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| 3.4.4 | Existing Measure: Public Information Program. This will continue a public information program by the Airport staff through verbal and written briefings to the CAC, Aviation Advisory Board (AAB) meetings, briefings to City Commission meetings, and presentations to outside organizations, such as homeowner associations. This measure is a critical component of the ongoing dialogue with outside parties, to ensure that the NCP operates efficiently and effectively. FAA Action: Approved. | Pgs. 29, 113 and 114; and Tables 3.4, 3.7 and 7.1. |
| 3.4.5 | New Measure: Airfield Signs. It is proposed that the City install four additional signs on the airfield that inform departing pilots of the key noise abatement procedures to insure that all relevant locations have signs. FAA Action: Approved. Signs must not be construed as mandatory air traffic procedures. The content and location of airfield signs are subject to specific approval by appropriate FAA officials outside of the Part 150 process and are not approved in advance by this determination. | Pgs. 30 and 114; and Tables 3.4, 3.7 and 7.1. |
| 3.4.6 | New Measure: Pilot Manual Insert. The city has arranged for the printing of a full color informational insert on FXE in a format that is compatible with the Jepson Sanderson manual which includes a notice on the Runway 08 departure procedures. It is also recommended that the City reprint inserts prepared by the City that addresses the Runway 08 departure procedures. FAA Action: Approved. | Pgs. 30 and 114; and Tables 3.4, 3.7 and 7.1. |
| 3.4.7 | Existing Measure: NCP Review and Revision. This measure continues provisions for continuing review and evaluation of proposed changes to the NCP between overall updates as proposed in the NCP. This provides for amendment to the details of the NCP, to ensure its continued efficiency and effectiveness. FAA Action: Approved. | Pgs. 30, 31, 113 and 114; and Tables 3.4, 3.7 and 7.1. |
| 3.4.8 | Existing Measure: NEM and NCP Updates. The NCP recommends that the City update the NEM every five years, or as required by changed conditions, pursuant to FAA guidelines. Should the revised NEM indicate that changed conditions have diminished the effectiveness or efficiency of the NCP, the City will evaluate the NCP and update it as required. This will keep the NEM and NCP up to date. FAA Action: Approved. | Pgs. 31, 113 and 114; and Tables 3.4, 3.7 and 7.1. |

These determinations are set forth in detail in a Record of Approval endorsed by the Administrator on September 23, 1997. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available for review at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative office of the City of Ft. Lauderdale.

Issued in Orlando, Florida on October 16, 1997.

W. Dean Stringer,

Acting Manager, Orlando Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss general aviation operations issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 18, 1997 at 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Helicopter Association International, 1635 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Noreen Hannigan, Regulations Analyst, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-106), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone: (202) 267-7476; 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. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss general aviation operations issues. This meeting will be held on November 18, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at the Helicopter Association International, 1635 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

The agenda for this meeting will include:

(1) A status report on the Part 103 (Ultralight Vehicles) Working Group's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on "Sport Pilot Certification Requirements;"

(2) A vote on the IFR Fuel Requirements/Destination and Alternate Weather Minimums Working Group's NPRM on "Flight Plan Requirements for

Helicopter Operations Under Instrument Flight Rules." Members of the public may obtain copies of this NPRM by contacting the person listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT;**

(3) An update of the status of the VHF Navigation and Communication Frequency Utilization Group's 1996 recommendations for implementation of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 10 (VHF Navigation and Communication Receiver Immunity Performance Standards);

(4) Discussion of overflights of national parks;

(5) Other general aviation topics (open discussion). Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present written statements to the committee at any time. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, 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 October 27, 1997.

Louis C. Cusimano,

Assistant Executive Director for General Aviation Operations, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Smith County, TX

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 new location highway project in Smith County, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mack, P.E., Acting District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Room 826, Federal Office Building, 300 East 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Randy Hopman, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Texas Department of Transportation, PO Box 2031, Tyler, Texas 75710.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct the western section of Loop 49, an approximately 40 mile circumferential controlled access highway around the urbanized area of Tyler in Smith County, Texas. The western section of the proposed Loop 49 extends from State Highway 155 northward to Interstate Highway 20 in western Smith County. The length of the project varies, depending on the selected alternative, averaging approximately 28.3 kilometers (17 miles). The proposed action is intended to provide access and increased mobility to the western Tyler/Smith County area and the Northeast Texas region; and to provide a safer, more convenient route for traffic traveling through the Tyler area.

Alternatives to the proposed action to be discussed in the EIS consist of (1) taking no action; and (2) improving existing roadways in the urbanized areas of Smith County. The build alternatives include five alternative alignments along new location rights-of-

way connecting State Highway 155 to Interstate Highway 20.

Impacts caused by the construction and operation of Loop 49 will vary according to the alternative alignments utilized. Generally, impacts would include the following: Transportation impacts (construction detours, construction traffic, and mobility improvement), air and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the roadway, water impacts from construction area and roadway storm water runoff, impacts to waters of the United States including wetlands from right-of-way encroachment, wildlife habitat impacts, and impacts to residents and businesses including potential relocations.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in the proposal. A Major Investment Study has been completed in compliance with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. In addition, several meetings have been held by the Loop 49 Steering Committee, composed of representatives of local governments, agencies, and interested organizations and citizens. A public meeting was held on August 28, 1997, at the Harvey Convention Center in Tyler, Texas, at which public comments on the proposed action and alternatives were requested. In addition, a public hearing will be held after publication of the Draft EIS. 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.

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 or TxDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12373 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: October 21, 1997.

John Mack,

Acting District Engineer, Austin, Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Travis and Williamson Counties, TX

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 Travis and Williamson Counties, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Mack, P.E., Federal Highway Administration, 826 Federal Office Building, 300 E. 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, and Ms. Dianna Noble, P.E., Director, Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 E. 11th St., Austin, Texas 78701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is considering an upgrade to the existing road network in Travis and Williamson Counties. Under this proposed action State Highway 45 (SH 45) would be constructed within a corridor beginning FM 685 north of Pflugerville, Texas, and running west to a terminus with U.S. Highway 183, a distance of approximately 14 miles. Improvements to be considered in this project include constructing a roadway on new or existing locations, and/or improving alternative transportation modes in the community. The proposed SH 45 would extend west from FM 685 along a new location right-of-way to Louis Henna Boulevard. The proposed roadway would follow Louis Henna Boulevard to its interchange with IH 35, briefly follow FM 1325 west from its intersection with IH 35, and then utilize new right-of-way location to connect with RM 620 west of Round Rock, Texas. The SH 45 roadway would follow RM 620 to its western terminus at U.S. Highway 183. Ultimate facility design is anticipated to be a six-lane roadway with frontage roads and overpasses at major thoroughfares and direct connection ramps at IH 35, Loop 1 and SH 130.

An EIS will be prepared for this project pursuant to 23 CFR part 771 and 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508. The corridor being considered for SH 45 closely parallels a needed transportation corridor identified by the Austin Transportation Study. Two preliminary Draft EIS's were prepared in 1990 as part of the SH 45 planning process.