

Baltimore and Potomac (B&P) Tunnel Project

Final Environmental Impact Statement & Section 4(f) Evaluation

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National Environmental Policy Act (42 USC §4332 et seq.), and implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (49 USC §303); National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC §306101 et seq.) and implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800); Clean Air Act as amended (42 USC §7401 et seq.) and implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93); the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 USC §1531-1544) and implementing regulations (50 CFR Part 402); the Clean Water Act (33 USC §1251-1387) and implementing regulations (33 CFR Parts 320 to 324 and 40 CFR Part 230); and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 USC §4601).

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This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation describes existing environmental conditions within the Study Area and provides an analysis of impacts on environmental resources from the proposed Baltimore and Potomac (B&P) Tunnel Project. The purpose of the Project is to address the structural and operational deficiencies of the existing B&P Tunnel and to accommodate future high-performance intercity passenger rail service goals for the Northeast Corridor.

Alternatives 3A, 3B, and 3C were carried forward for detailed analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation. FRA has identified Alternative 3B as the Preferred Alternative in the FEIS. FRA identified the Preferred Alternative based on a comprehensive alternatives development and evaluation process that incorporated public and agency input on the DEIS (completed December, 2015).

The B&P Tunnel Project FEIS and Section 4(f) Evaluation are being made available for public review at the B&P Tunnel Project website (www.bptunnel.com).

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