

**FOR RELEASE** 

05/31/2023 (Wednesday) No. 23-09 www.stb.gov Contact: Michael Booth 202-245-1760 FedRelay 1-800-877-8339

## STB ISSUES DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPSED NEW RAIL LINE IN MESA, ARIZONA

The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) today issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed construction of a new rail line in Mesa, Arizona by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP). The Draft EA analyzes the potential environmental and historic impacts of approximately 6 miles of new rail line to connect UP's Phoenix Subdivision main line to industrial properties southeast of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

OEA invites stakeholders and interested parties to review and submit comments on all aspects of the Draft EA. Comments are due by June 30, 2023.

The Draft EA in <u>Union Pacific Railroad Company—Construction and Operation Exemption—in Maricopa County, Ariz.</u>, Docket No. FD 36501, may be viewed and downloaded <u>here</u>. More information about the Draft EA, including project information, and locations to access a printed copy of the Draft EA can be found <u>here</u>.

POSTED: 05/31/2023 12:45 PM