

FAA, the Administrator renders a determination that the PFC application is substantially complete or not substantially complete. Following the initial determination for completeness and notification to the public agency, the FAA publishes a notice in the **Federal Register** advising the public of the application and inviting comment. At that time the public agency must make the application, notice and other documents relevant to the application available for inspection upon request, and may publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the airport is located. After review of the application and public comments, the Administrator issues a final decision approving or disapproving the application in whole or in part, not later than 120 days from receipt of the application by the FAA Airports office.

Where an application requires a determination of need under Section 122 of Vision 100, a public agency needs to present a thorough financial analysis in accordance with 14 CFR 158.25(b) and (c). If an airport has developed a financial prospectus that would demonstrate its financial need or a financial recovery plan that identifies all available resources, it is encouraged to submit these documents with the application.

The public agency may wish to include the following types of information as indicators of its financial need in its PFC application:

- Evidence of a change in passenger enplanements for a carrier;
- Documentation of negative actions taken on the public agency's bond rating;
- Discussion of the inability of the public agency to meet bond payments and associated requirements;
- Discussion of alternative sources of revenue available to the public agency such as grant funds, state funds, concession revenue, and revenue from other carriers serving the airport.
- In the case of concession and carrier revenue, discuss the impact of any necessary increases to the rate base or landing fees as a result of the loss of revenue from a change in economic circumstances, for example, the bankruptcy or financial troubles of a carrier;
- Discussion of actions taken by the public agency to reduce its costs such as operational changes, personnel actions, or capital project deferment;
- Any other information the public agency believes will document the financial hardship of the airport.

All information submitted by the public agency through the PFC application process will be considered

by the FAA in making a final agency decision. This final agency decision will include a discussion of the financial needs of the public agency under Section 122 of the Vision 100 Act.

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**Robert Yatzeck,**

*Acting Director, Office of Airport Planning and Programming.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Notice of Public Comment Period and Schedule of Public Workshop/Hearing for Master Plan Development Including Runway Safety Area Enhancement/Extension of Runway 12-30 and Other Improvements at Gary/Chicago International Airport located in Gary, IN**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability, notice of comment period, notice of public workshop/hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)—Master Plan Development Including Runway Safety Area Enhancement/Extension of Runway 12-30 and Other Improvements, Gary/Chicago International Airport, has been prepared and is available for public review and comment. Written requests for the DEIS and written comments on the DEIS can be submitted to the individual listed in the section **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. A public workshop/hearing will be held on May 25, 2004. The public comment period will commence on April 16, 2004 and will close on June 11, 2004.

*Public Comment and A Workshop/Hearing:* The start of the public comment period on the DEIS will be April 16, 2004 and will end on June 11, 2004 (which includes the Council on Environmental Quality's required 45 day public comment period from April 23, 2004 to June 7, 2004). A Public Workshop/Hearing will be held on May 25, 2004. Public comments will begin at 3 p.m. (CDST). The Public Workshop/Hearing will last till 7 p.m. (CDST). The location for the public workshop/hearing is the Terminal Building at the

Gary/Chicago International Airport, 6001 Industrial Highway, Gary, Indiana.

Copies of the DEIS may be viewed during regular business hours at the following locations:

1. Gary/Chicago International Airport, 6001 West Industrial Highway, Gary, Indiana 46406.
2. Chicago Airports District Office, Room 312, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.
3. Gary Public Library, 220 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana 46402.
4. Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street, Hammond, Indiana 46320.
5. East Chicago Main Library, 2401 East Columbus Drive, East Chicago, Indiana 46312.
6. IU Northwest Library, 3400 Broadway, Gary, Indiana 46408.
7. Lake County Main Library, 1919 West 81st Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410-5382.
8. Purdue Calumet Library, 2200 169th Street, Hammond, Indiana 46323-2094.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Prescott C. Snyder, Airports Environmental Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, Room 315, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. Mr. Snyder can be contacted at (847) 294-7538 (voice), (847) 294-7036 (facsimile) or by e-mail at *9-AGL-GYY-EIS-Project@faa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At the request of the Gary/Chicago Airport Authority, the FAA is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement. The review will address specific improvements at the Gary/Chicago International Airport as identified during the 2001 Airport Master Plan process and the 2003 Railroad Relocation Study, and shown on the 2004 Airport Layout Plan. The following improvements have been grouped into four categories and are identifying as ripe for review and decision: (1) Improvements associated with the existing Runway 12-30, the primary air carrier runway at the airport, relocate the E.J. & E. Railroad, acquire land northwest of the airport to allow for modifications to the runway safety area, relocate the airside perimeter roadway (including providing a southwest access roadway), relocate the Runway 12-30 navoids, improve the Runway Safety Area for Runway 12, relocate the Runway 12 threshold to remove prior displacement, and acquire land southeast of the airport, located within or immediately adjacent to the runway protection zone; (2) Extension of Runway 12-30, (1356 feet), relocate the

