

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to use and to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Meadows Field 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 December 15, 2000, the FAA determined that the application to use and to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the county of Kern 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 17, 2001. The following is a brief overview of the application.

Project No. 1 (use project)

Level of proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Charge effective date: January 1, 2000.

Proposed charge expiration date: May 1, 2002.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$317,000.

Brief description of proposed project: Land acquisition for Airport Expansion Project No. 2 (impose and use project).

Level of Proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Proposed charge effective date: June 1, 2001.

Proposed charge expiration date: February 1, 2014.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$9,086,000.

Brief description of proposed project: Construct new passenger terminal Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: None.

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 Meadows Field Airport Administration Office.

Issued in Hawthorne, California, on December 22, 2000.

Ellsworth Chan,

Acting Manager, Airports Division Western-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: King County, WA

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 road project in King County, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Healy, Transportation and Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 711 South Capitol Way, Suite 501, Olympia, Washington 98501-1284, Telephone: (360) 534-9323 or Alan Andree, Senior Engineer, King County, Road Services Division, Department of Transportation, King Street Center M.S. KSC-TR-0231, 201 South Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104-3856, Telephone: (206) 296-8086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation and King County Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve a portion of Northwest Novelty Hill Road in King County, Washington. The proposed improvement to the Northeast Novelty Hill Road would involve improvements to the road, and would include stormwater detention facilities, safety improvements and pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle facilities. The project is located between Avondale Road Northeast and the Redmond Ridge (formerly Northridge and Blakely Ridge) urban planned developments, including intersection improvements at 243rd Avenue Northeast, an approximately three mile long corridor.

Improvements to the road are considered necessary to reduce anticipated traffic congestion and improve safety by increasing vehicle capacity and providing improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) constructing a three-lane road; (3) constructing a five-lane road. Incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives will be design variations of grade and alignment.

Letters 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 meetings will be held in King County between January 2001 and February 2002. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice of actions related to the proposal which identify the date,

time and place of the meetings and hearings, and note the length of review periods will be published when appropriate. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. A formal scoping meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 23, 2001 and will be announced in the local news media and through a public mailing.

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 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: January 9, 2001.

Elizabeth Healy,

Transportation and Environmental Engineer, Olympia, Washington.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: King County, WA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, King County, Washington.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a joint NEPA/SEPA Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposed bicycle/pedestrian trail. The trail would be located primarily along a former rail corridor on the east side of Lake Sammamish between the Cities of Issaquah and Redmond in King County, Washington. The EIS will be prepared in conjunction with King County Department of Construction and Facilities Management.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Healy, Transportation and Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 711 S. Capitol Way, Suite 501, Olympia, WA 98501, Telephone (360) 753-9480; or Ms. Robin Cole, Project Manager, King County Department of Construction and Facilities Management, 500 Fourth

Avenue, Room 320, Seattle, WA 98104, Telephone (206) 296-4261.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the proposed project is to design and construct a multi-use recreational trail and alternative transportation corridor primarily within the 10.8-mile former Burlington-Northern Santa Fe rail corridor, and to protect the federal railbanking status of the corridor, which was granted in September 1998. This East Lake Sammamish Trail would extend along the east side of Lake Sammamish from Redmond to Issaquah, linking King County's Marymoor Park and West Lake Sammamish Trail to Lake Sammamish State Park and other local and regional trails.

At this time, three alternatives are being considered: a No Action alternative, use of primarily the existing railbed with some off-railbed use, and use of the existing rail corridor with some off-corridor use. The range of alternatives may, however, be modified as a result of public involvement process.

Potential Environmental Issues

King County has conducted a community outreach and preliminary environmental evaluation process. As a result, the County and FWHA have identified the following areas of potentially significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed project: surface water, geology and soils, noise, land and shoreline use, vegetation, wildlife, fisheries, public services and utilities, transportation, safety, recreation, and aesthetics. Additional areas of potential impact may be identified during public involvement.

Public Involvement and Scoping Meetings

During spring and summer 2000, Neighborhood Vision Workshops and User Group Workshops were held by King County to gather information from neighbors of the trail and potential user groups including cyclists, runners, pedestrians, and equestrians.

King County held a public SEPA scoping meeting on November 15, 2000 to provide an opportunity for the public to help the project team identify issues for consideration and evaluation in the environmental review process. The meeting was held at the Inglewood Junior High School, 24120 NE 8th, Redmond, WA 98053.

A public scoping meeting will be held on February 20, 2001 to provide additional opportunity to ensure that proposed alternatives respond to previous input and are comprehensive.

Notice of this meeting was also published in local newspapers, including the Seattle Times, the Eastside Journal, and the Issaquah Press. The February 20th scoping meeting will be held at: Skyline High School (Commons Area), 1122-228th Avenue SE, Sammamish, WA 98075, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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 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)

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Elizabeth Healy,

Transportation and Environmental Engineer, Olympia, Washington.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Battle Ground, Yacolt & Chelatchie Prairie Railroad

[Docket Number FRA-2000-8501]

The Battle Ground, Yacolt & Chelatchie Prairie Railroad seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with the Safety Glazing Standards, 49 CFR part 223.1(c) which requires certified glazing in all locomotive windows, with the exception of locomotives used in yard service.

The Battle Ground, Yacolt & Chelatchie Prairie Railroad seeks relief for locomotive number 112 (AAR number designation pending), built in 1951 by American Locomotive Company (ALCO) for the Longview,

Portland and Northern Railroad. This locomotive is currently equipped with Duolite A25, Duolite A5 110, Safety Sheeting AS2 Laminated M91 and Laminated Auto Safety Glazing. The operating railroad indicates that the locomotive will be utilized in passenger excursion service between Battle Ground, Washington (MP 14) and Chelatchie, Washington (MP 33).

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-8501 and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room Pl-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 10, 2001.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-8268]

Petition for Waivers of Compliance

In accordance with 49 CFR §§ 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal safety laws and regulations. The petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain requirements of 49 CFR part 229 (Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards) for a