

SUMMARY: The FAA intends to hold an informal airspace workshop to solicit comments regarding operational and environmental concerns from airspace users and others concerning traffic flows for aircraft operating to, from, and in the vicinity of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Lake Hood Seaplane Base, Merrill Field, Elmendorf AFB, and various non-towered airports in the Anchorage area. The purpose of this workshop is to (1) provide interested parties an opportunity to comment on proposed revisions to Visual Flight Rules (VFR) routes/corridors in the Anchorage area and (2) gather input for consideration in the development of revised air traffic control procedures to accommodate the increase in aircraft operations and improve aviation safety in the airspace surrounding Anchorage, Alaska. Alternatives developed as a result of this and other meetings may involve changes to existing regulatory airspace.

Date/Time: The workshop will from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM, Tuesday, April 17, 2001.

Place: Multi-Purpose Room, Spenard Community Recreation Center, 2020 West 48th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

Public Comments: The FAA actively solicits public comments. Comments may be presented at the workshop or submitted afterwards via letter, fax, or email. Comments should be received on or before May 18, 2001 to be included as part of the workshop.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Schommer, Operations Branch, AAL-532, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587; telephone number (907) 271-5903; fax: (907) 271-2850; email: jack.schommer@faa.gov. Internet address: <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at>. The Spenard Community Recreation Center telephone number is (907) 343-4160.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History and Background

Aircraft operations in the Anchorage area have increased 21% for the period from January 1, 1996, to December 31, 2000, and are projected to increase at an approximate rate of 5% annually through the year 2020. Changes to existing air traffic routes and air traffic control procedures used in the Anchorage area are necessary in order to continue to provide safe and efficient air traffic control service to airspace users.

Workshop Agenda

This workshop is intended to be the first in a series of meetings designed to involve the community in our decision

making process. The workshop will be set up in an open house fashion with multiple stations attended by FAA representatives. These stations are intended to provide information and collect comments in two specific areas.

1. The FAA proposes to make changes to the current VFR route structure and is seeking comments from the user community and general public concerning operational and environmental impacts of the proposal.

2. The FAA recognizes the need to change IFR and VFR traffic flows and procedures to accommodate the increases in air traffic operations within the Anchorage area and is seeking comments regarding operational and environmental concerns from interested parties that can be used in the formulation of potential alternatives.

Workshop Procedures

(a) The workshop will be informal in nature and will be conducted by representatives of the FAA Alaskan Region.

(b) The workshop will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. Every effort was made to provide a workshop site with sufficient capacity for expected participation. There will be no admission fee nor other charges to attend and participate.

(c) Representatives of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Traffic Control Tower, Merrill Field Airport Traffic Control Tower, Anchorage Terminal Radar Approach Control and Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center will be present to discuss procedural concepts. FAA Air Traffic Division representatives will be present to discuss environmental concerns.

(d) Any person who wishes to submit a position paper to FAA representatives pertinent to the revision of ATC airspace or procedures may do so.

(e) The workshop will not be formally recorded. However, informal tape recordings may be made to ensure that each respondent's comments are noted accurately.

(f) An official verbatim transcript or minutes of the informal airspace workshop will not be made. However, a list of the attendees, written statements received from attendees during and after the workshop and a digest of discussions during the workshop will be included in the administrative record for the project.

(g) Every reasonable effort will be made to hear the concerns of interested persons consistent with a reasonable closing time for the workshop.

Issued in Anchorage, AK, on February 28, 2001.

Stephen P. Creamer,

Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Research, Engineering and Development (R,E&D) Advisory Committee, Aerospace Transportation Advisory Group (ATAG); Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aerospace Transportation Advisory Group (ATAG), which is a Subcommittee of the FAA Research, Engineering and Development (R,E&D) Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held on March 12, 2001 at the DoubleTree Hotel San Francisco Airport, 835 Airport Boulevard, Burlingame, California. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting agenda will review the draft outline for an Aerospace System After Next Paper.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting or obtain information should contact Lee Olson at the Federal Aviation Administration, AAR-200, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591 (202) 267-7358.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 1, 2001.

Mary Powers-King,

Deputy Director, Office of Aviation Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Rule on Application to impose and use the revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Reno/Tahoe International Airport, Reno, NV

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 the revenue from a PFC at Reno/Tahoe International Airport under the

provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261, or San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303. In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Christopher Horton, Manager of Finance, Airport Authority of Washoe County, Airport Department, at the following address: P.O. Box 12490, Reno, NV 89510. Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Airport Authority of Washoe County under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marlys Vandervelde, Airports Program Analyst, San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303, Telephone: (650) 876-2806. 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 to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Reno/Tahoe International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On February 26, 2001, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Airport Authority of Washoe County was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than June 1, 2001. The following is a brief overview of the impose and use application No. 01-04-C-00-RNO:

Level of proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Proposed charge effective date: August 1, 2001.

Proposed charge expiration date: August 1, 2003.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$23,535,063.

Brief description of the proposed impose and use projects: Letter of intent Entitlement Grant Shortfall Due to Implementation of PFC, Environmental Assessment for Southwest Air Cargo Facility, Ramp Scrubber, Taxiway A North Reconstruction, Part 150 Study Update, Terminal Building Security System, and Eight Jet Bridges.

Impose only projects: Southern Portion of Southwest Air Cargo Ramp, and Southwest Air Cargo Facility Road and Utilities.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO) filing FAA Form 1800-31.

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 Division located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Airport Authority of Washoe County.

Issued in Hawthorne, California, on February 26, 2001.

Herman C. Bliss,

Manager, Airports Division, Western-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Putnam and Jackson Counties, Tennessee

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 Putnam and Jackson Counties near Cookeville, Tennessee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Doctor, Field Operations Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 640 Grassmere Park Suite 112, Nashville, Tennessee 37211, Telephone: (615) 781-5788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS)

on a proposal to construct a four-lane divided highway on new location from State Route 111 to State Route 56, a distance of about 14.5 kilometers (9 miles). The proposed project is part of Corridor "J" of the Appalachian Development Highway System.

Alternatives to be considered are: (1) Taking no action; (2) to build alternatives with the same design concept; and (3) other alternatives that may arise from public and agency input. Incorporated into and studied with the build alternatives will be design variations of grade and alignment.

Initial coordination letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. A public hearing will be held upon completion of the Draft EIS and public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the 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 intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Dated: February 27, 2001.

Charles S. Boyd,

Tennessee Division Administrator, Nashville.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Prevention of Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations; Prevention of Alcohol Misuse in Transit Operations

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of random drug and alcohol testing rates.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the random testing rates for employers subject to the Federal Transit