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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending April 4, 2003

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2003-14869.

Date Filed: April 3, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC12 NMS-AFR 0161 dated 14 March 2002 (Mail Vote 279), Mid Atlantic-Africa Resolutions r1-r10, PTC12 NMS-AFR 0162 dated 14 March 2003 (Mail Vote 280), South Atlantic-Africa Resolutions r11-r23, Minutes—PTC12 NMS-AFR 0163 dated 21 March 2003, Tables—PTC12 NMS-AFR Fares 0079 dated 21 March 2003, PTC12 NMS-AFR Fares 0080 dated 21 March 2003, Intended effective date: 1 May 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2003-14870.

Date Filed: April 3, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC2 EUR 510 dated 4 April 2003, Mail Vote 290—Resolution 010d, TC2 Within Europe Special Passenger Amending Resolution, from Poland to Europe, Intended effective date: 11 April 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Green Line Corridor Transit Project; Baltimore, MD

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) are issuing this notice to advise agencies and the public that, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the FTA and the MTA will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to assess the impacts of potential transit alternatives in the Green Line Corridor. This corridor extends from Johns Hopkins Medical Center north to Morgan State University. The Green Line Corridor Transit Project would serve older dense city neighborhoods in northeast Baltimore and would provide convenient and efficient access between Johns Hopkins Medical Center, the proposed East Baltimore Biotechnology Park, Morgan State University, and the Baltimore City Central Business District, as well as improved connectivity with other transit services in Baltimore and support economic development. The 23-member Advisory Committee to MTA that developed the Baltimore Region Rail System Plan identified growing traffic congestion in the Baltimore region, the need for improved access to jobs, improving air quality and the desire to keep the Baltimore region competitive as important concerns for the Baltimore Region. The Green Line Corridor Transit Project was identified as a priority project for addressing these issues. The project is also included in the Baltimore Region Constrained Long-Range Plan.

The purpose of the Green Line DEIS is to examine the engineering feasibility, potential benefits, costs, and social, cultural, economic, built and natural environmental impacts of feasible alternatives in the corridor to improve transit mobility in the Baltimore metropolitan area. The DEIS will examine and evaluate rail, bus rapid transit (BRT), transportation systems management/transportation demand management (TSM/TDM), and no-build alternatives. Tunnel, surface and/or aerial alignment options will be considered for rail and BRT alternatives.

Scoping Meetings: Public scoping meetings for the Green Line Corridor Transit Project DEIS will be held at times and locations to be held on: June 12—Dunbar High School, 1400 Orleans Street—3:30 p.m.–8 p.m. June 14—Good Samaritan Hospital, 5601 Loch Raven Boulevard—10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Additional meeting dates, times and locations will be announced on the project Web site accessed through <http://www.mtmaryland.com>, and will be published in the following newspapers:

The Baltimore Sun
The Afro-American
The Baltimore Times
The Morgan University Spokesman
The Johns Hopkins Gazette
The Northeast Booster

Scoping material will be available at the meetings and may also be obtained in advance of the meetings by contacting Mr. Lorenzo Bryant, Project Manager, at the address below. Scoping material will also be made available on the project Web site accessed through <http://www.mtmaryland.com>. Oral and written comments may be given at the scoping meetings; a stenographer will be available to record all comments. Information will be made available in both English and Spanish.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the project scope should be sent by August 1, 2003 to Mr. Lorenzo Bryant, Attn: Green Line, Maryland Transit Administration, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-1614, or via e-mail to railplan@mdot.state.md.us. Mr. Bryant may also be reached by calling (410) 767-3754.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you wish to be placed on the mailing list to receive further information as the study develops, contact Mr. Lorenzo Bryant, Project Manager, or Mr. Jamie Kendrick, Project Outreach Manager, at the above address or railplan@mdot.state.md.us. For further information you may also contact Ms. Gail McFadden-Roberts, AICP, Community Planner, Office of Planning and Program Development, Federal Transit Administration, Region III, phone: (215) 656-7100, fax: (215) 656-7260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Scoping

The FTA and MTA invite all interested individuals and organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies to provide comments on the scope of the study. During the scoping process, comments should focus on identifying specific social, cultural, economic, or natural environmental issues to be evaluated and suggest alternatives, which may be less costly or have less environmental impacts, while achieving similar transportation objectives. The objectives of the Green Line Corridor Transit Project are to: connect northeastern Baltimore to Johns Hopkins Medical Center, downtown Baltimore, the major growth area of Owings Mills; serve Morgan State University; provide convenient service to existing neighborhoods; provide connections to