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Designing the Future for Northeast Corridor Begins With Public Scoping Meetings August 13-22

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will hold public scoping meetings as part of the environmental review process for [NEC FUTURE](#), a major initiative to plan for future passenger rail investment in the Northeast Corridor (NEC) between Washington, DC and Boston, MA. The meetings are opportunities for the public to give their input on alternatives for future Northeast Corridor rail service, and to inform them about the NEC FUTURE program. The meetings will be held in each of the eight states and the District of Columbia at 4:30 – 7:30 pm, August 13-22, 2012.

NEC FUTURE will develop a framework for passenger rail capacity and service improvements through 2040, including an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess alternatives for passenger rail improvements in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Draft EIS is expected to be completed mid-2014 with a Final EIS and Record of Decision in 2015. Concurrent with the EIS, the NEC FUTURE program will develop a Service Development Plan (SDP) focused on passenger rail service and possible alternatives for the corridor. Together, the SDP and EIS will comprise the Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan for the NEC.

Who: Federal Railroad Administration's [NEC FUTURE](#)

What: Public Scoping meetings to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the project, ask questions and provide oral and written comments. The comment period ends on Friday, September 14, 2012. Comments may also be submitted on the project website (www.necfuture.com).

When: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and a brief project overview will be presented at 5:30 p.m.

Where:

Boston, MA

August 13, 2012

State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza

New Haven, CT

August 14, 2012

Shubert Theater

247 College Street

Baltimore, MD
August 15, 2012
University of Baltimore, Thumel Conference Facilities
11 W. Mount Royal Street

Newark, NJ
August 15, 2012
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
One Newark Center, 17th Floor

New York, NY
August 16, 2012
Farley Post Office / Moynihan Station
380 W. 33rd Street, Room 4500

Philadelphia, PA
August 20, 2012
SEPTA Board Room Complex
1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level

Wilmington, DE
August 20, 2012
Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French Street

Washington, DC
August 21, 2012
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 N. Capitol St. NE, Suite 300

Providence, RI
August 22, 2012
Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill

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