

other interested parties are invited to make comments and suggestions to ensure that the full range of issues related to these proposed actions are addressed and all significant issues identified. The FAA informational contact person identified above should receive these comments and suggestions by December 19, 2001.

Public Scoping Meeting: To facilitate receipt of comments, two public scoping meetings will be held on December 5, 2001 at the Gary/Chicago Airport, 6001 Industrial Highway, Gary, Indiana. The first meeting will be held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for Federal, State, and local agencies in the administrative offices. The second meeting will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for other interested parties in the passenger terminal facility.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Notice of a Public Hearing for the City of Chicago's Proposed World Gateway Program and Other Capital Improvement Projects at Chicago O'Hare International Airport

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Aviation for the proposed World Gateway Program at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, and that copies of the Draft EA are available for public review and comment. This Notice has been issued to provide for wide distribution of this information to the public, and to local, state, and federal agencies. Comments are being solicited by the City of Chicago on the environmental consequences of the proposed actions. In addition, FAA is advising that the City of Chicago will hold a public hearing on December 13, 2001, regarding the EA for the purpose of considering the economic, social, and environmental effects of the development and its consistency with applicable plans.

SUMMARY: The World Gateway Program would include terminal development and improvements, taxiway development, terminal access road improvements, utility system modification, cargo facility relocation, and other capital improvement projects. An environmental assessment has been prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Aviation to evaluate the proposed projects. The EA also evaluates other independent airport development projects that would occur in the same time frame as the World Gateway Program. The subsequent environment documentation will be used by the FAA to determine the appropriate level of environmental review necessary pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

Public Hearing: A public hearing and informational workshop will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2001 from 4 p.m.–8 p.m. at the Foundation Blue Banquets, 2300 S. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the environmental effects of the proposed World Gateway Program and afford the public the opportunity to present oral and/or written comments. A transcript of the hearing will be made. Written comments will be accepted through the close of business on Tuesday, January 15, 2002. The first half-hour of each hour of the public hearing will be allocated to pre-reserved testimony. The second half of each hour will be allocated to walk-in testimony. All individuals will have five minutes to testify. Individuals may call Ms. Carol Wilinski at 773-894-6900 to reserve a time slot to testify at the public hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carol Wilinski, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, P.O. Box 66412, Chicago, IL 60666; 773-686-3541 (voice); 773-894-6900 (facsimile); or by email: wgp_environment@ohare.com. Please submit comments prior to close of business Tuesday, January 15, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed World Gateway Program includes the development of two new passenger terminals, Terminals 4 and 6, the redevelopment of Terminal 2, and Terminal 3 Concourse K extension. As a result of these projects, several facilities must be relocated. These relocations are referred to as Enabling Projects. The EA also evaluates other projects unrelated to the World Gateway Program but which are proposed for development during the same period of time and are referred to as Independent Utility Projects. Together, the World Gateway Program, the Enabling Projects, and the Independent Utility Projects are

referred to as the Proposed Projects in the EA. The Proposed Projects include the following:

The World Gateway Program

Terminal 2 Redevelopment

Reconfiguration of terminal interior; Widening passenger corridor linking Terminals 1 and 2; Demolition and reconstruction of Concourses E and F; Installation of Federal Inspection Service (FIS) facilities; and Reconfiguration of aircraft parking apron.

Terminal 3, Concourse K Extension

Extensions of Concourse K and Relocation of Taxiway A/B; Construction of new apron.

Terminal 4 Development

Construction of Terminal 4; Installation of FIS facilities; Enlargement and reconfiguration of apron.

Terminal 5 Reconfiguration

Modified to integrate with the proposed Terminal 6.

Terminal 6 Development

Construction of Terminal 6; Reconfiguration of apron; Extension of taxiway; Development of access road for Terminals 5 and 6; Construction of Terminal 6 parking garage; Realignment of Airport Transit System (ATS) line and construction of ATS station in Terminal 6.

