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Deputy Director, Aviation Policy and Plans.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA; Future Flight Data Collection Committee

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for the Future Flight Data Collection Committee meeting to be held September 7, 2000, starting at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome, Introductory and Administrative Remarks; (2) Review of Meeting Agenda; (3) Review Summary of Previous Meeting; (4) Review of FAA Flight Data Recorder Specifications and Regulations; (5) Discuss Changes to EUROCAE Recorder Specifications; (6) Receive Report on the first meeting of Working Group 1; (7) Review and Discuss Tasking of Working Groups 2 and 3; (8) Industry Speakers; (9) Other Business; (10) Establish Agenda for Next Meeting; (11) Date and Location of Next Meeting; (12) Closing.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements, obtain information or pre-register for the committee should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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John A. Scardina,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. 30086]

Report to Congress on Effects of Nonmilitary Helicopter Noise on Individuals in Densely Populated Areas in the Continental United States

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice, extend comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice is announcing an extension to the comment period on a recent notice regarding the effects of nonmilitary helicopter noise that otherwise impacts individuals of densely populated areas in the continental United States. The recent notice was published in the **Federal Register** on June 23. This notice also announces the FAA plans to hold two public workshops regarding submitted comments on the nonmilitary helicopter noise issue.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice should be mailed, in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Chief Counsel, Attn: Rules Docket, Docket No. 30086, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 915H, Washington, DC 20591. Comments may be inspected in Room 915G between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Sandy R. Liu, Noise Division (AEE-100), Office of Environment and Energy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 493-4864; fax (202) 267-5594.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

On June 23, the FAA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 39220) requesting comments and information to specific issues that the FAA would consider in preparing its report to Congress on effects of nonmilitary helicopter noise on individuals in densely populated areas. Given the concerns expressed by several commenters regarding the public interest on helicopter noise, the FAA is extending the opportunity for public comment from July 24 to September 15 in order that interested persons can express their concerns and contribute to the study process. In addition, to expound on the information gathering process, the FAA plans to conduct two public workshops to allow for the

submitted comments to be reviewed and discussed prior to being compiled for the report to Congress due in April 2001. Since this is a national study and program, the public workshops will be in Washington, DC. The two workshops are scheduled to be held on:

August 16, 2000 (Wednesday), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, 3rd floor in FAA Auditorium, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

October 20, 2000 (Friday), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, 2nd Floor in Bessie Coleman Meeting Room, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All comments received at the public workshops concerning this notice will be filed in the docket. The docket is available for public inspection both before and after the closing date for comments.

Background

Section 747 of the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 2000 is a congressional mandate that is on a fast track 1-year schedule with nominal funds. This mandate specifies the FAA to conduct a noise study on the effects of nonmilitary helicopter noise on individuals in densely populated areas in the continental United States and report associated noise reduction recommendations to Congress. This study shall focus on air traffic control procedures to address the helicopter noise problems and take into account the needs of law enforcement. The major goal of the study is to identify the type of helicopter operations (either law enforcement, electronic news gathering (ENG), sightseeing tour, emergency medical services (EMS), or corporate executive commute) that elicit negative response by individuals for typical densely populated areas and understand whether air traffic control procedures are applicable to addressing helicopter noise reduction in ways which are not unduly restrictive on operations.

The FAA encourages public participation in this initiative. The data received will be considered in preparing the report to Congress. Comments responding to the questions stated in the June 23 **Federal Register** notice should be mailed to the office designated in the **ADDRESSES** heading and include the docket number. Commenters who wish the FAA to acknowledge the receipt of their comments must submit with their comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 30086." The postcard will be

date-stamped by the FAA and returned to the commenter.

Look for more detailed information regarding this effort to be posted on: <http://www.aee.faa.gov/>

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Paul R. Dykeman,

Deputy Director of Environment and Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA 2000-7645]

Developing and Implementing a Long-Term Strategy and Performance Plan for Improving Commercial Motor Vehicle, Operator, and Carrier Safety

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: To comply with section 104 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (MCSIA), the FMCSA is developing a long-term strategy and performance plan for the period between fiscal years 2001 and 2010. Both the Congress and the Department of Transportation have stated long-term goals for improving commercial motor vehicle safety. This notice asks for public comment on the means by which the goals can be achieved and on the process to develop the plan.

DATES: You should submit your comments to this notice no later than December 15, 2000. We will consider late comments if we can within our tight deadline for action.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Please include the docket number that appears in the heading of this document. You can examine and copy comments at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. If you want notification of receipt of comments, you must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or you may print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bob Proferes, Chief, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division, Telephone (202) 366-9220, Office of

Policy Plans and Regulations, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., et, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access and Filing

You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Document Management System (DMS) at: <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Acceptable formats include: MS Word (versions 95 to 97), MS Word for Mac (versions 6 to 8), Rich Text File (RTF), American Standard Code Information Interchange (ASCII)(TXT), Portable Document Format (PDF), and WordPerfect (versions 7 to 8). The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the web site.

Internet users also may find this document on the FMCSA web site at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sap/stratplan.htm>.

Background

Section 104 of the MCSIA, Public Law 106-159, 113 Stat. 1748, at 1754, requires that the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) develop a long-term strategy for improving commercial motor vehicle, operator, and carrier safety. The strategy shall include an annual plan and a schedule of achieving, at a minimum, the following goals:

(1) Reducing the number and rates of crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles;

(2) Improving the consistency and effectiveness of commercial motor vehicle, operator, and carrier enforcement and compliance programs;

(3) Identifying and targeting enforcement efforts at high-risk commercial motor vehicles, operators, and carriers; and

(4) Improving research efforts to enhance and promote commercial motor vehicle, operator, and carrier safety and performance.

The strategy and annual plans shall include, at a minimum, specific numeric or measurable goals designed to achieve the strategic goals, and estimates of the funds and staff resources needed to accomplish each activity.

In 1999, the Secretary established a Departmental goal for improving motor carrier safety of reducing large truck-related fatalities by 50 percent by the end of fiscal year 2009. Based on this goal, a long-term strategy will be developed for the planning period

between fiscal years 2001 and 2010. The long term strategy will be aligned with the Department's 5-year strategic plan and annual performance plans, which are mandated by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, Public Law 103-62, 107 Stat. 285. A strategy and performance plan framework consisting of the Agency goals, strategies, measures, and resources will be prepared by the FMCSA and submitted to the Congress by the end of calendar year 2000.

A more detailed description of the planning process that the FMCSA will use to prepare the strategy and performance plan is available in this public docket and on the Internet at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sap/stratplan.htm>. A series of project deliverables will be developed and placed in the public docket and on the Internet as soon as they become available. The deliverables will include: (1) Assessment of the truck and bus-related crash problem; (2) a statement of the FMCSA mission, vision, values, and goals; (3) a series of papers on trends impacting truck and bus safety; (4) a series of issues papers outlining the key commercial vehicle safety challenges and potential solutions; (5) FMCSA and Department long-term strategies and discussion of current and future resource requirements; and (6) program performance model, including an outcome monitoring and evaluation plan.

This request offers the opportunity for any comments on the means by which the Agency and Department can achieve the stated goals, as well as comments on the planning process.

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Clyde J. Hart, Jr.,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2000-7739; Notice 1]

Utilimaster Corporation; Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Utilimaster Corporation has determined that some of the 2730 walk-in van trucks that it manufactured during the period September 30, 1997 through October 6, 1999, contain a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 108,