

posted by April 21, and final action will be posted by the Department of State no later than April 23. If necessary, these dates may be modified, or this meeting may be continued through a later date via e-mail or conference call, as announced on the reflector.

ITU-T Study Groups 13 and 11 preparations: The ITAC will meet on January 23, 2004 to consider delayed contributions to, and otherwise prepare for, the ITU-T Study Group 13 meeting to be held on February 3–12, 2004 and the ITU-T Study Group 11 meeting to be held on March 1–12, 2004. This ITAC meeting will begin 30 minutes after closure of the T1A1/T1S1 Plenaries at Radisson Riverwalk Hotel, 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Further information may be announced on the e-mail reflector (list server) *SGB@EBLIST.state.gov*. People may join this reflector by sending a message to Marcie Geissinger at *marciegeissinger@msn.com* or 303–499–2145 saying they wish to join.

ITU-T Study Group 15 preparations: The ITAC will meet from February 11 to 17, 2004 via e-mail on the reflector list *SGB@EBLIST.state.gov* to consider normal (white) contributions to the ITU-T Study Group 15 meeting to be held April 19–30, 2004, Geneva. If necessary, this meeting may be continued through a later date via e-mail or conference call, as announced on the reflector. If you wish to participate in this meeting, please inform Marcie Geissinger at *marciegeissinger@msn.com* or 303–499–2145.

The ITAC will meet on April 1 to consider delayed contributions to the ITU-T Study Group 15 meeting. Further information regarding the place and time for this meeting will be announced on the e-mail reflector (list server) *SGB@EBLIST.state.gov*. People may join this reflector by sending a message to Marcie Geissinger at *marciegeissinger@msn.com* or 303–499–2145 saying they wish to join.

ITU-T Study Group 17 preparations: The ITAC will meet beginning February 18 via e-mail on the appropriate reflector list, e.g., *sgd@EBLIST.state.gov* to prepare for the ITU-T Study Group 17 meeting to be held from March 10–19. Originators must post their contributions to the reflector by February 18, 2004; comments on the documents must be posted to the same address by February 23; originators' responses must be posted February 24, and final action will be posted by the Department of State no later than February 25, 2004. If necessary, this meeting may be continued through a

later date via e-mail or conference call, as announced on the reflector.

ITU-T Special Study Group preparations: The ITAC will meet beginning March 26, 2004 via e-mail on the reflector list *sgd-ssg@EBLIST.state.gov* to prepare for the ITU-T Special Study Group (IMT2000 and beyond) meeting to be held from April 19–22, 2004. Originators must post their documents to the reflector by March 26, 2004; comments on the documents must be posted to the same address by March 31; originators' responses must be posted by April 3, and final action will be posted by the Department of State no later than April 6, 2004. If necessary, this meeting may be continued through a later date via e-mail or conference call, as announced on the reflector.

CITEL PCC II and COMCITEL Group Preparations: The ITAC will meet on January 28 to debrief on COMCITEL (December 16–19, 2003), and on February 11 and March 3, 2004 to prepare for the next CITEL PCC I meeting (March 15–19). Location and times for these meetings will be announced on the appropriate reflector list, e.g., *PCCI-CITEL@EBLIST.state.gov*. PCC II will meet on January 27, February 17, March 2, and 16, 2004 to prepare for the next PCC II meeting (March 30–April 2). Location and time for these meetings will be announced on the reflector. To be added to the reflector send and e-mail to *holidaycc@state.gov*.

ITAC-D for ITU Telecommunication Development Advisory Group: The ITAC will meet on January 13 in preparation for the Ninth Meeting of the ITU Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (January 21–23, 2004). Further information may be obtained by calling the ITAC-D Director at 202 647–0201 or e-mailing to *mcgirrd@state.gov*.

ITAC-R Study Groups: ITAC-R will meet to discuss matters related to the preparations for ITU-R Study Groups taking place in 2004 on January 29, 2004. Further information may be obtained by calling the ITAC-R Director at 202 647–0051 or e-mailing to *holidaycc@state.gov*.

Members of the public will be admitted to the meetings to the extent that seating is available, and may join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Entrance to the Department of State is controlled; people intending to attend a meeting at the Department of State should send their clearance data by fax to (202) 647–7407 or e-mail to *EnnisJG@state.gov* not later than 24 hours before the meeting. Please include the name of the meeting, your name, social security number, date

of birth and organizational affiliation. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with your picture on it, U.S. passport, or U.S. Government identification. Directions to the meeting location may be obtained by requesting it by e-mail from *EnnisJG@State.gov*.

Dated: January 8, 2004.

