

English. All submissions should clearly identify on the cover page of the submission the country or countries and eligibility criterion or criteria discussed within the submission. All pages should be clearly numbered and include the name of the person and/or organization submitting the written comments. All submissions must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2000, and should be addressed to Gloria Blue in Room 122, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508. Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be available for inspection by appointment in the USTR public reading room. Appointments may be scheduled between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. by calling (202) Submissions that are granted "business confidential" status and other information submitted in confidence will not be available for public inspection. Business confidential information will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. If a document contains such business confidential information, an original and twenty (20) copies of the business confidential versions of the document along with an original and twenty (20) copies of a non-confidential version must be submitted. The document that contains business confidential information should be clearly marked "business confidential" at the top and bottom of each page. The version that does not contain business confidential information (the public version) should also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of every page (either "public version" or "non-confidential").

Peter F. Allgeier,

Associate U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program Modification and Request for Review Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, Sarasota, FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces that it is reviewing a proposed Noise

Compatibility Program (NCP) Modification that was submitted for Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-193) (hereafter referred to as "the Act") and 14 CFR Part 150 by the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority (SMAA), Sarasota, Florida. This program modification proposes to review the NCP approved on October 9, 1997, to reflect new constructive dates for eligibility for three abatement measures offered to homeowners of eligible properties within the program boundaries. These new dates are the only changes to the approved NCP. This program modification was submitted subsequent to a determination by FAA that the associated existing noise exposure maps submitted under 14 CFR Part 150 for the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport were in compliance with applicable requirements effective May 7, 1996, for the current conditions noise exposure map and June 5, 2000, for the future conditions (5-year) noise exposure map. The proposed noise compatibility program modification will be approved or disapproved on or before December 2, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the start of FAA's review of the proposed noise compatibility program modification is June 5, 2000. The public comment period ends August 4, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tommy J. Pickering, Federal Aviation Administration, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, Florida 32822-5024, (407) 812-6331, Extension 29. Comments on the proposed noise compatibility program modification should also be submitted to the above office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program modification submitted for Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport which will be approved or disapproved on or before December 2, 2000. This notice also announces the availability of this program modification for public review and comment.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has

taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

The FAA has formally received the noise compatibility program modification for Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, effective on June 5, 2000. It was requested that the FAA review this material and that the modified noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as a modification to an approved noise compatibility program under section 104(b) of the Act. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program modification. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before December 2, 2000.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 150, Section 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety, create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program modification with specific reference to these factors. All comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the noise exposure maps and the proposed noise compatibility program modification are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,
Orlando Airports District Office,
5950 Hazeltine National Drive,
Suite 400, Orlando, Florida 32822-5024.

Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority,
Sarasota-Bradenton International
Airport, 6000 Airport Circle,
Sarasota, FL 34243.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Issued in Orlando, Florida June 5, 2000.

John W. Reynolds Jr.,
Assistant Manager, Orlando Airport District Office.

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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 Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, Baton Rouge, LA

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 Baton Rouge Metropolitan 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 July 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate copies to the FAA at the following address: Mr. G. Thomas Wade, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-611, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0611.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Anthony Marino, Manager of Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport at the following address: Anthony Marino, Director of Aviation, Greater Baton Rouge Airport District, Suite 212, Ryan Terminal Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70807.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of the written comments previously provided to the Airport under Section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. G. Thomas Wade, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-611, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610, (817) 222-5613.

The application may be reviewed in person at this same location

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On June 2, 2000 the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Airport 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 September 29, 2000.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date:

August 1, 2016.

Proposed charge expiration date:

January 1, 2022.

Total estimated PFC revenue:

\$6,504,390.

PFC application number: 00-05-C-00-BTR.

Brief description of proposed project(s):

Projects To Impose and Use PFC's

1. Construct and Realign Airport Access Road
2. Acquire six (6) Aircraft Loading Bridges

Proposed class or classes of air carriers to be exempted from collecting

PFC's: FAR Part 135 on demand Air Taxi/Commercial Operator (ATCO) reporting on FAA Form 1800-31.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA regional airports office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137-4298.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on June 5, 2000.

Naomi L. Saunders,
Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Indexing the Annual Operating Revenues of Railroads

This Notice sets forth the annual inflation adjusting index numbers which are used to adjust gross annual operating revenues of railroads for classification purposes. This indexing methodology will insure that regulated carriers are classified based on real business expansion and not from the effects of inflation. Classification is important because it determines the extent of reporting for each carrier.

The railroad's inflation factors are based on the annual average Railroad's Freight Price Index. This index is developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). This index will be used to deflate revenues for comparison with established revenue thresholds.

The base year for railroads is 1991. The inflation index factors are presented as follows:

	Railroad freight index	
	Index	Deflator percent
1991	409.5	¹ 100.00
1992	411.8	99.45
1993	415.5	98.55
1994	418.8	97.70
1995	418.17	97.85
1996	417.46	98.02
1997	419.67	97.50
1998	424.54	96.38