

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Great Lakes regional waterways management forum will hold its initial meeting to discuss various waterways management issues. Agenda items will include United States and Canadian regional Great Lakes waterways concerns as they relate to commercial shipping, economics, labor, the environment and recreational boating. The purpose of the meeting will be to select Great Lakes regional waterways management areas to improve during 1999. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 12, 1999 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m..

COMMENTS: Comments or written material must be received on or before March 11, 1999 to be considered during the meeting. Comments received after this date may be considered at a later time. Any written comments and materials received may be reviewed by the public at Commander(map), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the B-1 conference room (Cafeteria level) at the Celebreeze Federal Office Building, 1240 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44199. Persons with disabilities requiring assistance to attend this meeting should contact LCDR Patrick Gerrity at (216) 902-6049. Comments should be submitted to Commander(map), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44199.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR Patrick Gerrity (map), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199, telephone (216) 902-6049 or visit the Ninth Coast Guard District's Waterways Management website at <http://www.uscg.mil/d9/wwm>.

Dated: March 1, 1999.

G. S. Cope,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Noise Certification Issues

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 noise certification issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 24 at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Angela O. Anderson, (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-200), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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 (ARAC) to discuss noise certification issues. This meeting will be held March 24, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association. The agenda for this meeting will include progress reports from the FAR/JAR Harmonization Working Group for Propeller-Driven Small Airplanes and the FAR/JAR Harmonization Working Group for Subsonic Transport Airplanes. It will also include the presentation and vote on the NPRM from the FAR/JAR Harmonization Working Group for Helicopters. Members of the public may obtain copies of this NPRM by contacting the person listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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 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 March 1, 1999.

Paul Dykeman,

Assistant Executive Director for Noise Certification Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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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 Worcester Regional Airport, Worcester, MA

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 Worcester Regional 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 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Eric Waldron, Airport Director for Worcester Regional Airport at the following address: Worcester Regional Airport, 375 Airport Drive, Worcester, Massachusetts 01602.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of Worcester under section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Priscilla A. Scott, PFC Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803, (781) 238-7614. The application may be reviewed in person at 16 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Worcester Regional 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 22, 1999, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the City of Worcester 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 May 31, 1999.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Project #: 99-03-C-00-ORH.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date:

September 1, 1999.

Proposed charge expiration date:

December 1, 2006.

Total estimated net PFC revenue:

\$1,190,443.

Brief description of proposed projects:

Construct New Terminal Facilities and Related Landside/Airside Improvements.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: The City of Worcester has not requested any exclusions.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Worcester Regional Airport, 375 Airport Drive, Worcester, Massachusetts 01602.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts on February 23, 1999.

Bradley A. Davis,

Assistant Manager, Airports Division, New England Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Outdoor Advertising Council

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of amended agreement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration agrees with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NVDOT) that one of the definitions in the Highway Beautification Federal/State Agreement between the United States of America and the State of Nevada should be amended by deleting "incorporated villages and cities" and substituting "urbanized area boundaries, as defined by 23 U.S.C. 101(a)."

DATES: The amended agreement is effective as of March 5, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marsha Bayer, Office of Real Estate Services, HRE-20, (202) 366-5853; or Mr. Robert Black, Office of Chief Counsel, HCC-31, (202) 366-1359, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Highway Beautification Act of 1965 (HBA), as amended, codified at 23 U.S.C. 131 requires States to provide effective control of outdoor advertising in the areas adjacent to both the Interstate System and Federal-aid primary system, as it existed on June 1, 1991, and any highway which is not on either of those systems but which is on the National Highway System. States must provide effective control of outdoor advertising as a condition of receiving their full apportionment of Federal-aid highway funds. Effective control of outdoor advertising includes prohibiting the erection of new advertising signs except for certain categories of signs listed at 23 U.S.C. 131(c).

Another category of signs, "off premise" signs, may be allowed by a State under 23 U.S.C. 131(d) in zoned or unzoned commercial or industrial areas. Signs in such areas must conform to the requirements of an agreement between the State and the Federal Government which establishes size, lighting, and spacing criteria consistent with customary use. The agreement between Nevada and the FHWA was executed January 21, 1972.

Modifying such agreements is rarely done, but in April 1980, the FHWA adopted a procedure to be followed if a State requested a change in the Federal/State agreement. In accordance with this procedure, the State of Nevada first submitted its proposed change, along with the reasons for the change and the effects of the change, to the FHWA Division Office in Nevada. The FHWA Nevada Division, Region 9, and Headquarters offices reviewed and commented on the proposal.

The change in the agreement is aimed primarily at effective control of billboards in Clark County (Las Vegas), Nevada, where a vast part of the urbanized area is outside the incorporated city limits of Las Vegas. The amendment requires the effective control of outdoor advertising signs as described in section 131(c) in urban areas outside of incorporated villages and cities. Las Vegas is reportedly the fastest growing urban area in the United States. The State of Nevada believes that

the change to the term "urbanized area boundaries" in the agreement could allow between 20 and 24 new billboard sites primarily in the Las Vegas urbanized area but would still prohibit the erection of signs in incorporated cities, towns, or villages outside of urbanized areas as required by section 131(c). The State maintains that the amendment would result in minimal aesthetic impact because urban areas are generally intensely developed and contain numerous on-premise signs.

The State held public hearings on the proposed change to receive comments from the public. No negative comments were received during the State's public hearings on this proposed change, and several supportive comments were presented. Nevada's formal request to the FHWA also provided justification for the proposed revision to the 1972 Federal/State Agreement. The FHWA concurred with the State that the amendment resulted in minimal aesthetic impact because urban areas are generally developed and contain numerous on-premise signs; that the amendment clarified the distinction between developed areas and town limits; that the resulting changes did not compromise highway safety; that the amendment eliminated the artificial and arbitrary imposition of standards which allow billboards to be erected in areas where they are not appropriate, and in other cases prohibit billboards from areas where they would be appropriate; and that the amendment maintained interchange block-out zones outside the limits of urban boundaries.

The State submitted the justifications for the change, the record of its public hearings, and an assessment of the impact to the FHWA. These were summarized and published in a **Federal Register** notice dated November 28, 1997.

Five respondents sent comments to the FHWA Docket No. FHWA-97-2907. One was a national scenic preservation organization and four were various state scenic preservation organizations. No comments were received from Nevada citizens or organizations. All five commenters criticized the proposed amendment as not advancing the goals of the HBA or any other public policy. The five commenters believe that the amendment would set a national precedent. The national organization maintained that the amendment would undermine Las Vegas' ongoing efforts to control billboard blight and flew in the face of local public opinion to control billboards in Las Vegas. Another organization commented that any further potential loopholes could open the door for more billboard blight. A