington, DC 20520; (202) 736-7308; civilsociety@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public and will be streamed live at: <http://www.state.gov/s/sacsed/c47725.htm>. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Presentations by the Chairs of the Subcommittees, (3) Discussion of any Public Submissions, (4) General Discussion, (5) Adjournment. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff by sending an email to civilsociety@state.gov.

Dated: April 25, 2012.

Madeleine Ioannou,

Office of the Senior Advisor for Civil Society and Emerging Democracies, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Twenty-First Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 203, Unmanned Aircraft Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Meeting Notice of RTCA Special Committee 203, Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the twenty-first meeting of RTCA Special Committee 203, Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 22-25, 2012, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1150 18th Street, NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC, 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC, 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of Special Committee 203. The agenda will include the following:

May 22, 2012 Opening Plenary Session

- Welcome/Introductions/
Administrative Remarks
- Approval of Twentieth Plenary
Summary
- Chairperson/Leadership Updates
- Designated Federal Official (DFO)
Update
- Schedule Status
- Workgroup Updates
- Plenary Adjourns

Mid Morning/Afternoon

- Workgroup Breakout Sessions
 - Systems Engineering Workgroup
 - C&C Workgroup
 - S&A Workgroup
 - Safety Workgroup

Wednesday, May 23

- All day-Workgroup Breakout Sessions

Thursday, May 24

- All day-Workgroup Breakout Sessions

Friday, May 25

- 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.—Workgroup
Breakout Sessions
- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Plenary
Reconvenes
 - Workgroup Back Briefs
 - Other Business
 - Closing Plenary Session
 - Other Business
 - Date, Place, and Time for Plenary
Twenty-Two
 - Plenary Adjourns

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 24, 2012.

John Raper,

*Manager, Business Operations Branch,
Federal Aviation Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Washington, DC

AGENCY: U.S. Federal Highway Administration, District of Columbia Division; District of Columbia, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in coordination with the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) in Washington, DC is issuing this notice to advise agencies and the public that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be prepared to assess the impacts of the proposed reconstruction of the Virginia Avenue Tunnel in Washington, DC. The tunnel is owned and operated by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX), and is an integral feature of CSX's freight rail network that encompasses about 21,000 route miles of track in 23 states, the District of Columbia and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The tunnel's reconstruction requires FHWA approval due to temporary construction impacts to the Southeast Freeway (I-695) and use of I-695 air rights.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Highway Administration, District of Columbia Division: Mr. Michael Hicks, Environmental/Urban Engineer, 1900 K Street, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20006-1103, (202) 219-3513; or Mr. Faisal Hameed, Manager, Project Development & Environmental Division, Infrastructure Project Management Administration, District of Columbia, Department of Transportation, 55 M Street, SE., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 671-2326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental review of the reconstruction of Virginia Avenue Tunnel will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371, et seq.), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), FHWA Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR 771.101–771.137, et seq.), and all applicable Federal, State, and local government laws, regulations, and policies.

The EIS will replace the Environmental Assessment (EA) currently being prepared by FHWA and DDOT for the proposed reconstruction of Virginia Avenue Tunnel. Engineering, environmental and public involvement work or activities associated with the EA preparation conducted to date will be incorporated into preparing the EIS. Cooperating agencies will be notified of FHWA's intent to prepare an EIS for the proposed reconstruction of Virginia Avenue Tunnel. Notices will also be given to other agencies, private organizations, citizens, and interest groups that have previously expressed or are known to have interest in the project. Public input will continue to be solicited through the ongoing public involvement and outreach effort.

Public Scoping Meetings: DDOT has solicited public and agency comments on the proposed action through public scoping, including public meetings held on September 14, 2011 and November 30, 2011. To ensure that the full range of issues is identified early in the process, comments are invited from all interested and/or potentially affected parties. The location and time for any future public meeting will be publicized in at least one local daily newspaper. Written comments will be accepted throughout this process and can be forwarded to Faisal Hameed at the address provided above. Any future meeting will also be announced on the project Web site accessible at <http://www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com>. Meeting materials will be available at all public meetings and after the meetings from the project Web site. At all future meetings, oral and written comments may be given. Comments may also be sent to Faisal Hameed at the above project Web site.

Description of Primary Study Area and Transportation Needs

Virginia Avenue Tunnel is located in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, DC beneath eastbound Virginia Avenue SE from 2nd Street SE (west portal) to 11th Street SE (east portal), a distance of approximately 3,800 feet. This section of Virginia Avenue SE is adjacent to or in close proximity to the U.S. Marine Corps recreation facility, National Park Service properties, residences and a few

businesses. The Southeast Freeway abuts the north side of Virginia Avenue SE throughout nearly all the project limits.

In order to meet the freight transportation needs of the 21st century, the capacity and condition of freight rail infrastructure must keep pace. Overall freight tonnage is projected to increase by 50 percent in 2040 from 2010 levels, and freight rail is expected to accommodate a substantial share of the future increase demand for freight land transportation in the U.S. The current deficiencies of Virginia Avenue Tunnel prevent CSX from operating their freight rail network in the manner needed to meet the projected freight transportation demand through the District of Columbia. The interior height and width of Virginia Avenue Tunnel do not meet the needs of modern freight rail infrastructure due to its single track arrangement and the inability to accommodate double-stack intermodal container freight trains. The single-track presents a bottleneck in the system, preventing fluid operations along CSX's mainline rail network. Built over 100 years ago, the tunnel is nearing the end of its useful life and is subject to an ever increasing level of maintenance and repairs. During construction of the project, which may last approximately three years, CSX must be able to maintain freight transport through the District of Columbia. Determining how CSX will maintain their freight rail transport through the District of Columbia during reconstruction of the tunnel will be part of the environmental review for this project.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205 Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations and implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

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Joseph C. Lawson,
Division Administrator, District of Columbia Division, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Madison County, IL

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice of intent to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposed transportation project in Alton and Godfrey, Illinois in an area bounded roughly by IL Route 3 on the south; Seminary Road on the east; Seiler Road on the north and US 67 on the west.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Norman Stoner, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 3250 Executive Park Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 492-4640.
Omer Osman, Deputy Director of Highways, Region 5 Engineer, Illinois Department of Transportation, 1102 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, Illinois 62234, Phone: (618) 346-3110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a project that involves improved transportation flow, safety and connectivity in Alton and Godfrey, Illinois. Improved connectivity will focus on IL Route 3 and IL Route 255. Possible alternatives include: No Action, an upgrade of existing roadways and connections, or roadways on new alignment with new connections.

IDOT has initiated a scoping process that involves all appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, consulting parties, private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) is being used for this project and a Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP) has been developed. A public hearing will be held to present the findings of the Draft EIS. Public notice will be given regarding the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

There are sensitive resources within the study area. These resources include schools, a Centennial farm, wetlands, Coal Branch Creek, the West Fork of Wood River, and areas with highly erodible soils. Sites within the study area listed on the National Register of Historic Places include the Benjamin Godfrey Mansion, Benjamin Godfrey Memorial Chapel, and Gilman Hall at Lewis and Clark Community College and Bierbaum Monument and Levis Tomb at Oakwood Cemetery. There is potential for archaeological sites within the study area. No formal neighborhood groups are within the study area. However, there are several residential subdivisions and cohesiveness and character of neighborhoods as well as noise impacts will need to be further