

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee to be held December 12, 1996, in the MacCracken Room, tenth floor, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. The agenda for the meeting will include the Baseline Working Group/recommendations, Universal Access System Project Update, White House Commission recommendations and new legislative requirements. Attendance at the December 12, 1996, meeting is open to the public but is limited to space available. Members of the public may address the committee only with the written permission of the chair, which should be arranged in advance. The chair may entertain public comment if, in its judgment, doing so will not disrupt the orderly progress of the meeting and will not be unfair to any other person. Members of the public are welcome to present written material to the committee at any time. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the Office of the Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591, telephone 202-267-7451.

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Anthony Fainberg,

*Director of Civil Aviation Security, Policy and Planning.*

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## Federal Highway Administration

### Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors on Thursday, January 16, 1997. The session begins with a Business session (non-Federal Board members only) from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. At 2 p.m., the General Program Session (open to all members and observers) is as follows: (1) Review of ITS America Antitrust Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy Statements; (2) Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes; (3) Report of the Executive Committee; (4) Coordinating Council Report; (5) State Chapters Council Report; (6) Report of the U.S.

Federal ITS Initiatives; (7) Report on President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection; (8) Report of Reauthorization Task Force; (9) Report of Board Special Task Force on Private Sector ITS Infrastructure Priorities; (10) President's Report: ITS Identity Campaign; (11) Report of the World Congresses—Orlando Overview and Berlin World Congress Update; (12) Standards Need Timeline; (13) Comparative Analysis Update; (14) Japanese AHS Update; (15) Other Business; (16) Adjournment until next Board Meeting, June 4, 1997, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in conjunction with the Seventh ITS America Annual Meeting.

ITS AMERICA provides a forum for national discussion and recommendations on ITS activities including programs, research needs, strategic planning, standards, international liaison, and priorities. The charter for the utilization of ITS AMERICA establishes this organization as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. app. 2, when it provides advice or recommendations to DOT officials on ITS policies and programs. (56 FR 9400, March 6, 1991).

**DATES:** The Boards of Directors of ITS AMERICA will meet on Thursday, January 6, 1996, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008; (202) 328-2000; Fax: (202) 234-0015.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue SW., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20024. Persons needing further information or who request to speak at this meeting should contact Kenneth Faunteroy at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-4130 or by FAX at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Mary C. Pigott, FHWA, HVH-1, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-9230. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

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### Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Coordinating Council on Tuesday, January 14, 1997. The agenda is as follows: (1) Call to Order and Instructions; (2) Statement of Anti-Trust Compliance; (3) Approval of October 13, 1996, Meeting Minutes; (4) Federal Reports—Modal Administrations; (5) ITS AMERICA President's Report; (6) Sunset-Sunrise Task Force Report; (7) Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) Report; (8) Joint Meteorological Task Force Update; (9) Standards Needs Timeline; (10) Comparative Analysis Update; (11) Japanese AHS Update; (12) ITS Travel Demand Management Workshop Update; (13) Proposal for Task Force on Financial Issues; (14) Integrating GIS-Transportation and ITS Data Workshop Update; (15) World Congress and Annual Meeting Update; (16) Other Business; (17) Adjourn.

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**DATES:** The Coordinating Council of ITS AMERICA will meet on Tuesday, January 14, 1997, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (Eastern Standard time).

