

**SOUTHEAST HIGH SPEED RAIL
WASHINGTON, DC TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
TIER II DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
AND
DRAFT SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION**

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This Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Statement defines existing and future transportation conditions and needs within the 123-mile railroad corridor from Washington, DC to Richmond, Virginia; identifies a range of alternative improvements that would address those needs; and evaluates the potential effects of the alternatives on the natural and human environments. The corridor is part of the larger Southeast High Speed Rail (SEHSR) Corridor which extends from Washington, DC to Charlotte, North Carolina. A Tier I evaluation of the SEHSR Corridor was completed in 2002.

FRA intends to issue a combined Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision document pursuant to Public Law 112-141, 126 Stat.405, Section 1319(b) unless FRA determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of the combined document pursuant to Section 1319.

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Comments on this Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Statement are due by November 7, 2017 and should be sent to Ms. Stock at the above address or submitted using the online comment form at www.DC2RVArail.com.