

aviation in the vicinity of the laser activity. Upon completion of the review, the FAA issues a letter of determination to the respondent concerning their request.

**Burden on public:** It is estimated that approximately 20 respondents will submit approximately 200 requests (the Notice Form and the Configuration Form) to the FAA. First-time submitters could take up to 10 hours to prepare the documentation. Subsequent submissions from the same party for the same system may require only about 20 minutes. The total burden on the public is estimated to be 2,200 hours annually.

**Comments are invited on:** Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Public protection clause:** An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Once a control number is assigned, it will be published.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 14, 2000.

**Steve Hopkins,**

*Manager, Standards and Information Division, APF-100.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Hilton Head Island Airport, Hilton Head Island, SC

**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 a PFC at Hilton Head Island 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 September 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Atlanta Airports District Office, Attn: Tracie L. Dominy, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, College Park, GA 30337.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Randolph L. Wood, Deputy Administrator of Beaufort County Council at the following address: Post Office Drawer 1228, Beaufort, SC 29901.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Beaufort County Council under section 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tracie L. Dominy, Program Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, College Park, Georgia, (404) 305-7148. 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 a PFC at Hilton Head Island 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 August 14, 2000, the FAA determined that the application to impose a PFC submitted by Beaufort County Council was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than November 16, 2000.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

**PFC Application No.:** 00-02-I-00-HXD.

**Level of the proposed PFC:** \$3.00.

**Proposed charge effective date:** November 1, 2000.

**Proposed charge expiration date:** January 1, 2009.

**Total estimated PFC revenue:** \$2,076,657.

**Brief description of proposed project(s):**

1. Land Acquisition (10 acres).
2. General Aviation/Apron Development.

**Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs:** Part 135/non-scheduled carriers.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed below 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 Beaufort County Council.

Issued in College Park, Georgia, on August 14, 2000.

**Scott L. Seritt,**

*Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office, Southern Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, and Robertson Counties, Texas

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), 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 transportation project in Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, and Robertson Counties, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Salvador Deocampo, Acting District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 300 E. 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone 512-916-5988.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and the Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Organization (B/CSMPO), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for upgrading the existing railroad corridor or constructing a new corridor for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). The study corridor is approximately 25 miles in length and includes portions of Brazos, Burleson, Grimes and Robertson Counties; the cities of Bryan and College Station; and the Texas A&M University (TAMU) campus. From a regional and local perspective, the UPRR in this area could significantly impact roadway operations, and traffic and pedestrian safety. The population and traffic volumes have grown significantly in the region and the region's population is projected to increase by 50% by the year 2025. Traffic and safety issues are further exacerbated by increasing rail traffic and operations, increasing

population, and expansion of activities and facilities in the western half of the TAMU campus.

As directed by TEA-21, the Major Investment Study (MIS) process will be integrated with the EIS. The primary purpose of this study, known as the "Local Rail Economic Feasibility and Location Study" is to perform an alternative corridor analysis to determine the feasibility of upgrading the existing rail corridor or constructing a new corridor which will allow through-freight trains, local motorists, and pedestrians to travel uncongested through all or part of the Bryan/College Station corridor between Hearne and Navasota, Texas. Previous feasibility studies have examined a range of alternatives an alignments.

This study will examine viable alternatives and potential alternatives including the No-Build and vertical realignment and/or horizontal realignment options for the railroad. In addition, the study will evaluate the proposed track improvements required to allow commuter rail operations in conjunction with continuous freight operations. Grade separations of the railroad with Villa Maria Road, George Bush Drive, and FM 2818 are included in the 2000-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Bryan/College Station region and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and will be included in the No-Build Alternative. The study will also include extensive and continuous public involvement to address the long-term mobility need and safety issues of both the region and local community. The study will include the identification of the configuration and operational characteristics of alternatives. It will also include a discussion of the effects on social, economic, and environmental resources, and of other known and reasonably foreseeable agency actions proposed within the study corridor.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations, citizens, and residents who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Public scoping meetings are planned for:

- September 19, 2000 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Bryan First Church of God Fellowship Hall located at 2002 Highway 21 East, Bryan, Texas 77803;
- September 20, 2000 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Mary Branch Elementary School Cafeteria located at 2040 West Villa Maria, Bryan, Texas 77801; and
- September 21, 2000 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the College Station

Conference Center located at 1300 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840.

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who require auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for the hearing impaired, readers, or Braille, school contact Ms. Sandy Wesch-Schulze at 1-877-394-9321 (toll free number), at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Because the public meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two working days prior to the public meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to meet these needs.

These meetings will be to solicit public comments on the proposed action during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. In addition, public meetings will be held throughout the process. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the other public meetings and hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment before the public hearing.

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 interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalogue 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: August 15, 2000.

**Brett Jackson,**

*Urban Program Engineer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2000-7798]

#### Criteria for Granting Waivers of Requirement for Exclusive U.S.-Flag Vessel Carriage of Certain Export Cargoes

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed policy revision.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD, we, us, our) is soliciting public comment on whether and/or how MARAD should amend its existing criteria for granting waivers of the requirement that cargo covered by Public Resolution 17 (PR-17) 73rd Congress, be carried on U.S.-flag vessels. Our goals for any policy amendments are: (1) the preservation of a cargo base financed by PR-17 for carriage on U.S.-flag vessels; (2) maximum export of U.S. manufactured goods; and (3) maintenance of a viable U.S.-flag merchant fleet for economic growth and national security. The intended effect is to set forth standard procedures for shippers and carriers to follow regarding PR-17 cargo in order to help support the U.S.-flag merchant fleet.

**DATES:** You should submit your comments early enough to ensure that Docket Management receives them not later than October 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Your comments should refer to docket number [MARAD-2000-7798]. You may submit your comments in writing to: Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. You may also submit them electronically via the internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. You may call Docket Management at (202) 366-9324 and visit the docket Room from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For non-legal issues you may call Thomas W. Harrelson, Director, Office of Cargo Preference at (202) 366-5515. For legal issues you may call Murray Bloom, Chief, Division of Maritime Assistance Programs of the Office of the Chief Counsel at (202) 366-5320. You may send mail to both of these officials at Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments

*How Do I Prepare and Submit Comments?*

Your comments must be written and in English. To ensure that your comments are correctly filed in the docket, please include the docket number of this document in your comments.

We encourage you to write your primary comments in a concise fashion. However, you may attach necessary additional documents to your comments. There is no limit on the length of the attachments. Please submit