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AGENDA

**Committee for Review of the Federal Railroad Administration's R&D Program**

Keck Building  
500 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC  
May 14–15, 2019

**Tuesday, May 14**

Keck 208

***OPEN SESSION (open to sponsors and members of the public)***

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| 9:00  | Welcome and introductions   | John Samuels, Chair |
|       | Review of statement of task, meeting objectives, and agenda   |                     |
| 9:15  | Goals of committee review   | Maryam Allahyar,    |
|       | Summary of FRA R&D program  | FRA Director of     |
|       | FRA Presenters:   | R&D                 |
|       | Maryam Allahyar, for Rolling Stock Research Division  |                     |
|       | Sam Alibrahim, Chief of Train Control &   |                     |
|       | Communications Division   |                     |
|       | Starr Kidda, Chief of Human Factors Research Division   |                     |
|       | Gary Carr, Chief of Track Research Division   |                     |
| 11:00 | General questions for FRA staff from committee members  |                     |
| 11:30 | Discussion with FRA staff on evaluation criteria  |                     |
| 12:00 | Lunch   |                     |
| 1:00  | <i>Breakout sessions</i>  | FRA Staff           |
|       | The committee will divide into four working groups, each devoted to one of the technical areas of the FRA R&D program: track (#104), rolling stock (#204), train control and communications (#205), and human factors (#208). Each group will meet with FRA staff responsible for its program area to examine the scope of FRA activities in the area and to discuss the procedures to follow in conducting its review. |                     |
| 3:20  | Break   |                     |

3:30 *Full committee reconvenes*

Each working group chair will report on (1) issues for review and methods to address Statement of Task and (2) procedures and resources for conducting its review, as identified in the breakout sessions.

4:45 Discussion of issues and procedures for review

5:15 Discussion of organization of Working Group 5, on research management

5:45 Adjourn