Marian Gordon,

Director, Telecommunication and Information Standardization, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Premium War Risk Insurance

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of extension of aviation insurance.

SUMMARY: This notice contains the text of a memorandum from the Secretary of Transportation to the President regarding the extension of the provision of aviation insurance coverage for U.S. flag commercial air carrier service in domestic and international operations.

DATES: Dates of extension from December 11, 2003 to February 8, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Helen Kish, Program Analyst, APO–3, or Eric Nelson, Program Analyst, APO–3, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267–9943 or (202) 267–3090. Or online at FAA Insurance Web site: <http://insurance.faa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 9, 2003, the Secretary of Transportation authorized a 60-day extension of aviation insurance provided by the Federal Aviation Administration as follows:

Memorandum to the President

“Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the President in paragraph (3) of Presidential Determination No. 01–29 of September 23, 2001, and the direction of Section 1202 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, I hereby extend that determination to allow for the provision of aviation insurance and reinsurance coverage for U.S. Flag commercial air carrier service in domestic and international operations for an additional 60 days. Pursuant to section 44306(b) of Chapter 443 of 49 U.S.C., Aviation Insurance, the period for provision of insurance shall be extended from December 11, 2003, through February 8, 2004.”

/s/Norman Y. Mineta

Affected Public: Air Carriers who currently have Premium War-Risk Insurance with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 9, 2004.

John M. Rodgers,
Director, Office of Aviation Policy and Plans.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application 04-06-C-GFK To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Grand Forks International Airport, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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 Grand Forks International Airport under the provisions of the 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations 914 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Bismarck Airports District Office, 2301 University Drive, Building 23B, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ms. Mary Jo Crystal of the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority at the following address: 2787 Airports Drive, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58203.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority under section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas T. Schauer, Program Manager, Bismarck Airports District Office, 2301 University Drive, Building 23B, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504, (701) 323-7380. 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 Grand Forks International Airport under the provisions of the 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On December 16, 2003, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority 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 March 18, 2004.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Proposed charge effective date: February 1, 2004.

Proposed charge expiration date: April 30, 2008.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$1,486,521.

Brief description of proposed projects:

(1) Ecological Study, (2) Rehabilitate "C" Apron Phase 1 and 2, (3) Rehabilitate Runway 17R/35L and Improve Runway Safety Area, (4) Master Plan Update, (5) Security Fencing Phase 1 and 2, (6) Acquire Land for runway protection zone (RPZ), (7) Reconstruct T-Hangar Taxiway, (8) Reconstruct "B" Apron, (9) Runway 35L/17R Rejuvenation, (10) Passenger Terminal Area Study, (11) Reconstruct "A" Apron, (12) Rehabilitate Entrance Road, (13) Reconstruct "U" Taxiway, (14) Acquire Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle, (15) Snow Removal Equipment, (16) Construct Rotary Wing Aircraft Parking Apron, (17) Rehabilitate Runway 35R/17L and Taxiway "C".

Class or classes of air carriers, which the public agency has requested, not be required to collect PFCs: Air Taxi/Commercial Operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

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 Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on January 8, 2004.

Barbara Jordan,

Acting Manager, Planning and Programming Branch, Airports Division, Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Multiple South and East Texas Counties, State of Texas

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Tier One Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed extension of Interstate Highway 69 (I-69) from near Laredo and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The proposed I-69 facility is being evaluated as an element of the National High Priority Corridor 18 and Corridor 20 systems. In addition, I-69 is being evaluated as an element of the Trans-Texas System as outlined in the Trans-Texas Corridor Plan (TTCP). As currently envisioned, the proposed Trans-Texas System could include lanes for passenger vehicles, separate lanes for trucks, rail lines and a utility corridor.

FHWA is using a tiered approach for evaluating this proposal. Tier One will study the broader level decision to determine the location of an I-69/Trans-Texas Corridor. After the Tier One decision has been made, FHWA will proceed with the I-69 highway component by performing project level studies in a Tier Two decision process. Other Federal, State and/or Local agencies would pursue project decisions for the non-highway modes after the Tier One decision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mack, P.E., District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 300 E. 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701, by telephone at (512) 536-5960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please refer to the previous Announcement of I-69 Status published as Federal Register Notice, Volume 65, No. 237, Friday, December 8, 2000.

Using a tiered approach to study I-69 in Texas, the FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), intends to prepare a Tier One EIS on a proposal to identify a corridor for ultimate construction of I-69 as a controlled access, multimodal transportation facility. This project responds to the need for a strategic, high priority highway serving the east-central United States, as outlined in the national High Priority Corridors 18 and 20 studies defined by Congress in the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), as extended in 1993 and 1995, and the 1998