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- Opening Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/Approve Summary of Previous Meeting)
- Publication Consideration/Approval:
 - Final Draft, *Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) of the Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite (R) Service (AMS(R)S as Used in Aeronautical Data Links*, RTCA Paper No. 194-01/PMC-156, prepared by SC-165.
 - Final Draft, *Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) for Aircraft VDL Mode 3 Transceiver Operating in the Frequency Range 117.975-137.000 MHz*, prepared by SC-172, RTCA Paper No. 190-01/PMC-154.
 - Final Draft, Change 1, DO-224A, *Signal-in-Space Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) for Advanced VHF Digital Data Communications Including Compatibility with Digital Voice Techniques*, RTCA Paper No. 212-01/PMC-160, prepared by SC-172.
 - Final Draft, DO-248B, Final Annual Report for Clarification of DO-178B *Software Considerations in Airborne Systems and Equipment Certification*, RTCA Paper No. 224-01/PMC-162, prepared by Joint Committee SC-190/WG-52.
 - Final Draft, *User Requirements for Aerodrome Mapping Information*, RTCA Paper No. 191-01/PMC-155, prepared by Joint Committee SC-193-WG-44.
 - Final Draft, *Response to the Report of the RTCA Chairman's Committee on NEXCOM*, RTCA Paper No. 243-01/PMC-166, prepared by SC-198.
 - Final Draft, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Integrated Night Vision Imaging System Equipment, RTCA Paper No. 238-01/PMC-164, prepared by SC-196.
- Discussion
 - Special Committee 188, High Frequency Data Link; Request for Extension of due date.
 - Special Committee 189, NEXCOM; Update to Terms of Reference.
 - Special Committee 147, TCAS; Proposed Additional Tasking.
 - Special Committee Chairman's Report.
- Action Item Review
 - Action Item 05-01, Recommendation for a Multi-Function Display.
 - Action Item 06-01, Modular Avionics Special Committee to work jointly with EUROCAE Working Group.

- Closing Session (Other Business, Document Production, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA Special Committee 193/ EUROCAE Working Group 44: Terrain and Airport Databases**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 193/EUROCAE Working Group 44 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 193/ EUROCAE Working Group 44: Terrain and Airport Databases.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 10-14, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Hotel Mercure Bordeaux Airport, 1 Av Charles Lindbergh, Merignac, France 33700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 193/EUROCAE Working Group 44 meeting. The agenda will include:

September 10

- Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda, Review Summary of Previous Meeting)

- Presentations/Discussions of formation of new Subgroup 4 (Database Exchange Format); Introduction of new Subgroup 4 Chairman
- Subgroup 2 (Terrain and Obstacle Database)
 - Review past minutes and actions; Presentations; Review of draft document; Begin Final Review and Comment (FRAC) process for Standards for Terrain and Obstacle Databases document.
- Subgroup 4 (Database Exchange Format)
 - Begin new subgroup 4; Establish goals and objectives for new subgroup; Start work on new document.

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- Subgroups 2 and 4 continue discussions
- Plenary Forms
 - Complete FRAC process and achieve plenary consensus for the Standards for Terrain and Obstacle Databases document.

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- Closing Plenary Session (Summary of Subgroups 2 and 4 meetings, Assign Tasks, Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Dane County, Wisconsin**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

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

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an

environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed improvements of the Madison West Beltline (USH 12/14) between USH 14 in Middleton & Todd Drive in Madison; and Verona Road (USH 18/151) between CTH PD & USH 12/14 in Madison; Dane County, Wisconsin

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Johnny M. Gerbitz, Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 567 D'Onofrio Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53719-2814; telephone: (608) 829-7511. You may also contact Ms. Carol Cutshall, Director, Bureau of Environment, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 7965, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7965; telephone: (608) 266-9626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to improve the West Madison Beltline—USH 12/14 between USH 14 and Todd Drive, a distance of 8.28 miles; and Verona Road—USH 18/151 between CTH PD and USH 12/14, a distance of 1.81 miles.

The anticipated format for the EIS will be Screening Worksheets rather than the typical narrative form. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has developed a series of Environmental Screening Worksheets which are divided into Basic Sheets and Factor Sheets. The Screening Worksheets provide a flexible means of addressing the requirements for an Environmental Document.

The improvements to these two highways are considered necessary to provide capacity for existing and projected traffic demand, to reduce high crash rates, and provide better connectivity between land areas adjacent to the highways.

Planning, environmental, and engineering studies are underway to develop transportation alternatives. The EIS will assess the need, location, and

environmental impacts of alternatives within the study area. These alternatives include:

(1) *No Build*—this alternative assumes the continued use of existing facilities with the maintenance necessary to ensure their use;

(2) *Upgrade the Existing Facilities*—this alternative would improve traffic handling capabilities and safety by reconstructing the roadway and interchanges. This may include the reconfiguration of one or more interchanges;

(3) *Beltline Crossovers*—this alternative would complement the other two alternatives to provide additional Beltline crossings for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. All alternatives will examine improvements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Information 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 the project corridor throughout the data gathering and development of alternatives. 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 hearing. As part of the scoping process, coordination activities have begun. Scoping meetings will continue to be held on an individual or group meeting basis. Agency coordination will be accomplished during these meetings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed, and all substantive issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA or the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at the addresses provided in the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. (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).

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

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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.

Great Miami & Scioto Railway Company

[Docket Number FRA-2000-7349]

The Great Miami & Scioto Railway Company owns and operates a caboose, number GMRY 783, which was built in 1954. This caboose is not used in regular service, but only on a limited basis to transport railroad officials and private persons for typical railroad business purposes. The caboose will primarily be stored on a live rail siding for display. The car operates on the Great Miami & Scioto Railway in Ross, Jackson, and Vinton Counties in Southeast Ohio, a rural/suburban area. The current window glazing in this caboose has become frosted and requires replacement. The GMRY requests relief from the requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 223.13 Requirements for existing cabooses due to the infrequent use of the caboose, the planned usage for private party transportation, and the cost of installing compliant glazing. The GMRY proposes to install an automotive type safety glazing as an alternative to the FRA Types I & II.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-7349) and must be submitted to: Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room P1-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within