



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

Notification List

RE: Docket No. FD 36727, CSX Transportation, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation—Rail Line of Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C. & Docket No. FD 36732, Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited and the Kansas City Southern Railway Company, D/B/A CPKC – Acquisition and Operation – Certain Rail Line of Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C., in Lauderdale County, Mississippi and Choctaw and Marengo Counties Alabama

This document lists all Community Leaders and Organizations contacted by the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in connection with the above referenced Dockets No. FD 36727 and 36732. Because EJ populations were identified, OEA conducted additional notification efforts to engage EJ communities, including sending postcards and factsheets to community leaders and organizations (listed below and attached herein).

Community Leaders and Organizations

- Denitta Easterling, Principal, Thelma S. Morris Elementary School
- Lilly Baptist Church
- Strong Tower at Washington Park
- Saints in Action Christian Center
- New Generation Preschool in Montgomery
- Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church
- Fannin Road Baptist Church
- Greater New Hope Baptist Church
- Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission
- Potter's Place Church - Potter's Enrichment Academy
- Idaho Street Church of Christ
- Brown Chapel AME Church
- Tamara Smith, Principal, Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School
- Selma Fire Department
- Exzealia Baptiste, Principal, Clark Elementary School
- The Selma Housing Authority
- Tabernacle Baptist Church
- Tamara Carter, Principal, Payne Elementary School
- Chasity Green, Payne Elementary School
- Stanford Angion, President, Selma University

- John T Morgan Academy
- Meridian Police Department
- Meridian Housing Authority
- Lauderdale County Government Center
- St. Andrew Kim Taegon Parish
- Montgomery Fire Station 2
- Clay Street Baptist Church
- Day Street Baptist Church - Food Distribution Center
- Ark of Safety
- Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal M.I.
- United States Postal Service
- Trinity Memorial Baptist Church
- Montgomery Primitive Baptist Church
- Greater Bible Way Temple
- Old Craig Academic Building (Safe House East)
- Selma Area Food Bank
- Bruce K Craig Elementary
- Southside Primary School
- Barney Childcare and Learning Center
- Summer Grove Missionary Baptist Church
- Selmont Community Baptist Church
- Tipton Durant Middle School
- Greater Peterson Chapel Holiness Church
- New Mission Church
- Selma Memorial Stadium Office
- Byrd Elementary School
- Selma Dallas County Public Library
- USPS
- Shiloh Baptist Church
- Kids Zone Daycare LLC
- Selma Water Works Co
- Selma Distribution Department
- Second Baptist Church
- Plain Truth Church
- Unity Baptist Church
- First Baptist Church
- New Hope Community Center
- Dallas County Court Services
- Christian Outreach Alliance
- Reformed Presbyterian Church
- Saint Pauls Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- Ward Chapel AME Church
- West Trinity Baptist Church

- Houston Park Church of Christ
- Crosspoint Christian Church
- Temple Gate Seventh-Day Adventist Church
- Beloit Community Center
- Greater Mt Calvary AME Church
- Church of the Immaculate Conception
- Orrville Baptist Church
- Orrville United Methodist Church
- Orrville Community Center
- Orrville Town Office
- Orrville Volunteer Fire Department
- Christian Light Cemetery
- Glovers Church
- AL DOT Transportation Department
- Thomaston Town Hall
- Thomaston Fire Department
- United States Postal Service
- St Paul AME Church
- Zaniyah school
- Marengo County Extension Office
- U.S. Army national guard
- Forest Hill Baptist Church
- Linden Baptist Church
- Pennington City Hall
- Bobby Community Center
- United States Postal Service
- Christian Fellowship Baptist Church
- Green Street Baptist Church
- House Of Prayer
- Yantley Fire Department
- Mississippi Children's Museum
- Tommy Tinsdale, Principal, Keith Middle-High School
- Chinita Irby, Principal, Salem Elementary School
- Melvin Flangan-Brown, Dallas County Board of Education
- Rosa Honor
- Constable H Leon Blackmon, Dallas County Courthouse

Attachments:

1. Draft EA Notification Postcard
2. Draft EA Project Fact Sheet
3. Final EA Notification Postcard



THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ISSUES DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR

Proposed Acquisitions of Rail Line Between Meridian, MS and Montgomery, AL

On March 18th, 2024, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for CSX Transportation Inc.'s (CSXT) proposed acquisition and operation of approximately 93.7 miles of rail line from the Meridian and Bigbee Railroad (MNBR) between the cities of Burkville, Alabama, and Myrtlewood, Alabama, (Docket No. FD 36727) and Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited's (CPKC) proposed acquisition and operation of approximately 50.4 miles of rail line from MNBR between Meridian, Mississippi, and Myrtlewood (Docket No. FD 36732) (collectively, Proposed Transactions). The Proposed Transactions involve contiguous sections of the same rail line that run through Lauderdale County, Mississippi; and Choctaw, Marengo, Wilcox, Dallas, Lowndes, and Montgomery Counties, Alabama. If the Board authorizes the Proposed Transactions, CSXT and CPKC project an increase in rail traffic of up to two trains per day. The Draft EA analyzes existing environmental conditions and the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Transactions.



