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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Notice of Intent To rule on Application (#98-03-C-00-HDN) to Impose a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) and Use the Revenue From a PFC at Yampa Valley Regional Airport, Submitted by Routt County, Hayden, CO**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to rule on application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use PFC revenue at Yampa Valley Regional Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 158).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 4, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Alan Wiechmann, Manager; Denver Airports District Office, DEN-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224; Denver, CO 80249-6361.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. John C. Ferguson, A.A.E., Aviation Director, at the following address: Routt County, P.O. Box "N", Hayden, Colorado 81639.

Air Carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to Yampa Valley Regional Airport, under section 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Christopher Schaffer, (303) 342-1258; Denver Airports District Office, DEN-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224; Denver, CO 80249-6316. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application (#98-03-C-00-HDN) to impose and use PFC revenue at Yampa Valley Regional Airport, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On March 25, 1998, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Routt County, Yampa Valley Regional Airport, Hayden, Colorado, was substantially complete within the requirements of section 185.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than June 23, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

*Level of the proposed PFC:* \$3.00.

*Proposed charge effective date:* July 1, 1998.

*Proposed charge expiration date:* November 1, 2002.

*Total requested for use approval:* \$1,130,176.00.

*Brief description of proposed project:* Aircraft rescue firefighting/snow removal equipment building; Perimeter fencing; Terminal area master plan study; Terminal holdroom expansion; Commercial apron overlay and expansion; Snow removal equipment.

*Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFC's:* None.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" and at the FAA Regional Airports Office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, ANM-600, 1601 Lind Avenue S.W., Suite 540, Renton, WA 98055-4056.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Yampa Valley Regional Airport.

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**David A. Field,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### **Environmental Impact Statement: City of Baton Rouge and Unincorporated Parts of East Baton Rouge Parish, LA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an

Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William C. Farr, Program Operations Manager, P.O. Box 3929, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, Telephone: (504) 389-0465.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Capital Region Planning Commission will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve Interstate 10 through Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The proposed project includes the construction of an additional lane in the east and west bound directions in order to provide an eight-lane freeway facility, interchange improvements to address safety and capacity problems, as well as frontage road additions and extensions. It will also include congestion management measures consisting of ramp metering, incident management, park and ride lots, transit improvements and demand management strategies.

The project begins at the eastern end of the Mississippi River Bridge and extends eastward along Interstates 10 and 12 to points immediately east of the interchanges with Essen Lane. The proposed construction is approximately 11.2 kilometers (7 miles) long from the western terminus to the eastern terminus of Interstate 10 and 9.7 kilometers (6 miles) from Interstate 110 to Interstate 12. Interstate 10 in Baton Rouge is the city's major east-west artery connecting government offices, port activities, industrial complexes, Louisiana State University, major hospitals and the regional airport with residential areas and shopping facilities. The route is heavily congested during peak travel times and experiences frequent lane blocking accidents. These conditions result in almost daily delays, which impede commuting, cross country freight movements, emergency vehicle responses and provide hazards to the transportation of the region's petro-chemical products.

The project has been the subject of a Major Investment Study (MIS) that examined all reasonable alternatives including improvements to alternate facilities, transit, high occupancy vehicles (HOV), lanes, a bypass, an elevated freeway, congestion management measures and improvements within the I-10 corridor, as well as the "do nothing" alternative.

Public involvement activities including neighborhood meetings, steering committee activities, newsletters and a public hearing will be

used to obtain input from citizens who may be affected by the proposal. All of the neighborhood meetings and the public hearing will be open to all citizens and advertised in the Baton Rouge media to solicit general public participation. An agency scoping meeting is planned; however, arrangements have not yet been completed.

To ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic assistance Program Number 20.205 Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations Implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding inter-governmental consultation on federal program and activities apply to this program)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Livingston County, MO

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed improvements to the transportation system in Livingston County, Missouri.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald Neumann, Programs Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 209 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, Telephone: (573) 636-7104 or Mike Bruemmer, District Engineer, Missouri Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 8, Macon, MO 63552, Telephone: (660) 385-3176.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), will prepare an EIS for a proposed project to improve the transportation system in the vicinity of U.S. Routes 65 and 36 near Chillicothe in Livingston County, Missouri.

The proposed action is considered necessary to provide for a safe and

efficient transportation network. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action, (2) implementing transportation system management (TSM) options, (3) upgrading and improving the existing roadways, and (4) constructing a new four-lane roadway west and/or east of the existing Route 65 either on parallel alignment or on relocation. The location study conducted during preparation of the EIS will provide definitive alternatives for evaluation by the EIS. The proposed action will likely include transportation improvements in Livingston County from approximately 1.5 miles north of Missouri Route 190 south of Missouri Route H.

The scoping process will involve all appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, as well as private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Preliminary comments and information are currently being solicited from agencies. A series of public meetings will be held to engage the regional community in the decision-making process and to obtain public comment. In addition, a public hearing will be held to present the findings of the draft EIS (DEIS). The DEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

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**Donald L. Neumann,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Automotive Fuel Economy Program; Report to Congress

The attached document *Automotive Fuel Economy Program, Twenty-Second Annual Report to Congress*, was

prepared pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 32916 *et seq.* which requires that "the Secretary shall transmit to each House of Congress, and publish in the **Federal Register**, a review of the average fuel economy standards under this part."

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**L. Robert Shelton,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

#### Automotive Fuel Economy Program

##### *Twenty-Second Annual Report to Congress*

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The Twenty-second Annual Report to Congress on the Automotive Fuel Economy Program summarizes the activities of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) during 1997, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 32916 *et seq.*, which requires the submission of a report each year. Included in this report is a section summarizing rulemaking activities during 1997.

The Secretary of Transportation is required to administer a program for regulating the fuel economy of new passenger cars and light trucks in the