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Re: REMINDER: FD 35852: Port Canaveral Rail Extension EIS - Agency Scoping Meeting

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Good afternoon -

We've finalized arrangements for call-in capabilities for the consulting agency scoping meeting on Tuesday afternoon. The attached agenda includes the call-in number and passcode. I have also attached a copy of the presentation that I'll be running through as part of the meeting.

Thanks again,

Dave

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David Navecky Good morning - In reference to my email from O...

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Subject: REMINDER: FD 35852: Port Canaveral Rail Extension EIS - Agency Scoping Meeting

Good morning -

In reference to my email from October 28, 2014 (see forwarded email below), I'm following up to see whether you or members of your staff are planning to attend the consulting agency scoping meeting for the Port Canaveral Rail Extension EIS. The consulting agency scoping meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 1:00-3:00pm at:

Eastern Florida State College
Titusville Campus
John Henry Jones Gymnatorium
1311 North U.S. 1
Titusville, Florida 32796

If you or members of your staff or agency plan to attend this agency scoping meeting, please notify me by reply email (David.Navecky@stb.dot.gov) or by phone at 202-245-0294 by Monday, November 17.

If you have already confirmed your attendance, please kindly accept this email as a reminder about the meeting. We've had one inquiry regarding conference call capabilities. The meeting venue is a gymnasium; however, we are working with the college to provide that option. Once we have those arrangements completed, I will email call-in instructions.

Early next week will also email a copy of the meeting handout.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Dave

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David Navecky

Dear Invitee: Yesterday, the Surface Transportat...

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Surface Transportation Board
Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Port Canaveral Rail Extension
AGENCY MEETING AGENDA
November 18, 2014

Location: Eastern Florida State College, Titusville Campus
John Henry Jones Gymnasium
1311 North U.S. 1
Titusville, FL 32796

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - eastern

Call-in Information: 877-423-6338; passcode: 714-772

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| 1:00 pm | Introductions |
| 1:15 pm | STB Scoping Presentation (<i>Note: presentation is same as what will be presented at evening public scoping meetings</i>) |
| 1:45 pm | Overview of Public Scoping Meetings – Schedule, Format, Content, Participants |
| 2:00 pm | Cooperating Agencies – Roles, Responsibilities, Points of Contact <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers• U.S. Coast Guard• U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| 2:15 pm | Other Interested Agencies – Roles, Responsibilities, Points of Contact |
| 2:30 pm | Consultation Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coastal Zone Management Act – Consistency with the Florida Coastal Management Program• Section 7 – Endangered Species Act• Section 9 – Rivers and Harbors Act and General Bridge Act• Section 106 – National Historic Preservation Act• Section 404 – Clean Water Act & Section 10 - Rivers and Harbors Act |
| 2:45 pm | Q&A Session |
| 3:00 pm | Meeting Adjourns |

Invited Agencies:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Florida Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation (SHPO)

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC)

Florida Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

NOAA Fisheries

NPS Canaveral National Seashore

St. Johns River Water Management District

U.S. Air Force

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT



Port Canaveral Rail Extension

Welcome to the Port Canaveral Rail Extension Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping Meetings



Overview

- Why an Environmental Impact Statement?
- What Agencies are Involved?
- Purpose and Need
- Project Description
- Categories of Potential Impacts
- Next Steps
- Public Comments



Why an Environmental Impact Statement?

- Proposed project has the potential for significant environmental impacts
- Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis determined an Environmental Impact Statement is appropriate



Port Canaveral Rail Extension

What Agencies are Involved?

Lead Agency

- Surface Transportation Board

Cooperating Agencies

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Port Canaveral Rail Extension

