

- Airport master plan update.
- PFC administration.

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 Lebanon Municipal Airport, 5 Airpark Road, West Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts on May 4, 2001.

Vincent A. Scarano,

Manager, Airports Division, New England Region.

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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 Monterey Peninsula Airport, Monterey, CA

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 Monterey Peninsula 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).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261, or San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303. In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ms. Susan Kovalenko, Manager, Support Services, Monterey Peninsula Airport District, at the following address: 200 Fred Kane Drive, Suite 200, Monterey, CA 93940. Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Monterey

Peninsula Airport District under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marlys Vandervelde, Airports Program Analyst, San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303, Telephone: (650) 876-2806. 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 Monterey Peninsula 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 April 27, 2001, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Monterey Peninsula Airport District 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 July 27, 2001.

The following is a brief overview of the impose and use application No. 01-07-C-00-MRY:

Level of proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Charge effective date: October 1, 2001.

Proposed charge expiration date: March 1, 2002.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$381,935.

Brief description of the proposed projects: Acquire Airport Rescue and firefighting (ARFF) Equipment, Modify ARFF Vehicle Cooling System, Lower Obstruction to Runway 10R Obstacle-Free Zone, Reconstruct Portion of Entrance Road to North Side, Purchase Runway Sweeper, Soundproofing, Phases 6 and 7, Replace Terminal Fire Doors, Realign and Improve Sky Park/Fred Kane Drive Connection, and Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment for Sky Park Drive Extension to North Side of Airport.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Unscheduled Part 135 Air Taxi Operators.

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 Division located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 1500 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the

application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Monterey Peninsula Airport District.

Issued in Hawthorne, California, on May 3, 2001.

Ellsworth L. Chan,

Acting Manager, Airports Division, Western-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Shelby, Tipton, Lauderdale, and Dyer Counties, TN

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 (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed section of Interstate Highway 69 (I-69) in Shelby, Tipton, Lauderdale, and Dyer Counties, Tennessee beginning at State Route 385 (Paul Barrett Parkway) north of Memphis and extending to Dyersburg, Tennessee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Doctor, Field Operations Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 640 Grassmere Park Road, Suite 112, Nashville, Tennessee 37211, Telephone: (615) 781-5788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal for the construction of a four-lane freeway facility from State Route 385 (Paul Barrett Parkway) north of Memphis, Tennessee to Interstate 155 (I-155) near Dyersburg, Tennessee. The distance of this proposed project is approximately 104 kilometers (65 miles).

This proposed facility is identified as Segment of Independent Utility #8 of the Congressionally-designated High Priority Corridor 18 or Interstate 69. The overall purpose for this project is to improve international and interstate trade in accordance with national and state goals and to facilitate economic development in accordance with state, regional, and local policies, plans, and surface transportation consistent with national, state, regional, local needs and with Congressional designation of the corridor.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action (no-build);

(2) reconstructing U.S. 51; (3) constructing a new facility east or west of existing U.S. 51; or (4) some combination of alternatives (2) and (3). 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. Public meetings will be held in each of the four counties included in this project to provide input into the development of this project. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. A formal scoping meeting is also planned.

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: May 10, 2001.

Charles S. Boyd,

Division Administrator, Nashville, Tennessee.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Applications for TIFIA Credit Assistance

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds (NOFA) inviting applications for credit assistance for major surface transportation projects.

SUMMARY: The DOT's Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Joint Program Office (JPO) announces the availability of funds to provide credit assistance in the form of secured (direct) loans, lines of credit, and loan guarantees to public and private sponsors of eligible surface

transportation projects. Funding for this program is limited, and the TIFIA Joint Program Office will lead DOT multimodal teams in evaluating applications based on project merits and satisfaction of the TIFIA statutory criteria. This notice announces the availability of funds and outlines the process that applicants must follow when applying for TIFIA credit assistance.

DATES: This notice institutes a "rolling" application process replacing the practice of setting fixed application dates. See a further discussion under the caption "Application and Selection Process" in this notice.

ADDRESSES: Both the letters of interest and completed applications should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Stephanie Kaufman, TIFIA Joint Program Office, Department of Transportation, Room 4301, HABF-50, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: TIFIA Joint Program Office staff: Mr. Duane Callender, (202) 366-9644; Mr. Bryan Grote, (202) 366-9656; Ms. Stephanie Kaufman, (202) 366-9649; and Mr. Mark Sullivan, (202) 366-5785. TIFIA Joint Program Office Staff can be contacted at the above address. Hearing- and speech-impaired persons may use TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. Additional information, including the current edition of the TIFIA Program Guide and application materials, can be obtained from the TIFIA web site at <http://tifia.fhwa.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Public Law 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, 241, created the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998 (TIFIA), authorizing the Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide credit assistance in the form of secured (direct) loans, lines of credit, and loan guarantees to public and private sponsors of eligible surface transportation projects. TIFIA regulations (49 CFR Part 80) provide specific guidance on the program requirements.

On January 5, 2001, at 65 FR 2827, the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) delegated to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) the authority to act as the Executive Agent for the TIFIA program (49 CFR 1.48(nn)). The TIFIA Joint Program Office (TIFIA JPO), within the FHWA, has responsibility for coordinating program implementation.

Funding for this program is limited, and a project requesting assistance will be evaluated and selected based on the project merits and satisfaction of the TIFIA statutory criteria. Upon selection, a term sheet will be issued and subsequently a definitive credit agreement will be developed through negotiations between the project sponsor and the DOT.

Types of Credit Assistance Available

The Secretary may provide credit assistance in the form of secured (direct) loans, loan guarantees, and lines of credit. These types of credit assistance are defined in 23 U.S.C. 181 and 49 CFR 80.3.

Program Funding and Limitations on Assistance

TIFIA provides annual funding levels for both total credit amounts (i.e., the total principal amounts that may be committed in the form of direct loans, loan guarantees, or lines of credit) and subsidy amounts (i.e., the amounts of budget authority available to cover the estimated present value of the Government's expected losses associated with the provision of credit instruments, net of any fee income). Funding for the subsidy amounts is provided in the form of budget authority funded from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account). As a result of prior project selections in FY 2001 and several additional factors, including carry-over funds from prior years and an annual obligation limitation, the TIFIA JPO estimates that approximately \$1.3 billion in credit amounts and \$43.2 million in subsidy amounts remain available through September 30, 2001.

Total Federal credit amounts authorized for the TIFIA program beyond FY 2001 are \$2.4 billion in FY 2002 and \$2.6 billion in FY 2003. To support these credit amounts, TIFIA provides budget authority to fund subsidy amounts of up to \$120 million in FY 2002 and \$130 million in FY 2003. Of these amounts, the TIFIA JPO may use up to \$2 million each fiscal year for expenses associated with program implementation, including the procurement of external financial consultants and legal counsel. Any budget authority not obligated in the fiscal year for which it is initially authorized remains available for obligation in subsequent years. Unused credit amounts lapse at the end of the year for which it is authorized.

The amount of credit assistance that may be provided to a project under TIFIA is limited to not more than 33 percent of eligible project costs.