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Subject: PIRATE Draft Environmental Assessment now available for review

Good morning,

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:

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Environmental Filing, Docket No. FD 36501
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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.

In addition to the release of the Draft EA, OEA is providing you with a copy of UP's 60 percent plans for the project per your request during agency coordination in spring 2022. You can download the plan set from Jacobs' secure FTP site located here: <https://jftt.jacobs.com/download.aspx?ID=5d94e219-dc29-4f5e-8c44-3b79bbdc1bc1&RID=07fcdb78-bae9-4007-8470-0618687a1ff3>. The link will be open for 14 days.

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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