Purpose and Need

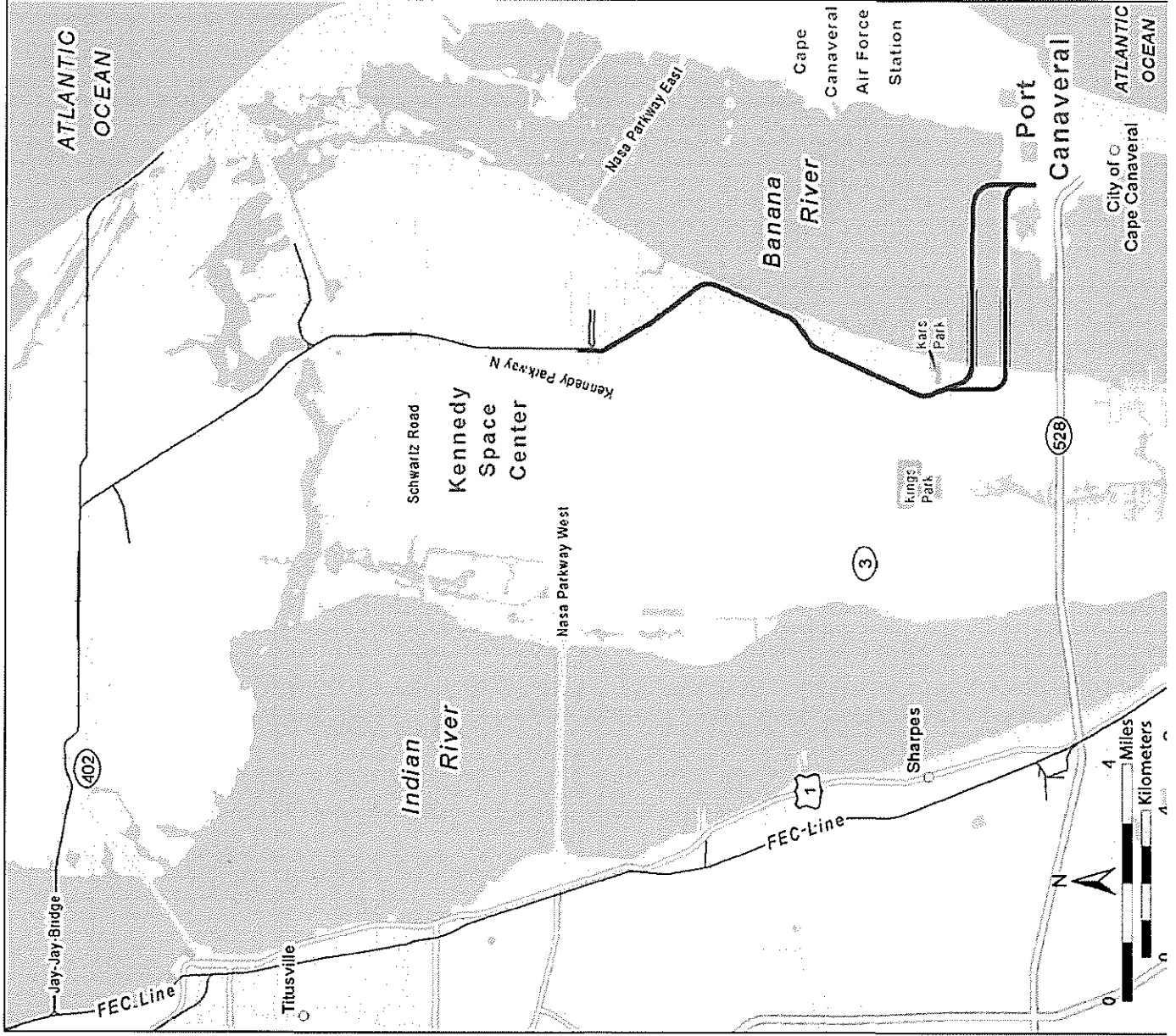
- Provide Canaveral Port Authority with the capability to transport primarily bulk, break-bulk, and containerized goods to and from Port Canaveral by rail
- Construct a rail line, satisfying the need for an additional mode of transportation to move bulk, break-bulk, and containerized freight to and from Port Canaveral
- Facilitate future cargo growth at Port Canaveral



Port Canaveral Rail Extension

Project Description

- Construct and operate approximately 11 miles of new rail line to Port Canaveral in Brevard County
- Use approximately 17 miles of existing rail line at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's John F. Kennedy Space Center
- Connect with a Florida East Coast Railway main line





Port Canaveral Rail Extension

Construction

➤ Track Construction

- Single track
- Continuous welded rail
- Concrete ties
- Right-of-way of up to 100 feet in width
- Crossings of local roads, utility corridors, and waterways



Port Canaveral Rail Extension

Train Operations

- Approximately three to four trains per week with trains moving approximately 10 miles per hour
 - Approximately 170 roundtrip hopper and box cars per week
 - Additional 50 roundtrip double-stacked container cars per week within in 2.5 years



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Categories of Potential Impacts

- Transportation Systems
- Safety
- Land Use
- Recreation
- Biological Resources
- Water Resources
- Navigation
- Geology and Soils
- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Energy Resources
- Socioeconomics
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Aesthetics
- Environmental Justice



Next Steps

- Scoping Process
 - Compile scoping comments
 - Develop range of alternatives including “No Action” Alternative
 - Identify topics to analyze in Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - Issue a Final Scope of Study
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - Analyze potential environmental effects of alternatives
 - Develop preliminary mitigation
 - Prepare and issue Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - Establish public comment period
 - Hold public meetings



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Next Steps (cont.)

- Final Environmental Impact Statement
 - Respond to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - Prepare and issue the Final Environmental Impact Statement
 - Office of Environmental Analysis identifies its Preferred Alternative and recommends mitigation
- Final Decision
 - Final Decision to be made by the Board - equivalent to a Record of Decision
 - Cooperating Agencies issue Records of Decision



Port Canaveral Rail Extension

Public Comments

- To provide verbal comments
 - Sign up at the registration desk
 - Please limit comments to 3 minutes
- To provide written comments
 - Comments sheets are available tonight at the comment table
 - Mail written comments to the Surface Transportation Board
- To provide electronic comments
 - Submit comments on Board's website: www.stb.dot.gov
 - click on E-FILING (reference Docket No. FD 35852)

Please provide scoping comments by December 19, 2014¹²



Port Canaveral Rail Extension

Contact Information

- Direct written comments and questions to

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STB Docket No. FD 35852

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