

Telephonic Public Hearing on Metrics and Minimum Standards for Intercity Passenger Rail

Overview and Participant Instructions

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will hold a telephonic public hearing on April 30, 2020, on FRA's proposed Metrics and Minimum Standards for Intercity Passenger Rail Service. This hearing will provide members of the public an opportunity to deliver oral comments on the proposal telephonically, instead of in person.

As a reminder, any person wishing to make a comment at the hearing should notify Katie List at katie.list@dot.gov or (202) 493-0530 by Thursday, April 23, 2020. Please see [the hearing website](#) for more details about information to be provided. Advance notification will allow FRA to anticipate the number of commenters and whether to impose time limits for comments.

If you would like to provide written comments on the proposed rule, you may do so at any time via the [docket for the proposed rule](#). The comment period ends on June 1, 2020.

Telephonic Public Hearing Date and Time

April 30, 2020, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm ET

Participant Access Information

You may attend the hearing by calling into a conference line, and entering an access code.

Toll-free: 877-692-8957

Local: 234-720-6980

Access Code: 1552802

Telephonic Public Hearing Process

- **Technology:** The public hearing will take place using a moderated telephone conference system. There will not be an online component; it will be held entirely over the phone.
- **Comments:** When participants call into the phone line, they will be automatically muted. Following opening remarks from FRA moderators, the operator will give verbal instructions on how to give a comment. These instructions will be repeated several times during the call.
 - Participants who wish to make a comment will follow the operator's instructions to enter a command on their telephone keypad. After they enter the command, they will be placed in line on a first come, first served basis.
 - When it is their turn to speak, the commenter will receive instructions that their line is open and they can provide their comment.
- **Assistance:** For assistance during the call, press * then 0.
- **Supplementary materials:** Some commenters have indicated they may provide supplementary materials (slides or documents) with their comments. FRA will post the materials to the [docket for the proposed rule](#) by April 29, 2020.

FRA will post the transcript of the public hearing, including written comments submitted, to the docket shortly after the hearing.