

of the procedures, the working group must:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the task, including the rationale supporting such a plan for consideration at the next meeting of the ARAC on transport airplane and engine issues held following publication of this notice.

2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.

3. Draft the appropriate documents and required analyses and/or any other related materials or documents.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of the ARAC held to consider transport airplane and engine issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Airworthiness Assurance Working Group will be composed of technical experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative or a member of the full committee.

If you have expertise in the subject matter and wish to become a member of the working group you should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing your interest in the task, and stating the expertise you would bring to the working group. We must receive your request to participate no later than May 28, 2004. The assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group chair will review your request and will advise you whether your request is approved.

If you are chosen for membership on the working group, you must represent your aviation community segment and actively participate in the working group (e.g., attend all meetings, provide written comments when requested to do so, etc.). You must also devote the resources necessary to support the working group in meeting any assigned deadlines. You must keep your management chain and those you may represent advised of working group activities and decisions to ensure that the proposed technical solutions don't conflict with your sponsoring organization's position when the subject being negotiated is presented to ARAC for approval.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will be added or substituted only with the approval of the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group chair.

The Secretary of Transportation determined that the formation and use of the ARAC is necessary and in the

public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of the ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Airworthiness Assurance Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. The FAA will make no public announcement of working group meetings.

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Anthony F. Fazio,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Transition to Docket Management System

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of policy change.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a transition that will make docket files for future airworthiness directives (AD) available on the Internet. The docket files will be available in the DOT's Docket Management System (DMS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda S. Walker, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Delegations and Airworthiness Programs Branch, AIR-140, Room, 813, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-9592; fax (202) 267-5340; e-mail: linda.s.walker@faa.gov.

Background

In mid-May, the FAA will make change that will make docket files for future AD actions easier for you to access. With the exception of some AD actions already in process, we will be placing the docket files for many of our AD actions into the DMS on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov/>. You can continue to view AD docket files for previously issued ADs in the office of the issuing Directorate or in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for the issuing Directorate.

The DMS is an electronic, image-based database in which DOT stores the docketed material for DOT rulemaking activities for you to view. This online database contains more than 1.2 million pages of regulatory and adjudicatory

information for easy research and retrieval. Anyone with Internet access can submit comments on rulemaking activities electronically to the DMS and view comments already submitted.

The AD docket files contain justification documents that support an AD action. Once we begin placing AD dockets on the DMS, all material routinely part of the AD docket file will be available electronically with the exception of any materials that for any reason cannot be scanned. Materials that cannot be scanned will be maintained in the office of the issuing Directorate or in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for the issuing Directorate.

This policy will apply to future docket files. You can continue to view the docket files of, and submit comments on, previous AD actions that are not maintained in the DMS, at the addresses indicated in the AD actions. We will not transfer existing paper dockets to the DMS. If you do not have Internet access, each AD action published in the **Federal Register** will contain the physical address of the DMS for viewing any AD docket information, and for submitting any comments on that action.

We will continue to publish AD actions in the **Federal Register**.

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Susan J.M. Cabler,

Assistant Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Providence, RI

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 will be prepared for a proposed transportation project in the city of Providence, Rhode Island.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucy Garliauskas, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 380 Westminster Mall, Room 547, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, Telephone: (401) 528-4541, OR Kazem Farhoumand, P.E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, 2 Capitol Hill, Room 236, Providence, Rhode Island 02903,

Telephone: (401) 222-2023, Extension 4020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve the US Route 6 / State Route 10 interchange in Providence, Rhode Island. The proposed project would involve the rehabilitation, reconstruction or replacement of U.S. Route 6 and State Route 10 for a distance of approximately one mile each.

The EIS will investigate the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of various routing options to improve the interchange considered necessary to address the deterioration of the existing structures and substandard geometry. Preliminary studies undertaken to date have identified the following options to be considered for further evaluations. The options under review include (1) taking no action; (2) rehabilitating the existing bridges; (3) replacing all components of the existing bridges on current location; (4) reconstructing the interchange on new location, construction of new bridges, and completing all movements of the interchange.

A scoping meeting to discuss the potential environmental impacts will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 in Conference Room A on the second floor. Written comments received within 30 days of the scoping meeting will be incorporated into the record.

In addition to the scoping meeting, public participation will continue throughout the EIS process. Public workshops will be held in Providence, and potentially in other affected communities, to discuss the proposed Environmental Impact Statement including all project options and issues. Written Comments will be incorporated into this NEPA scoping process.

In addition, a formal public hearing will be held to receive comments regarding the proposed Environmental Impact Statement. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the public hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

Comments and suggestions regarding this proposed action and the EIS are requested from all interested parties and should be directed to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, 2 Capitol Hill, Room 231-D, Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

(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.)

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Lucy Garliauskas,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Providence, Rhode Island.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Request for Grant Proposals for Prototype Development and Testing of Transit Operations Decision Support Systems (TODSS) Core Functional Requirements

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: FTA is issuing a request for grant proposals (RFP) for Prototype Development and Testing of Transit Operations Decision Support Systems (TODSS) Core Functional Requirements.

DATES: Request for grant proposals may be viewed at the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Transit Forums collaboration Web site (<http://www.mitrotek.org/ITSTransitforums>) in the "Transit Operations Decision Support Systems (TODSS): Prototype Development and Testing Forum." Proposals will be accepted immediately, as of the date of this notice. Proposals are due by 4 p.m., e.s.t. on Friday, July 31, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Proposals shall be addressed to Mr. Brian Cronin, Advanced Public Transportation Systems (APTS) Division, Room 9402, TRI-11, Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 and shall reference "TODSS Core Functional Requirement Prototype Development and Testing."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions or concerns may be directed to Mr. Brian Cronin or Mr. Venkat Pindiprolu via phone at 202-366-4955 or via e-mail at todss@fta.dot.gov. Legal questions or concerns may be directed to Mr. James LaRusch via phone at 202-366-1936 or via e-mail at James.LaRusch@fta.dot.gov. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. e.s.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Transit Operations Decision Support Systems (TODSS) are systems designed to support dispatchers and others in real-time operations management in response to incidents, special events, and other changing conditions in order to improve operating speeds, reduce passenger wait times, and restore service when disruptions occur. In May 2003, FTA and ITS Joint Program Office (JPO) completed the "Transit Operations Decision Support Systems (TODSS): Core Functional Requirements for Identification of Service Disruptions and Provision of Service Restoration Options 1.0". Please visit the FTA ITS Transit TODSS collaboration website to view this document (<http://www.mitrotek.org/ITSTransitforums>). However, no installed system in the country now incorporates all of the TODSS core functional requirements for either service disruption identification or provisions of service restoration options. It was pointed out during the core requirements development that, without further proof-of-concept and prototype development and testing, it is unlikely that vendors will develop systems around them or a transit agency will incorporate the "core" functional requirements into a new system procurement. Consequently, this project provides support for implementing and testing the viability of the core requirements. The grantee is required to provide a 20-percent match. This grant solicitation is for joint participation (transit operating agency/vendor/others) proposals from transit operating agencies to implement and test the TODSS Core Functional Requirements.

The project provides support for development of the detailed functional requirements and system specific architecture and validity and verification testing of the core requirements. It is expected that the process will also be documented, and an evaluation of the core requirements with recommended changes and lessons learned be developed as a deliverable. The effort also includes presentations to, and feedback from, the TODSS working group and U.S. DOT staff (FTA and ITS JPO) at key milestones during the life of the project. FTA may select up to two prototype development sites for this effort.

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Jennifer L. Dorn,
Administrator.

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