The Draft EA in Docket No. FD 36727 (CSXT's Transaction) and Docket Number FD 36732 (CPKC's Transaction) may be **viewed and downloaded electronically** through the Board's website, **www.stb.gov**, by clicking on the "Decision" link under Recent Decisions or the link in the press release under Latest News. Please refer to Docket No. FD 36727 or 36732 in all correspondence, including e-filings, addressed to the Board.



Printed copies of the Draft EA can be found at Meridian-Lauderdale County Public Library, Marengo County Public Library, Selma Dallas County Public Library, White Hall Public Library, Bertha Pleasant Williams Library at Rosa L. Parks Avenue Branch (Montgomery), and the Rufus A. Lewis Regional Branch Library (Montgomery).

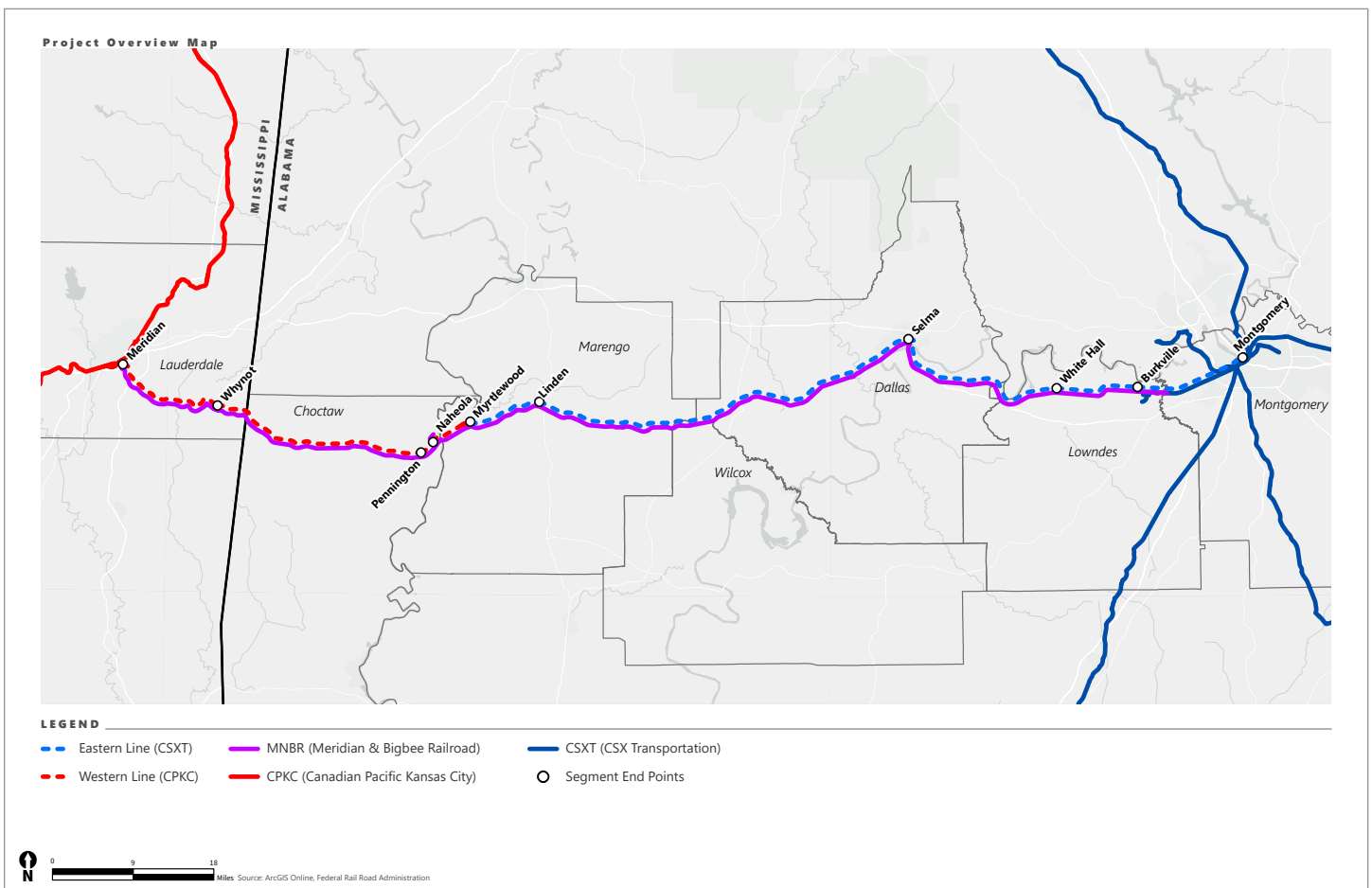


THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ISSUES DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR

Proposed Acquisitions of Rail Line Between Meridian, MS and Montgomery, AL

CSX Transportation (CSXT) and Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) propose to acquire and operate a freight rail line currently owned by the Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C. (MNBR) that runs approximately 155 miles between the cities of Montgomery, Alabama and Meridian, Mississippi in Lauderdale County, Mississippi; and Choctaw, Marengo, Wilcox, Dallas, Lowndes, and Montgomery Counties, Alabama. CSXT would acquire the Eastern Line between Myrtlewood, Alabama and Montgomery and CPKC would acquire the Western Line between Myrtlewood and Meridian.

