

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Final Environmental Impact Statement;
Colorado Airspace Initiative (CAI)**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Colorado Airspace Initiative.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is recirculating and intends to adopt the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared by the Air National Guard (ANG) for the modification of existing, and the establishment of new military airspace areas in Colorado, hereinafter known as the Colorado Airspace Initiative (CAI). The proposed actions assessed in the FEIS are substantially the same as the new military training airspace area that the ANG has asked the FAA to designate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William J. Marx, Manager, Environmental Programs Division (ATA-300), Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591 (202) 267-9367.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As provided in 40 CFR 1506.3 and FAA Order 1050.1D, Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts, the FEIS of another Federal Agency may be adopted in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR 1506.3. Under 40 CFR 1506.3(b), if the actions covered by an EIS and the actions proposed by another Federal agency are substantially the same, the agency adopting another agency's statement is not required to recirculate it except as a final statement. The FAA has determined that the proposed action of modifying existing and establishing new military training airspace areas over the State of Colorado is substantially the same as the actions considered in the ANG's FEIS. FAA staff has independently reviewed the ANG FEIS to determine if it is current and that FAA NEPA procedures have been satisfied. FAA has determined that the FEIS adequately assesses and discloses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action. FAA staff concluded that, after mitigation measures are taken into consideration, the existing airspace can be modified and new military training airspace can be established with no significant impacts on environmental resources.

The proposal will modify existing and establish new military training airspace areas over the State of Colorado. The ANG has requested this action to respond to changes in readiness training requirements. The requirements are reflected in specific United States Air Force regulations for military aircraft and personnel operating in the affected airspace. Additionally, this action responds to the changes in commercial aircraft arrival and departure corridors required for operation of the new Denver International Airport.

The ANG evaluated the environmental impacts of the CAI in its document, Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Colorado Airspace Initiative, August 1997 (FEIS). The preferred alternative was also the environmentally preferred alternative in the FEIS. The preferred alternative was modified in response to concerns raised by private citizens, government agencies, and various public interest groups. The ANG changed its proposal to narrow the widths of portions of corridors of four military training routes and withdrew one route. Subsequently, the ANG issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on October 28, 1997, approving the preferred alternative as modified. The ANG then submitted the FEIS to the FAA with its application for airspace approval.

In furtherance of CEQ regulations, in addition to the executive summary of the ANG FEIS, the FAA is recirculating the following information: (1) The ANG's ROD; (2) a summary of public comments submitted during the aeronautical review and responses to the comments; and (3) a summary of the refinements the ANG made in the ROD to the preferred alternative after the ANG FEIS was issued.

Any person may obtain a copy of the ANG FEIS, ROD and the above-reference information by submitting a request to: Air National Guard Readiness Center, Program Manager, CAI EIS, ANGRC/CEVP, 3500 Fetchet Avenue, Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20762-5157.

Written comments may be sent to the address below, and are due by Friday, May 28, 1999: Federal Aviation Administration, Environmental Programs Division, Air Traffic Airspace Management Program, Attn.: Elizabeth Gaffin, rm. 422, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration****Environmental Impact Statement on
Transportation Improvements in the
Primary Transportation Corridor of the
City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS), intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for proposed transportation improvements in the Primary Transportation Corridor of the City and County of Honolulu. The transportation improvements are being defined in conjunction with a Major Investment Study (MIS), which will include the NEPA scoping process and the selection of alternatives to be addressed in the EIS. The EIS will evaluate a no-build condition, transportation system management, and bus rapid transit and light rail transit options, plus any additional alternatives that emerge from the scoping process. Scoping will be accomplished through correspondence and discussions with interested persons, organizations, and federal, State and local agencies, and through a public meeting.

DATES: Comments Due Date: Written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to Ms. Cheryl D. Soon at the address in the ADDRESSE section by May 24, 1999.

Scoping Meeting: DTS will conduct a public scoping meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 1999 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Washington Middle School Cafeteria, 1633 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the project scope should be sent to Ms. Cheryl D. Soon, Director, Department of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu, 711 Kapiotani Boulevard, Suite 1200, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. The scoping meeting will be at the location stated above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert E. Horn, Director, Office of Planning and Program Development, Federal Transit Administration, Region IX, (415) 744-3133.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: