

Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FAA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Judith D. Street,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Standards and Information Division, APF-100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Hold Scoping Meetings for Sacramento International Airport, Sacramento, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration.

ACTION: Notice to hold one (1) public scoping meeting and one (1) Governmental/Public agency scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) will be prepared for proposed development included in the Sacramento County Airport Systems (SCAS) Master Plan (Master Plan) for Sacramento International Airport (SMF), Sacramento, California. To ensure that all significant issues related to the proposed action are identified, one (1) public scoping meeting and one (1) governmental and public agency scoping meeting will be held.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Camille Garibaldi, Environmental Protection Specialist, SFO-613, Planning and Programming Section, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Suite 210, Burlingame, California 94010-1303, telephone: (650) 876-2778 ext. 613; fax: (650) 876-2733. Comments

on the scope of the EIS should be submitted to the address or fax above and must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight time, Friday, September 23, 2005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Sacramento International Airport (SMF) is a commercial service airport located within a metropolitan area in the northwest corner of Sacramento County and is operated by SCAS. SMF currently has two parallel 8,600 feet long and 150 feet wide runways oriented in a north/south direction. In February of 2004, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors recommended the SMF Master Plan for environmental review. The SMF Master Plan includes proposed improvements to be implemented at the airport in two phases. SCAS subsequently submitted a revised airport layout plan (ALP), reflecting the proposed first phase of development to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for approval.

A joint EIS/EIR will be developed by FAA and SCAS that identifies and analyzes the potential significance of impacts of the proposed improvements in accordance with federal and state law. As the lead federal agency, FAA will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for first phase projects included in the ALP. The need to prepare an EIS is based on the procedures described in section 501 of FAA Order 1050.1E, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures and FAA Order 5050.4A, Airport Environmental Handbook. The federal actions that cause the FAA to prepare an EIS are the approval for the ALP depicting the proposed development and the further processing of an application for federal funding or passenger facility charges to finance the proposed projects by Sacramento County. In making this decision, the FAA based the need for an EIS on its preliminary review of possible noise, wetland and endangered species impacts the proposed action could cause.

In addition, the County of Sacramento, Department of Environmental Review and Assessment (DERA), as the lead state agency, will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for both phases of the recommended Master Plan improvements, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA).

The proposed Phase I projects include:

Airfield Improvements

- Extension of Runway 16L/34R from 8,600 feet wide to 11,000 feet long by 159 feet wide.
- Establishment of a new Instrument Landing System (ILS) for Runway 34R and relocation of the ILS for Runway 16L.
- Construction of a new south crossfield Taxiway Y.
- Construction of Air Cargo Improvements and Terminal Apron.
- Airport Traffic Control Tower Relocation.
- Construction of a new Passenger Terminal Apron.

Land Side and Airport Support Improvements

- New Passenger Terminal.
- On-airport and access road improvements.
- Construction of passenger facilities such as a Hotel, Parking Garage, and Rental Car facilities.
- Construction of maintenance facility improvements, such as a new General Services Building and Equipment Maintenance Building.

Land Acquisition

- Acquire 707 acres for approach protection and future airport growth.
- Alternatives:* The alternatives being considered in the EIS/EIR include the No-Action Alternative; the Proposed Action Alternative; various physical configurations of proposed improvements, such as the extension of Runway 16R/34L rather than 16L/34R; and use of other existing airports.
- During scoping, FAA and SCAS will seek comments and input from Federal, State and local agencies, and other interested parties to ensure the EIS/EIR addresses a full range of issues related to the proposed projects and alternatives. Written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of the EIS may be mailed or faxed to the FAA contact listed above and must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight time, Friday, September 23, 2005.

Public Scoping Meeting: The FAA will hold one (1) public and one (1) governmental agency scoping meeting to solicit input from the public and various Federal, State, and local agencies having jurisdiction by law or having specific expertise with respect to any environmental impacts associated with the proposed projects. The public scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2005, at Public Television station KVIE's OSE Community Room, 2595 Capital Oaks Drive, Sacramento, California 95833.

The meeting will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pacific daylight time (P.d.t.). A scoping meeting will be held specifically for governmental and public agencies on Thursday, September 8, 2005, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. P.d.t. in the same location as the public scoping meeting.

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Manager, Airports Division, Western-Pacific Region, AWP-600.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on October 21, 2004 (69 FR 61901). We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by September 8, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Reginald Bessmer, (202) 366-2037, Office of Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Evaluate the Effects of Appraisal Waivers.

Abstract: The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA), provides that "real property shall be appraised before the initiation of negotiations, and that the owner, or the owner's designated representative shall be given an opportunity to accompany the appraiser during the appraiser's inspection of the property, except that the head of the lead agency may prescribe a procedure to waive the appraisal in cases involving the acquisition by sale or donation of property with a low fair market value." The appraisal waiver policy is based on the premise that administrative costs, particularly appraisal costs, should not be a high proportion, or exceed the value of the actual real property to be acquired. The procedure to waive the appraisal is specified in 49 CFR 24.102(c) and allows agencies acquiring real property to " * * * determine that an appraisal is unnecessary because the valuation problem is uncomplicated and the fair market value is estimated at \$2,500 or less, based on a review of available data." The FHWA has previously expanded this policy by issuing a rule on January 4, 2005 that revised 49 CFR part 24, to allow the State Departments of Transportation, to establish an appraisal waiver threshold to a maximum of \$10,000 and with an approval from the Federal agency increase the threshold up to a maximum of \$25,000 provided certain conditions were applied. Prior to issuing the revised rule the FHWA had already expanded the appraisal waiver threshold through 49 CFR 24.7, Federal agency waiver of regulations, to allow State Departments of Transportation to request an increase in the threshold. Therefore, the FHWA will conduct a survey to determine the effectiveness and impact of its appraisal waiver policy on the acquisition of real property. The survey will assess whether the use of appraisal waivers is successful in: (1) Securing agreements with owners, (2) reducing the necessity for litigation (eminent domain), (3) providing for consistent treatment of owners, and (4) maintaining public confidence in Federal land acquisition practices. Also, the FHWA will seek to determine whether there are any impacts on the State DOTs' operations from the use of the FHWA's appraisal waiver procedures. The information will be evaluated and "best practices" will be identified. The information will be shared with agencies operating under

URA for their use in developing and enhancing effective use of their appraisal waiver policies.

Respondents: 50 State Departments of Transportation, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico (Right-of-Way Department).

Frequency: This one-time survey will be conducted in two parts.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The goal of part one is to obtain information from the 52 agencies indicated above. In order to clarify and expand on gathered information, the goal of part two is to conduct follow-up interviews with approximately 15 agencies. The estimated average burden for the initial survey is 3 hours per respondent. The follow-up interviews will require on average 1 hour to complete. The estimated total burden for this one time study is 171 hours.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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James R. Kabel,

Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Rio Tinto Iron & Titanium (WB973-7/25/2005) for permission to use certain data from the Board's 2003 Carload Waybill Sample. A copy of the requests may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Mac Frampton, (202) 565-1541.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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