**ADDRESSES:** Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008; (202) 234-0700 or Fax: (202) 232-4140 or (202) 232-4158.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## Federal Railroad Administration

### Notification of Funds Availability for Next Generation High-Speed Rail Corridor Studies

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration; Department of Transportation.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-205 (September 30, 1996)), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has \$900,000 in next generation high speed rail funds available for grants to eligible participants for high speed rail corridor planning assistance, including preliminary engineering and operational analysis, and other planning activities. This notice sets forth the criteria by which FRA will make its selection of grant recipients. The FRA strongly supports the advancement of high-speed rail in congested corridors where it can be an important component of a balanced transportation system. Further, FRA believes the development or continuation of high-speed rail in specific corridors should be undertaken as a partnership of states, localities, and the private sector, with support from the Federal government. Pursuant to the Swift Rail Development Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-440 (November 2, 1994)), the Secretary may provide financial assistance to a public agency or group of public agencies for corridor planning for up to 50 percent of the publicly financed costs associated with eligible activities. Not less than 20 percent of the publicly financed costs associated with eligible activities shall come from State and local sources, which State and local sources may not include funds from any Federal programs. (In determining Federal, state and local shares under this provision, private financial assistance is to be first deducted. Then a Federal ceiling of 50 percent and a state and local floor of 20 percent is applied. The state and local funds must exclude funds made available from any Federal program. The remaining 30 percent of the non-private financed portion of the project may be paid for using funds made available to the applicant from other Federal programs).

### Criteria for Funding

Eligible participants are encouraged to submit a request for funding which addresses the following criteria:

1. The level of interest in the chosen corridor demonstrated by State, regional, and local governments and elected officials or other interested groups. Interest can be shown by the past and proposed financial commitments and in-kind resources of State and local governments and the private sector.

2. The extent to which the proposed planning focuses on systems which will achieve sustained speeds of 125 mph or greater.

3. The degree of integration of the corridor into metropolitan area and statewide transportation planning.

4. The potential interconnection of the corridor with other parts of the Nation's transportation system, including the interconnection with other countries.

5. The anticipated effect of the corridor on the congestion of other modes of transportation.

6. Whether the work to be funded will aid the efforts of state and local governments to enhance compliance with Federal environmental laws and regulations.

7. The estimated level of ridership and the estimated capital cost of corridor improvements, including the cost of closing, improving, or separating highway-rail grade crossings.

8. Whether a specific route has been selected, specific improvements identified, and capacity studies completed, and whether the corridor has been designated as a high-speed rail corridor under Section 1010 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, Public Law 102-240 (December 18, 1991).

**Eligible Participants:** Any state government, local government, organization of state and/or local government, or any combination of such entities is eligible to apply for funding.

### DOT Electronic Grants Pilot Project

All applicants are eligible and encouraged to participate in the "DOT Electronic Grants Pilot Project." Through this pilot project, grant applicants will be provided with access to specially designed Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) data screens on DOT's World Wide Web (WWW) homepage. The screens and related system components will enable customers to submit grant applications electronically including the Application for Federal Assistance, SF-424. Applicants will also be provided the

capability to submit proposals as text document attachments to the electronic application.

Future enhancements will provide for electronic submission of grant reports and payment requests.

To participate or for more information, please contact Brad Smith, Federal Railroad Administration, via e-mail at: bradley.smith@fra.dot.gov or tel.: (202) 632-3276.

**Deadline For Requests for Grant Applications:** Eligible participants desiring to apply for this funding should notify FRA by letter, and FRA will respond initially by providing a standard grant application package. For priority consideration, FRA requests that the completed grant application packages be returned to the below address by March 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be submitted to: Honorable Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, ATTN: RDV-11, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John F. Cikota at (202) 632-3264.

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Jolene M. Molitoris,

Federal Railroad Administrator.

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## Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33294]

### Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated—Trackage Rights Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) has agreed to grant limited overhead trackage rights to Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW) between the Conrail/GTW connection on Conrail's North Yard Branch at CP-Vinewood (MP 3.1+), Detroit, MI, and the connection with GTW's existing rights over Conrail (pursuant to an agreement between the parties dated September 27, 1984), at the connection between Conrail and the Ann Arbor Railroad on Conrail's Detroit Line, at Alexis, OH (MP 50.3+).

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after the November 28, 1996 effective date of the exemption.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to attract to rail service certain automotive parts traffic moving between Detroit and Toledo by improving service and transit time.