

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) propose to enhance the capacity and improve the operation of the Portal Bridge, a rail crossing over the Hackensack River in Hudson County, New Jersey. This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and NJ TRANSIT to analyze the potential environmental impacts from the proposed project. FRA is the lead federal agency for this DEIS. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) are cooperating agencies for the environmental review.

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