

in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport. An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation submitted by County of Kern, California. The documentation that constitutes the "Noise Exposure Maps" as defined in section 150.7 of Part 150 includes: Exhibit 1 "Existing Conditions (2005) Noise Exposure Map," and Exhibit 2 "Five-Year Forecast (2010) Noise Exposure Map." The Noise Exposure Maps contain current and forecast information including the depiction of the airport and its boundaries, the runway configurations, land uses such as residential, open space, commercial/office, community facilities, libraries, churches, infrastructure, vacant and warehouse and those areas within the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) 60, 65, 70 and 75 noise contours. Estimates for the number of people within these contours for the year 2005 are shown in Table 4B. Estimates of the future residential population within the 2007 noise contours are shown in Table 4D. Flight tracks for the existing and the five-year forecast Noise Exposure Maps are found in Exhibits 3D, 3E, 3F and 3G. The type and frequency of aircraft operations (including nighttime operations) are found in Tables 3B and 3C. The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on January 16, 2008.

FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a

noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the full noise exposure map documentation and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,  
Planning and Environmental Division,  
APP-400, 800 Independence Avenue,  
SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Federal Aviation Administration,  
Western-Pacific Region, Airports  
Division, Room 3012, 15000 Aviation  
Boulevard, Lawndale, California  
90261.

Federal Aviation Administration, Los  
Angeles Airports District Office,  
15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale,  
California 90261.

Jack Gotcher, CM, CAE, Director,  
County of Kern, Department of  
Airports, Meadows Field Airport,  
3701 Wings Way, Suite 300,  
Bakersfield, California 93308.

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

Issued in Hawthorne, California on January 16, 2008.

**Mark A. McClardy,**

*Manager, Airports Division, AWP-600,  
Western-Pacific Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Westmoreland County, PA

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway  
Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Cancellation of the Notice of  
Intent.

**SUMMARY:** This notice rescinds the previous Notice of Intent (issued January 29, 1993) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed highway project consisting of the construction of a new two-lane roadway (to be identified as T.R. 711) between the southern terminus of U.S. Route 30 and the northern terminus, which is a point approximately one mile north of Ligonier on S.R. 711 in Ligonier Township. The proposed project is approximately 2.0 miles in length.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
David W. Cough, P.E., Director of  
Operations, Federal Highway  
Administration, Pennsylvania Division  
Office, 228 Walnut Street, Room 508,  
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1720, Telephone  
(717) 221-3411—OR—Alan Bailey, P.E.,  
Assistant District Executive,  
Pennsylvania Department of  
Transportation, District 12-0, P.O. Box  
459 North Gallatin Avenue Extension,  
Uniontown, PA 15401, Telephone (724)  
439-7259.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The need to address traffic conflicts within the Ligonier central business district still exists and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 12-0, intends to continue to address traffic compatibility with the community through a series of transportation system management implementation strategies. These strategies include, but are not limited to, advanced warning signs, speed limit enforcement, and pavement markings. Furthermore, PennDOT District 12-0 has already completed a signing and pavement marking project in the Ligonier Diamond area to improve pedestrian safety and facilitate truck and automobile traffic movements. PennDOT will also recommend a Pedestrian Safety Program and will provide information to the borough on how to apply for a Safer Routes to School project.

(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.)

Dated: February 8, 2008.

**David C. Lawton,**

*Acting Division Administrator, Harrisburg, PA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2008 0011]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel *SOUTHERN BELLE*.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Public Law 105-383 and Public Law 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2008-0011 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 21, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2008-0011. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also

send comments electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel *SOUTHERN BELLE* is:

*Intended Use:* "The vessel will be used solely to take Club Members as passengers for hire on voyages of single day, 3-4 day and 7-day durations."

*Geographic Region:* "Florida, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts."

#### Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: February 5, 2008.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Christine Gurland,**

*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2008 0008]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel *Silent Faith*.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2008 0008 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 21, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2008-0008. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel *SILENT FAITH* is:

*Intended Use:* "Day charters, tours, sunset cruise, weddings, porpoise