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Subject: Availability of Discussion Paper on the Evaluation of Economic Development

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This notice announces the availability of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) discussion paper on the Evaluation of Economic Development and requests your comments on it. The paper describes one possible approach that could be used to evaluate economic development impacts of projects seeking New Starts funding. Economic development is one of the criteria that FTA uses to assess project justification, which, along with local financial commitment, informs FTA funding decisions for New Starts projects.

Comments must be received within 60 days after publication in the Federal Register date, which was January 26, 2009. Late filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

You may submit comments [identified by the Docket Number FTA-2008-0053] by any of the following methods:

Web site: <http://regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

Fax: 202-493-2251.

Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

The full notice can be found at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-1545.pdf>. For further information, contact Region 10's John Witmer at (206) 220-7964 or email john.witmer@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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