

Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority of October 19, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "The Topkapi Palace: Jewels and Treasures of the Sultans," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the San Diego Museum of Art and the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art from on or about March 1, 2000, to on or about October 15, 2001, 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 exhibit objects, contact Carol Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-619-6981). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44; 301-4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: January 9, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3187]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea and Associated Bodies Working Group on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety; Notice of Meeting

The Working Group on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea will conduct an open meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 31, 2000, in Room 6103, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. This meeting will discuss the upcoming 43RD Session of the Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) and associated bodies of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which will be held on September 11-15, 2000, at the IMO Headquarters in London, England.

Items of discussion will include the following:

- a. Review of results from last SLF meeting (SLF 42),
 - b. Harmonization of damage stability provisions in the IMO instruments,
 - c. Revision of technical regulations of the 1966 International Load Line Convention,
 - d. Revision of the High Speed Craft Code,
 - e. Development of the damage consequence diagrams for inclusion in damage control plan guidelines, and
 - f. Revisions to the Fishing Vessel Safety Code and Voluntary Guidelines
- Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Paul Cojean, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSE-2), Room 1308, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2988.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Hector International Airport, Fargo, North Dakota

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 use the revenue from a PFC at Hector International 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 or before February 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Bismarck Airports District Office, 2000 University Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Shawn Dobberstein, Executive Director, of the

Municipal Airport Authority, Fargo, North Dakota at the following address: Municipal Airport Authority, P.O. Box 2845, Fargo, North Dakota 58108.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Municipal Airport Authority, Fargo, North Dakota under § 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Irene R. Porter, Manager, Bismarck Airports District Office, 2000 University Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504, (701) 250-4385. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the application to use the revenue from a PFC at Hector International 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 December 29, 1999, the FAA determined that the application to use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Municipal Airport Authority, Fargo, North Dakota was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than March 29, 2000.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC application number: 00-04-U-00-FAR.

Level of the PFC: \$3.00.

Actual charge effective date: January 1, 1997.

Estimated charge expiration date: February 1, 2000.

Total approved net PFC revenue: \$1,720,410.00.

Brief description of proposed project: Install a box culvert in Cass County Drain 10.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Air Taxi/Commercial Operator (ATCO) Class Carriers filing FAA Form 1800-31.

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 Municipal Airport Authority, Fargo, North Dakota—Executive Directors offices at the Hector International Airport.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on January 5, 2000.

Benito De Leon,

*Manager, Planning and Programming Branch,
Airport Division, Great Lakes Region.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

**Environmental Impact Statement;
Jefferson Parish, LA**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Withdrawal of Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed highway project in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana has been withdrawn. The Louisiana DOTD is not planning to pursue the project as proposed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William C. Farr, Program Operations Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 5304 Flanders Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 or Ms. Michele Deshotels, Environmental Impact Program Manager, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Section 28, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245, Telephone: (225) 929-9190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent was published (**Federal Register**, Vol. 47, No. 229) to prepare and environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to extend LA-3134 from its terminus at the south end of Wagner's Ferry Bridge southwesterly through the town of Jean Lafitte crossing Bayou Barataria and terminating at LA-301 in Barataria. The proposed facility would have been a two-lane highway between 2.4 miles and 3.6 miles in length, depending upon the location. The proposed highway would have provided improved access to and from Jean Lafitte and Barataria.

Alternatives considered were: (1) No build; (2) a controlled access facility on structure; (3) a controlled access facility on embankment; and (4) upgrading LA-45 and a new bridge across Bayou Barataria between Jean Lafitte and Barataria.

There were no plans to hold a formal scoping meeting for the proposed actions. A public hearing would have been held at a convenient time and place for persons in the project area

after the Draft Environmental Impact Statement had been circulated. The hearing would have been announced through the local news media.

Comments and suggestions concerning the proposed action and the EIS were invited to be directed to the FHWA or Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: January 5, 2000.

William A. Sussmann,

Division Administrator, FHWA, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. RSAC-96-1, Notice No. 20]

**Railroad Safety Advisory Committee;
Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC") meeting.

SUMMARY: FRA announces the next meeting of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The meeting will address a wide range of topics, including possible adoption of specific recommendations for regulatory action. **DATES:** The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of the RSAC will be held at The Wyndham Washington DC Hotel, 1400 M Street NW, Washington, DC, (202) 429-1700. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters can be made available for individuals with hearing impediments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicky McCully, RSAC Coordinator, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6305 or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC"). The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 1999. The meeting will be held at The Wyndham Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time.

RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to the FRA on railroad safety matters. The Committee consists of 48 individual representatives, drawn from among 27 organizations representing various rail industry perspectives, and 2 associate non-voting representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico. Staff of the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Transit Administration also participate in an advisory capacity.

During this meeting, FRA may request the RSAC to accept tasks addressing safety issues related to rail operations on the Northeast Corridor and revising the regulations governing the protection of employees engaged in the inspection, testing, repair and servicing of rolling equipment (49 CFR part 218, subpart B). FRA intends to present a Planning Task examining the issue of qualification and certification of safety-critical employees to the RSAC for consideration and acceptance.

The RSAC will be briefed on the current status of activities of RSAC working groups and task forces responsible for carrying out tasks the RSAC has accepted involving locomotive cab working conditions, positive train control, the definition of reportable "train accident", incorporation of provision for gage restraint measurement within the Track Safety Standards, and locomotive crashworthiness. The Committee may be asked to authorize mail ballot approval of one or more proposed rule documents involving these topics.

Informational briefings on general safety-related issues including Safety Assurance and Compliance Program initiatives, the findings and recommendations of the Switching Operations Fatality Analysis Working Group, Department of Transportation proposals for changes to alcohol and drug testing procedures, a recent National Transportation Safety Board recommendation on crew resource management training programs, and the proposed requirement concerning train horns at public highway-rail grade crossings, will be provided.