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To: kprice
Cc: Assenza, Adam; Tabachnick, Alan; Phoebus, Elizabeth (Betsi); McNeish, Sabra
Subject: PIRATE Draft Environmental Assessment now available for review
Attachments: PIRATE_Flyer.pdf

Good afternoon,

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) today for the proposed construction of a new rail line in southeastern Mesa, Arizona by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) in Docket No. FD 36501. The Draft EA analyzes the potential environmental and historic impacts of 6.0 miles of new rail line to connect UP's Phoenix Subdivision main line to industrial properties southeast of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

The Draft EA is available on the Board's website (www.stb.gov) by clicking "Search STB Records" near the top of the home page and searching for "Decisions" using Docket Number "FD 36501."

OEA is now inviting individuals, agencies, tribes, organizations, and other interested parties to submit environmental comments on all aspects of the Draft EA. Commenters may submit written comments electronically through the Board's environmental comment form [here](#). Alternatively, written comments may be mailed to:

Adam Assenza
Surface Transportation Board
Environmental Filing, Docket No. FD 36501
c/o Sabra McNeish, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.
1501 West Fountainhead Parkway, Suite 401
Tempe, AZ 85282

It is not necessary to mail written comments that have been filed electronically. Please refer to Docket No. FD 36501 in all correspondence addressed to the Board, including all comments submitted on the Draft EA.

More information about the Draft EA, including project information, locations to access a printed copy of the Draft EA, and additional instructions on how to submit comments can be found [here](#). Comments on the Draft EA will be due by June 30, 2023.

We invite you to share the attached flyer and announcement of the open comment period with your contacts and through your organization's communication channels.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Adam Assenza by phone at (202) 245-0301 or by email (Adam.Assenza@stb.gov). Thank you for your interest and participation in the Board's environmental review process.

Sincerely,

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New Rail Line In Maricopa County, AZ

Availability of **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD (BOARD), DOCKET NO. FD 36501, Union Pacific Railroad Company - Construction and Operation Exemption - In Maricopa County, AZ**

Submit Your Comments

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is now available for public review and comment. The Draft EA analyzes the potential environmental and historic impacts of approximately 6.0 miles of new rail line in southeastern Mesa, Arizona.

Comments are due to the Board by June 30, 2023.

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To learn more about the proposed rail line and the Draft EA, please visit: bit.ly/3pNXz9s.