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ABSTRACT

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region 9, and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) acting in its role as the San Bernardino County Transportation Commission, have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Redlands Passenger Rail Project located in San Bernardino County, California. The Redlands Passenger Rail Project would encompass passenger rail operations along an approximately nine-mile corridor extending east from the City of San Bernardino to the City of Redlands. The Project proposes local and express train service via five station stops located at E Street, Tippecanoe Avenue (or Waterman Avenue), New York Street, Orange Street (Downtown Redlands), and University Street (University of Redlands). SANBAG proposes the replacement of the existing railroad tracks and ties, reconstruction or rehabilitation of existing bridge structures, construction of station platforms and a train layover facility, and auxiliary improvements such as parking, at-grade roadway crossings, and pedestrian access. Project operations would start in 2018. Trains would operate every 30 minutes in the peak periods and every hour in the off-peak period.

A more detailed description of the Redlands Passenger Rail Project along with a discussion of potential environmental effects and mitigation measures is provided in this Draft EIS/EIR.

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- City of Redlands, Development Services Department, Planning Division, 210 East Citrus Avenue, Redlands, CA; and
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Comments may be submitted in writing or may be made orally at public meetings scheduled for:

1. September 4, 2014, 5:00–7:00 PM, at the ESRI Café, 380 New York Street, Redlands, CA 92373; and
2. September 9, 2014, 5:00–7:00 PM, at "The Hotel," 285 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92408.

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