Runway 12–30 nav aids, extend parallel taxiway A to the new end of Runway 12, construct deicing hold pads on Taxiway A at Runway 12 and Runway 30, and develop two high-speed exit taxiways; (3) Expansion of the existing passenger terminal to accommodate projected demands; and (4) analysis of sites adjacent to the extended runway for potential aviation related development, including a future new passenger terminal and air cargo area.

The purpose and need for these improvements is reviewed in the DEIS. All reasonable alternatives will be considered including the no-action alternative.

Comments from interested parties on the DEIS are encouraged and may be presented verbally at a public workshop/hearing or may be submitted in writing to the FAA at the address listed in the section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The comment period will close on June 11, 2004.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois, on April 9, 2004.

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*Manager, Chicago Airports District Office, FAA, Great Lakes Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Change Notice for RTCA Program Management Committee

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Program Management Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the RTCA Program Management Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held April 29, 2004 starting at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 850, 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 Program Management Committee meeting. The revised agenda will include:

- April 29:

- Opening Session (Welcome and Introductory remarks, Review/Approve Summary of Previous Meeting)

- Publication Consideration/Approval.

- Final Draft, Revised DO–267, *Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) for Flight Information Service—Broadcast (FIS–B) Data Link*, RTCA Paper No. 050–04/PMC–315, prepared by SC–195.

- Final Draft, *Safety and Performance Requirements Standard for Air Traffic Data Link Services in Continental Airspace (Continental SPR Standard)*, RTCA Paper No. 051–04/PMC–316, prepared by SC–189.

- Discussion:

- Special Committee 147, Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance (TCAS)

- Discuss/Approve Revised Terms of Reference

- Discuss/Approve Committee Leadership

- Special Committee 186, Automatic Dependent Surveillance–Broadcast

- Discuss/Approve Terms of Reference

- Special Committee 201, Aeronautical Operational Control (AOC) Message Hazard Mitigation (AMHM)

- Discuss/Approve Committee Leadership

- Special Committee Chairman's Report

- Action Item Review:

- Review/Status—All open auction items

- 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 31, 2004.

**Robert Zoldos,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA Special Committee 172: Future Air-Ground Communications in the Very High Frequency (VHF) Aeronautical Data Band (118–137 MHz)

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 172 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 172: Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118–137 MHz).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held May 4–5, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at National Business Aviation Association, 1200 18th Street, NW., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, SW., 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 172 meeting. The agenda will include:

- May 4:
  - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review of Agenda, Review Summary of Previous Meeting)
    - Convene Working Group–2
    - Draft DO–224B, *Signed-in-Space Minimum Aviation System Performance Standard (MASPS) for Advanced VHF Digital Data Communications Including Compatibility With Digital Voice Status* and proposed changes working papers
      - Traceability Data Base, Standard and Recommended Practices (SARPS) to draft DO–224B
      - Cross-reference DO–271B changes to draft DO–224B
  - May 5:
    - Reconvene WG–2 as necessary, per above
    - Convene Working Group–3
    - RF Susceptibility Exclusion Band
    - ED–23B/DO–186A
    - Reconvene Plenary
    - Review relevant activities
    - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Aeronautical Mobile Communications Panel Work
      - NEXCOM activities
      - EUROCAE WG–47 status and issues
      - Others as appropriate