

arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-97-06 and should be submitted by March 27, 1997.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁰ that the proposed rule change (SR-Amex-97-06) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Industry Functional Advisory Committee on Customs Matters (IFAC 1)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Functional Advisory Committee on Customs Matters (IFAC 1) will hold a meeting on March 24, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for March 24, 1997, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce in Room 1859, located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Gardner, Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-3681 or Suzanna Kang, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IFAC 1 will hold a meeting on March 24, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public and press during this time. Agenda topics to be addressed will be:

1. Strategies and Priorities of U.S. Trade Promotion Efforts
2. Rules of Origin Work Program
3. Regional Customs Activities
4. Customs Valuation
5. Other Business

Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

Phyllis Shearer Jones,

*Assistant United States Trade Representative,
Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Emergency Evacuation Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss emergency evacuation issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 20, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. Arrange for oral presentations by March 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held on the 20th Floor, MIC Room of the Boeing Company, 1700 North Moore Street, Arlington, VA 22202 (Rosslyn Metro stop).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Smith, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-9682, FAX (202) 267-5075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. III), notice is given of an ARAC meeting to be held on March

20, 1997 at Boeing Company, 20th Floor, MIC Room, 1700 North Moore Street, Arlington, VA 22202 (Rosslyn Metro stop).

The agenda will include:

- Opening Remarks.
- Review of Action Items.
- Report on Performance Standards Working Group Activities.

The Emergency Evacuation Issues Group will vote on the Performance Standards Working Group's proposal for revision to Technical Standard Order (TSO) C69b, emergency slides, ramps, and slide/raft combinations. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this document should contact the individual listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to space available. The public must make arrangements by March 14, 1997 to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Emergency Evacuation Issues or by providing copies at the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 28, 1997.

Joseph A. Hawkins,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Douglas County, KS

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is issuing this notice to advise the public, that our October 17, 1994, Notice of Intent to complete a Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement is withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Geiger, P.E., Division Administrator, FHWA 3300 S.W. Topeka Boulevard, Suite 1, Topeka, Kansas 66611-2237, Telephone: (913) 267-7281.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(2).

¹¹ 17 C.F.R. 200.30-3(a)(12).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It was the intent of FHWA to re-evaluate the Final Environmental Impact Statement for that portion of the South Lawrence Trafficway project from U.S. 59 east to K-10. FHWA wanted to consider the effects of the proposed trafficway on the spiritual sites, cultural issues, and academic programs at the Haskell Indian Nations University. FHWA prepared and circulated a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and received many comments. FHWA was in the process of evaluating these comments when Douglas County and the Kansas Department of Transportation decided not to use Federal-aid Highway funds for the project. Therefore, FHWA is no longer the lead Federal agency for this project and is discontinuing the Supplemental Environmental document process.

The Record of Decision dated June 5, 1990, is now valid only for that portion of the Trafficway from the western terminus to U.S. 59.

Issued on: February 27, 1997.

David R. Geiger,

*Division Administrator, Kansas Division,
Federal Highway Administration, Topeka,
Kansas.*

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Environmental Impact Statement; Orange, Seminole, and Volusia Counties, FL

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 a proposed highway project in Orange County, Seminole County, and Volusia County, Florida.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark D. Bartlett, Program Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 227 N. Bronough Street, Room 2015, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. Telephone: (904) 942-9598.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Project

The FHWA, in consultation with the Florida Department of Transportation, will prepare an EIS for a proposal to improve Interstate 4 (I-4) in Orange County, Seminole County, and Volusia County, Florida. The project limits are from just west of the State Road 528 (Bee Line Expressway) Interchange in Orange County to just east of the State

Road 472 Interchange in Volusia County, a distance of approximately 69 km (43 miles). The project is commonly referred to as the I-4 Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study—Section 2. The proposed improvement will involve widening the segment of I-4 to six general use lanes plus two high occupancy vehicle lanes. In addition, the project will evaluate the need for interchange modifications. Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected travel demand.

There are three independent studies which are being performed concurrently with the I-4 PD&E Study—Section 2. The I-4 PD&E Study—Section 1 involves preparation of an Environmental Assessment for improvements on I-4 from County Road 532 in Osceola County, Florida to State Road 528 in Orange County, Florida. The I-4 PD&E Study—Section 3 involves preparation of an Environmental Assessment for improvements on I-4 from State Road 472 to I-95 in Volusia County, Florida. The Central Florida Light Rail Transit System Study involves preparation of an EIS for Light Rail Transit improvements in Osceola, Orange, and Seminole Counties, Florida. Consideration of the cumulative effects of these actions, as well as other past, present and reasonable foreseeable future actions, will be included in the I-4 PD&E Study—Section 2.

Need for Project

I-4 is considered to be an integral part of Central Florida's transportation system. The Interstate carries the greatest number of people and vehicles of any transportation facility in the region and serves many of the area's primary activity centers. I-4 was originally designed to serve long distance travelers, however, the highway has evolved to one which serves many shorter trips.

Central Florida has experienced tremendous growth in the past two decades. A significant amount of this growth is occurring within close proximity to I-4. In recent years, congestion on I-4 has extended well beyond normal peak hours and major accidents have closed I-4, subsequently resulting in traffic congestion throughout the metropolitan area. Congestion and delays on I-4 and the parallel arterial highways are now considered to be the major transportation problem facing the region. Travel conditions in Central Florida are expected to continue to deteriorate due to the continuing trend of increased growth in population and tourism.

The design concepts and scope of the I-4 improvements were developed as part of the I-4 Major Investment Study (MIS). The MIS was performed in conjunction with the I-4 Multi-Modal Master Plan (I-4 MMMP) and included evaluations of a full range of reasonable alternatives and transportation modes. The specific design concept and scope recommendations identified in the MIS which are pertinent to the I-4 PD&E Study—Section 2 include:

- Six general use lanes plus two high occupancy lanes within the limits of the Section 2 Study,
- Reserved right-of-way for a rail envelope within Volusia County,
- Light rail transit from the city of Sanford to the South, extending beyond the southern limits of the Section 2 study,
- Express bus service between Volusia County and the Orlando metropolitan area.

The need for improvements to I-4 is recognized by local and regional plans. The MIS has been approved by the Orlando Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Volusia County MPO. The project is also included in the Orlando Urban Area and Volusia County year 2020 Long Range Transportation Plans. Local government comprehensive plans support mobility enhancements to I-4.

Alternative

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) "No Action" which involves no change to transportation facilities in the corridor beyond projects already committed; (2) the design concept recommended in the I-4 MIS and I-4 MMMP which consists of widening the segment of I-4 to six general use lanes plus two high occupancy vehicle lanes, and evaluating the need for interchange modifications; and (3) design concept refinements to the recommended I-4 MMMP alternative. The design concept refinements will involve consideration of geometric adjustments which maximize use of the existing infrastructure, reduce project costs, and avoid or minimize environmental impacts.

Probable Effects

FHWA and local joint lead agencies will evaluate in the EIS all significant environmental impacts including analysis of socio-economic, natural, and physical impacts for each of the alternatives. Analysis of socio-economic impacts will include the evaluation of land use and neighborhood impacts, park/recreation area impacts, historic/archaeological impacts, and visual and