

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-C2-2012-024. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of C2. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-C2-2012-024 and should be submitted on or before September 28, 2012.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>31</sup>

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration**

**Environmental Impact Statement for the Northeast Corridor Between Washington, DC, New York, NY, and Boston, MA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to extend the formal comment period for scoping to October 19, 2012.

**SUMMARY:** FRA is issuing this Notice of Intent (Notice) to advise the public and Federal, state, and local agencies of the extension of the formal comment period for the NEC FUTURE program scoping process. The Notice of Intent to prepare a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate potential passenger rail improvements between Washington, DC, New York City, and Boston, MA was published in the **Federal Register** on June 22, 2012. The formal comment period for scoping was scheduled to close on Friday, September 14, 2012. In response to requests from the public provided in public testimony at Scoping meetings held from August 13th through August 22nd at nine different venues between Washington, DC and Boston, Massachusetts, FRA has decided to extend the formal comment period until Friday, October 19, 2012. **DATES:** Comment period extended from Friday, September 14, 2012 to Friday, October 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are encouraged to comment on-line at the NEC FUTURE Web site ([www.necfuture.com](http://www.necfuture.com)), via email at [info@necfuture.com](mailto:info@necfuture.com), or by mail at the address below. For Further Information or Special Assistance Contact: Rebecca Reyes-Alicea, USDOT, Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Railroad Policy & Development, Mail Stop 20, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590; by email at [info@necfuture.com](mailto:info@necfuture.com); or through the NEC FUTURE Web site ([www.necfuture.com](http://www.necfuture.com)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FRA is leading the planning and environmental evaluation of the Northeast Corridor (NEC) in close coordination with the involved states, Northeast Corridor Infrastructure and Operations Advisory Commission (NEC Commission), Amtrak, and other stakeholders. The purpose of the NEC FUTURE program is to define current and future markets for improved rail service and capacity on the NEC, develop an integrated passenger rail transportation solution to incrementally meet those needs, and create a regional planning framework to engage stakeholders throughout the region in the development of the program.

The materials that were presented at the Scoping meetings held from August 13th to August 22nd, including a narrated PowerPoint presentation and display boards, will be available on the NEC FUTURE Web site

([www.necfuture.com](http://www.necfuture.com)). To ensure that all significant issues are identified and considered, all interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed scope of environmental review, project purpose and need, alternatives to be considered, environmental effects to be considered and evaluated, and methodologies to be used for evaluating effects. Persons with limited internet access may request a hard copy of the Public Scoping meeting materials by contacting Rebecca Reyes-Alicea at the mailing address above. Please direct comments or questions concerning the proposed action and the Tier 1 EIS to the FRA at the above address.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 31, 2012.

**Paul Nissenbaum,**

*Associate Administrator of Rail Policy and Development, Federal Railroad Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration**

**Notice of Meeting of the Transit Rail Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the Transit Rail Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS). TRACS is a Federal Advisory Committee established by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary and the Federal Transit Administrator on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems.

**DATES:** The TRACS meeting will be held on September 20, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and September 21, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contact Iyon Rosario (see contact information below) by September 13, 2012, if you wish to be added to the visitor's list to gain access to the Washington Navy Yard Conference Center.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Washington Navy Yard Conference Center (Navy Yard), Building 211, 1454 Parsons Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20374. Attendees who are on the visitor's/security list can access all three gates (6th St, 9th St, 11th St) by presenting a photo ID to gain entrance to the Navy Yard. The gate in closest

<sup>31</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

proximity to the Washington Navy Yard Conference Center is the gate located on 9th and M Streets, SE. Although this meeting is open to the public, the Navy Yard is a secure government facility. Attendees (both pedestrians and vehicle driver) who have not pre-registered with FTA, must use the Visitor's Gate at 11th and O Streets, SE.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2). As noted above, TRACS is a Federal Advisory Committee established to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems. TRACS is composed of 24 members representing a broad base of expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. The first meeting of TRACS was held on September 9-10, 2010, the second meeting of TRACS was held on April 27-28, 2011, and the third meeting of TRACS was held on February 23-24, 2012. The tentative agenda for the fourth meeting of TRACS is set forth below:

#### Agenda

*September 20-21, 2012*

- (1) Welcome Remarks/Introductions
- (2) Facility Use/Safety Briefing
- (3) MAP-21 Presentation
- (4) Recap of TRACS Activities
- (5) Future TRACS Activities/  
Deliverables
- (6) Public Comments
- (7) Wrap Up

As previously noted, this meeting will be open to the public; however, the Navy Yard is a secured facility and persons wishing to attend must contact Iyon Rosario, Office of Safety and Security, Federal Transit Administration, (202) 366-2010; or at [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov) by close of business September 13, 2012, to have your name added to the security list. Members of the public who wish to make an oral statement at the meeting or seeking special accommodations, are also directed to make a request to Iyon Rosario, Office of Safety and Security, Federal Transit Administration; (202) 366-2010; at [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov) on or before the close of business September 13, 2012. Provisions will be made to include oral statements on the agenda, if needed. Members of the public may submit written comments or suggestions concerning the activities of TRACS at any time before or after the meeting at [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov); or to U.S. Department

of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Office of Safety and Security, Room E45-312, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, Attention: Iyon Rosario. Information from the meeting will be posted on FTA's public Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov> on the TRACS Meeting Minutes page. Written comments submitted to TRACS will also be posted at the above web address.

Issued on: September 4, 2012.

**Peter Rogoff,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council

**ACTION:** National Advisory Council public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration announces that the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC) will hold a meeting to discuss preliminary recommendations that have been developed by the Shipbuilding Subcommittee to support increased efficiency in vessel financing mechanisms and provide adequate ship capacity for marine highway services.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, September 21, 2012, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be conducted in a webinar format. To access the webinar, please contact Richard Lolich at the Maritime Administration as indicated below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Lolich, (202) 366-0704; Maritime Administration, MAR-540, Room W21-310, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001; [richard.lolich@dot.gov](mailto:richard.lolich@dot.gov).

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. App 2, Sec. 9(a)(2); 41 CFR 101-6. 1005; DOT Order 1120.3B.

Dated: August 27, 2012.

**Christine Gurland,**

*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2012-0086]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SOTITO; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 9, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2012-0086. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Williams, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0903, Email [Linda.Williams@dot.gov](mailto:Linda.Williams@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SOTITO is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Passenger charters and harbor tours.

*Geographic Region:* Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey.

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2012-0086 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this