

Total estimated net PFC revenue:  
\$124,728,400.

*Brief description of proposed project(s):* Airside E development; Departure level expansion and modernization; Purchase passenger loading bridges; Taxiway J extension; Reconstruct portion Taxiway A.

*Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs:* On-demand air taxi/commercial operators that (1) do not enplane or deplane passengers at the Authority's main passenger terminal buildings, or (2) enplane less than 500 passengers per year at the Airport.

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 Hillsborough County Aviation Authority.

Issued in Orlando, Florida on March 23, 2000.

**W. Dean Stringer,**

Manager, Orlando Airports District Office,  
Southern Region.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Worcester and Auburn, Massachusetts

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Worcester and Auburn, Massachusetts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jamie Sikora, Area Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 55 Broadway, 10th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02142, Telephone: (617) 494-2481; or Michael E. Miller, Project Manager, Environmental Division, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Telephone: (617) 973-8290.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Highway Department (MassHighway), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to study project alternatives potentially involving new

roadway construction and major improvements to existing roads in the southwestern section of the City of Worcester and in the Town of Auburn, Massachusetts.

The project's goal is the resolution of long-standing accessibility limitations that impact local and regional travel conditions. It is intended that the project will provide improved conditions between Route 9 in the vicinity of Webster Square in Worcester and the Interstate Highway System (I-290 and I-90). It is anticipated that this improved accessibility will also benefit the on-going revitalization of the Worcester Regional Airport and the degree to which the airport can contribute to the regional airport system.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action (No Build); (2) the Webster Street alternative; (3) the Hope Avenue alternative; (4) the Oxford Street alternative; and (5) other feasible and prudent alternatives which may be identified during the course of the EIS. Build alternatives may include limited access highway construction on a new location, or an improvement to existing alignments.

Materials describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public forums will be held, beginning in late March 2000, and continue thru the course of the study. On January 10, 2000 a public scoping meeting was held by the Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs where comments on the scope of the study were heard, and the Secretary issued a Certificate on the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) and the scope for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). A public meeting in April 2000 will also provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the scope for the study. Advance public notice of the time and place of this meeting will be given. A formal scoping meeting with the appropriate Federal agencies will also be held during this time frame. Upon completion of the Draft EIS, a Notice of Availability will be published in the **Federal Register** to provide information on the availability of the document for public and agency review and comment.

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 interest parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be

directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program).

Issued on: March 3, 2000.

**Alexander Almeida,**

Project Delivery Team Leader.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2000-7184]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) intentions to request approval for three years of a new information collection titled, "Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA)."

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before June 9, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond R. Barberesi, Director, Office of Sealift Support, MAR-630, Room 7307, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, telephone number: 202-366-2323 or fax 202-493-2180. Copies of this collection can be obtained from that office.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA).

*Type of Request:* Approval of a new information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-(NEW).

*Form Number:* MA-1020.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from the date of approval.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* This information collection is in accordance with Section 708, Defense Production Act, 1950, as amended, under which participants agree to provide commercial sealift capacity and intermodal shipping services and systems necessary to meet national defense requirements. In order to meet national defense requirements, the Government must assure the continued availability of commercial sealift resources.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information collection is needed by MARAD and the Department of Defense (DOD), including representatives from the U.S. Transportation Command and its components, to evaluate and assess the applicants eligibility for participation in the VISA program. The information will be used by MARAD and the U.S. Transportation Command and its components to assure the continued availability of commercial sealift resources to meet the DOD's military requirements.

*Description of Respondents:*

Operators of qualified dry cargo vessels.

*Annual Responses:* 40 responses.

*Annual Burden:* 200 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically, address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., EDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Dated: April 4, 2000.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2000-7185]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel FAIR TRADES.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Public Law 105-383, the Secretary of

Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S. build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 10, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7185.

Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR 832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title V of Public Law 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (less than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the

commentor's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR 388.

#### Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-build Requirement:

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested: Name of vessel: FAIR TRADES Owner: Michael and Frances Plitman.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: According to the Applicant "FAIR TRADES is 50 feet long, and has a gross tonnage of 35 tons as calculated pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 14502, berths for 8 passengers for overnight charters, and can comfortably accommodate up to 12 passengers for day charters."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "We intend to operate FAIR TRADES on day and overnight charter trips on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries for up to 12 passengers. We intend to specialize in providing combination sailing/golfing trips while also offering more traditional sailing cruises. FAIR TRADES is berthed in Annapolis and most charters will operate within 50 nautical miles of the mouth of the Severn River."

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1990, place of construction: France.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "Approval of this waiver will have minimal impact on other commercial passenger vessel operators. Most U.S. built vessels engaged in similar types of charters offer some kind of unique facilities or layout. FAIR TRADES was originally built for the charter trade in the Caribbean and has a unique, 4 cabin layout ideally suited for golfing groups. There are very few similarly constructed U.S. built vessels which is why we chose to buy this French boat. The design has been immensely popular in the islands and we believe it will be successful here. FAIR TRADES will not be competing with the large majority of coastwise operators that offer daily excursions. We have absolutely no interest in providing hourly harbor tour type services. Rates for chartering FAIR TRADES will be based on comparable market prices for similar vessels regardless of place of construction, most of which are operated in "bareboat" charter. There will be no attempt to "undercut" competitors; in fact, we are seeking to make a profit based on quality of service—not volume. Therefore, our