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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Innovative Technology Administration

#### Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Research and Innovative  
Technology Administration, U.S.  
Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces, pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 72-363; 5 U.S.C. app. 2), a meeting of the Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS). The meeting will be held on Friday, October 8, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST in the Oklahoma City Room at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC.

Section 5601(o) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) directs the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish an Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App. 2) to advise the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on the quality, reliability, consistency, objectivity, and relevance of transportation statistics and analyses collected, supported, or disseminated by the Bureau and the Department.

The following is a summary of the draft meeting agenda: (1) USDOT welcome and introduction of Council Members; (2) Overview of prior meeting; (3) Discussion of DOT Strategic Plan and related BTS products; (4) Council Members review and discussion of statistical programs; and (5) future Council activities. Participation is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to participate must notify Tonya Tinsley-Grisham at [tonya.tinsley@dot.gov](mailto:tonya.tinsley@dot.gov), not later than September 27, 2010. Members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting with the approval of Steven K. Smith, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Non-committee members wishing to present oral statements or obtain information should contact Ms. Tinsley-Grisham via e-mail no later than October 4, 2010.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be e-mailed or submitted by U.S. Mail to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Attention: Tonya Tinsley-Grisham, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room # E34-403, Washington, DC 20590, [tonya.tinsley@dot.gov](mailto:tonya.tinsley@dot.gov) or faxed to (202) 366-3640. BTS requests that written comments be received by October 5, 2010.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the FACA and the General Services Administration regulations (41 CFR part 102-3) covering management of Federal advisory committees.

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**Steven K. Smith,**

*Deputy Director, Bureau of Transportation  
Statistics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Noise Exposure Map Notice; Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport, Brownsville, TX

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation  
Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the City of Brownsville, Texas for Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et seq.* (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is August 30, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lance E. Key, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76137, (817) 222-5681.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of part 150, effective August 30, 2010. Under 49 U.S.C. section 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act

(hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed 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 the City of Brownsville, Texas. The documentation that constitutes the "noise exposure maps" as defined in section 150.7 of part 150 includes: Tables 5.1 through 5.13 and Figures 5.1 through 5.5 for year 2009 existing conditions and Tables 6.1 through 6.10 and Figures 6.1 through 6.5 for year 2015 future conditions at Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport. The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on August 30, 2010.

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