Enabling Projects

- Delta Cargo Facility Relocation
- Lynxs Cargo Facility Relocation
- Sky Chefs Flight Kitchen Relocation
- Heating and Refrigeration (H&R) Plant Support Facility Relocations
- Commonwealth Edison Switchyard D179 Relocation

Independent Utility Projects

- Public Parking Improvements
- Development of Consolidated Rental Car Facility/ATS Station
- Development of Rental Car Storage and Maintenance Lot
- ATS Storage and Maintenance Facility Relocation/Track Extension
- Development of Long-Term Parking ATS Station and Intermodal Connection
- Additional Fuel Tank Farm Development in Northwest Airfield
- Development of City Warehouse and Trades Building
- Eastside Collateral Development
- O'Hare Roadway Improvements

Copies of the World Gateway Program Draft EA are available at the following locations:

Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004
 Bensenville Public Library, 200 S. Church Rd., Bensenville, IL 60106
 College of DuPage Library, 425 Fawell, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
 Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, IL 60016
 Eisenhower Public Library, 4652 N. Olcott Ave., Harwood Heights, IL 60706
 Elk Grove Village Public Library, 1001 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
 Elmhurst Public Library, 211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126
 Franklin Park Public Library, 10311 Grand Ave., Franklin Park, IL 60131
 Harold Washington Library, 400 South State St., 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605
 Itasca Community Library, 500 W. Irving Park Rd., Itasca, IL 60143
 Melrose Park Public Library, 801 Broadway St., Melrose Park, IL 60160
 Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056
 Northlake Public Library, 231 N. Wolf Rd., Northlake, IL 60164
 Oakton Community College Library, Des Plaines, IL 60016
 Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068
 River Grove Public Library, 8638 Grand Ave., River Grove, IL 60171
 Roselle Public Library, 40 S. Park St., Roselle, IL 60172
 Schiller Park Public Library, 4200 Old River Rd., Schiller Park, IL 60176
 Wood Dale Public Library, 520 N. Wood Dale Rd., Wood Dale, IL 60191

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment; Panama City-Bay County International Airport; Panama City, FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advertise to the public that an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared to consider alternatives to meet forecast growth in aviation

demand in the Panama City-Bay County region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Virginia Lane, Federal Aviation Administration, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822-5024, 407/812-6331, Extension 29.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to address environmental and related impacts expected to be associated with meeting forecast growth in aviation demand in the Panama City-Bay County region.

The EA will be developed, prepared, and processed such that it can be converted to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in a timely fashion, should the EA indicate that the project will likely result in significant environmental impacts and that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is not appropriate.

The Panama City-Bay County International Airport (PFN), owned and operated by the Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District, is located approximately five miles northwest of the central business district of Panama City, Florida. PFN has two 150-foot wide runways, Runway 5-23 and Runway 14-32. Runway 5-23 measures 4,888 feet in length and is primarily used by general aviation aircraft. Runway 14-32, with a length of 6,304 feet, serves as the primary runway for commercial airline service at PFN.

During the 1990's, an Environmental Assessment was initiated to consider alternatives to provide an 8,000-foot runway at PFN. This study recommended an extension of Runway 14-32 to the northwest into Goose Bayou to provide additional runway length. However, the proposed runway extension would have environmental impacts to Class II waters that are protected under state law. Due to opposition to the runway extension, the Environmental Assessment was deferred in 1998.

With support from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Panama City-Bay County International Airport Authority initiated an effort to study the feasibility of relocating or expanding the airport facilities in 1999. The Airport Feasibility Study resulted in a determination that relocation of the airport was technically feasible.

This Environmental Assessment (EA) will include evaluation of a no action alternative and other reasonable alternatives that may be identified

during the agency and public scoping meetings.

Public Scoping: Although formal scoping is not required for an EA, public and agency scoping sessions will be conducted at the initiation of the EA. This action is being conducted to help to identify the scope of issues to be addressed, assist in the identification of alternatives, and aid in the identification of any potentially significant issues related to the proposed action.

The FAA will hold a scoping meeting to solicit input from Federal, State, and local agencies which have jurisdiction by law or have a specific expertise with respect to any environmental impacts associated with the project. In addition, a public scoping meeting will be held and the public may submit written comments on the scope of the environmental study to the address identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** paragraph. A separate Public Notice will be issued to provide the date, time and place of the scoping meetings and the period for written comments.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application (01-03-C-00-LYH) To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Lynchburg Regional Airport, Lynchburg, Virginia

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 Lynchburg Regional 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).