

objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, from on or about September 25, 2006, until on or about February 18, 2007, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Paul Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8052). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: July 26, 2006.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## **TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

### **Meeting of the TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council and Public Hearing Held by the TVA Board Community Relations Committee**

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council (Regional Council) will hold a meeting on August 16 and August 17 to discuss TVA land management. In conjunction with the Regional Council meeting the TVA Board Community Relations Committee will hold a public hearing on August 16 to hear viewpoints from various stakeholders regarding TVA's management of public lands in the Tennessee Valley. Under the TVA Act, TVA is charged with the proper use and conservation of natural resources for the purpose of fostering the orderly and proper physical, economic and social development of the Tennessee Valley region. The Regional Council was established to advise TVA on its natural resource stewardship activities. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, (FACA).

The meeting agenda includes the following:

- (1) Overview of TVA lands.
- (2) Federal and State land management policy (Invited panelists).

(3) Stakeholder perspectives (Invited panelists).

(4) Public comments.

(5) Council discussion and advice.

The TVA Board Community Relations Committee and the TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council will hear opinions and views of citizens by providing a public comment session. The public comment session will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 16, 2006. An interpreter for the deaf will be provided.

Participation in the Public Comment portion of the hearing is available on a first-come, first-served basis following the testimony of the panelists. TVA asks that comments be brief (less than 5 minutes) to allow as many people to speak as possible. Persons wishing to speak are requested to register at the door by 1:30 p.m. EDT on August 16 and will be called on during the public comment period. For those who wish to make comments but not speak publicly, a court reporter will be available at the meeting. Comments may also be submitted in writing the day of the meeting or until August 23 by email to [landpolicyhearing@tva.gov](mailto:landpolicyhearing@tva.gov) or by mail to the TVA Board Community Relations Committee, Land Policy Hearing, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499, or by fax to (865) 632-3146. Comments may also be submitted on a dedicated phone line, 1-888-882-7675.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT and on Thursday, August 17, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Ballroom A/B at the Knoxville Convention Center, 701 Henley Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, and will be open to the public. Anyone needing special access or accommodations should let the contact below know at least a week in advance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandra Perry, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11A, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, (865) 632-2333.

Dated: July 26, 2006.

**Kathryn J. Jackson,**

*Executive Vice President, River System Operations & Environment, Tennessee Valley Authority.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending July 14, 2006**

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* OST-2006-25383.

*Date Filed:* July 11, 2006.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* August 1, 2006.

*Description:* Joint Application of Air China Limited d/b/a Air China and Air China Cargo Company Limited d/b/a Air China Cargo requesting (1) the transfer from Air China to Air China Cargo of all authority presently held by Air China, whether by foreign air carrier permit or exemption authority, to engage in all-cargo transportation between designated points in the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the United States of America (USA) on the routes agreed in the bilateral aviation agreement between the Governments of the PRC and the USA and to which Air China has been designated by the Government of the PRC; (2) the issuance to Air China Cargo of a foreign air carrier permit or exemption authority authorizing Air China Cargo to engage in foreign air transportation of all-cargo services, including mail, between points in the PRC and points in the USA, for which Air China presently has economic authority from the Department of Transportation, whether by permit or exemption authority; and (3) an amendment of the foreign air carrier permit and exemption authority presently held by Air China authorizing Air China to engage in foreign air transportation of passengers and cargo, including mail, in combination or all-cargo flights, to authorize Air China to engage in foreign air transportation of passengers and cargo, including mail, in

combination only, on the authorized routes.

*Docket Number:* OST-1995-766.

*Date Filed:* July 14, 2006.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* August 4, 2006.

*Description:* Application of American Airlines, Inc. requesting renewal of its certificate authority to serve between U.S. points and Barcelona, Spain on segment 3 of its certificate for Route 602.

*Docket Number:* OST-1996-1394.

*Date Filed:* July 14, 2006.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* August 4, 2006.

*Description:* Application of American Airlines, Inc. requesting renewal of segment 4 of its certificate for Route 602, authorizing scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the coterminal points Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX and Miami, FL, the intermediate points the Azores and Lisbon, Portugal, and the coterminal points Madrid, Barcelona, Malaga, and Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

**Renee V. Wright,**

*Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Shelby County, AL

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

**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 Shelby County, Alabama.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine A. Batey, Acting Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 500 Eastern Boulevard, Suite 200, Montgomery, Alabama 36117, Telephone: (334) 223-7370.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation, Shelby County Highway Department, and the city of Helena, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for Alabama Project ST-059-261-004. The proposed project is to construct a new, multi-lane facility within the

corporate limits of Helena (Shelby County), Alabama, from Shelby County Road 52 northeastward to State Route 261, a distance of approximately 4 miles. The purpose of this proposed action is to provide an alternate route around historic downtown Helena. Existing and future traffic demands warrant additional lanes and/or an alternate route. Opportunities for further defining the purpose and need for the proposed project will be provided to the participating agencies and the public through scoping and public meetings.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) alternate route locations; and (2) a no-action or no-build alternative. Opportunities for providing additional alternatives by participating agencies and the public will be accomplished through a scoping meeting and a public meeting. These opportunities will insure a full range of alternatives have been considered.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and to private organizations and citizens that have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. A series of public involvement meetings will be initiated, and public hearings will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place for the meetings and hearings. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearings.

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. An interagency scoping meeting will be held. The time and date for the scoping meeting will be coordinated as the project develops. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and 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.)

Issued on: July 26, 2006.

**Bill Van Luchene,**

*Acting Division Administrator, Montgomery, Alabama.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. FMCSA-01-10578, FMCSA-04-17195]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 5 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** This decision is effective August 1, 2006. Comments must be received on or before August 31, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Management System (DMS) Docket Numbers FMCSA-01-10578, FMCSA-04-17195, using any of the following methods.

- Web site: <http://dmses.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

• Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

• Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and docket numbers for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading for further information.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or