CSXT and CPKC intend to make investments in the existing track which would improve safety and support higher operating speeds. There will be no construction of new rail lines as a part of the Proposed Transactions. If the Proposed Transactions are approved, CSXT would run up to two more trains (one in each direction) per day on the Eastern Line between Myrtlewood and Montgomery and CPKC would run two more trains (one in each direction) per day on the Western Line between Myrtlewood and Meridian.



What will change as a result of the project?

If the Proposed Transactions are approved, CSXT would run up to two more trains (one in each direction) per day on the Eastern Line between Myrtlewood and Montgomery and CPKC would run two more trains (one in each direction) per day on the Western Line between Myrtlewood and Meridian.

What are the environmental impacts?

Impacts from increased noise caused by the Proposed Transactions could occur at a total of 33 residences across the Eastern and Western lines. However, mitigation recommended by the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), which includes sound insulation for affected residences, would minimize the noise impact.

Who are the parties involved in the project?

The Surface Transportation Board (The Board): is a nonpartisan, independent federal regulatory agency, composed of five presidentially appointed members confirmed by the Senate. The Board has jurisdiction over certain rail transportation matters, including financial transactions such as railroad acquisitions like this one.

The Applicants: CSXT and CPKC, which are two of the six Class I Railroads currently operating in the United States.

What is an Environmental Assessment?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of certain projects prior to making final decisions about approval. An environmental assessment discusses the purpose and need of the project, the various project alternatives, the environmental impacts of those alternatives, and a list of agencies and people that were consulted during the review process.

How can I be involved?

Members of the public can comment on the Draft EA online or via mail. The comments will be addressed in the final version of the EA. Public comments will inform changes made for the Final EA including addition of new analyses or recommended mitigation. The comment period is open for 30 days from March 18th until April 17th

Where can I share my feedback?

Comments can be shared online from March 18th until April 17th at www.stb.gov or by mail, addressed to:

Diana Wood | Surface Transportation Board

Environmental Filing, Docket No. FD 36727
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Elizabeth Webster | Surface Transportation Board

Environmental Filing, Docket No. FD 36732
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Where can I access the Draft EA?

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Contact Information and Hours

Meridian-Lauderdale County Public Library

2517 7th St, Meridian, MS 39301
601-693-6771

www.meridianlauderdalecolibrary.com

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	SATURDAY 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	SUNDAY Closed
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Pennington City Hall

322 County Road 33, Pennington, AL 39616
205-654-2688

www.townofpenningtonalabama.com/home

Marengo County Public Library

210 Shiloh St, Linden, AL 36748
334-295-2246

MONDAY-FRIDAY 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Closed
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Selma Dallas County Public Library

1103 Selma Ave, Selma, AL 36703
334-874-1725

www.selmalibrary.org

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	SATURDAY 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	SUNDAY Closed
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White Hall Public Library

625 White Hall Rd, Hayneville, AL 36040
334-874-7323

www.facebook.com/whitehallpubliclibrayal36040/

TUESDAY-THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	FRIDAY-MONDAY Closed
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Bertha Pleasant Williams Library at

Rosa L. Parks Avenue Branch

1276 Rosa L. Parks Ave, Montgomery, AL 36108
334-625-4979

www.mccpl.lib.al.us/Pages/Index/20306/bertha-pleasant-williams-library-rosa-parks-b

MONDAY 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	TUESDAY 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Closed
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Rufus A. Lewis Regional Branch Library

3095 Mobile Hwy, Montgomery, AL 36108
334-625-4848

www.mccpl.lib.al.us/Pages/Index/20302/rufus-a-lewis-regional-library

MONDAY 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	TUESDAY-FRIDAY 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Closed
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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD'S OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS ISSUES

Final Environmental Assessment for Proposed Acquisitions of Rail Line in Alabama and Mississippi

On May 3, 2024, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) issued a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for CSX Transportation Inc.'s (CSXT) request for Board authority to acquire and operate the assets comprising the rail line of Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C. (MNBR) that runs approximately 93.7 miles between Burkville and Myrtlewood, Alabama and Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited's (CPKC) request to acquire from MNBR and to operate approximately 50.4 miles of rail line between Meridian, Mississippi, and Myrtlewood, Alabama. The public comment period ended on April 17, 2024.

The Final EA responds to comments received on the Draft EA and sets forth OEA's final recommendations, including final recommended mitigation measures, to the Board. Issuance of the Final EA completes the Board's environmental review in these proceedings. Next, the Board will consider the transportation merits of the applications for the CSXT and CPKC Transactions, and the entire environmental record, as part of its final decisions.



The Final EA for both CSXT's Transaction (Docket No. FD 36727) and CPKC's Transaction (Docket No. FD 36732), may be **viewed and downloaded electronically** through the Board's website, **www.stb.gov**, by clicking on the "Decision" link under Recent Decisions or the link in the press release under Latest News.



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