DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Philadelphia International Airport, Capacity Enhancement Program, Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of record of decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: The FAA has issued a ROD for the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), Capacity Enhancement Program (CEP), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The City of Philadelphia, the airport sponsor, owns and operates PHL and had requested FAA consider ways to accommodate existing and forecasted aviation demands. The purpose of the CEP is to enhance airport capacity in order to accommodate current and future aviation demand in the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area during all weather conditions. This ROD sets forth FAA’s final determination and environmental approvals for the federal actions necessary to implement the CEP at PHL. The ROD also identifies Alternative A (the Project) as FAA’s selected alternative for implementation. The purpose of the CEP is to enhance airport capacity in order to accommodate current and future aviation demand in the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area during all weather conditions. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice of availability of the Final EIS in the Federal Register on August 27, 2010 (75 FR 52736). The Final EIS was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), [42 U.S. C. 4321, et seq.], the implementing regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) [40 CFR parts 1500–1508], and FAA directives [Order 1050.1E and Order 505.4B]. The Final EIS presented three alternatives; the No Action and two on-airport construction alternatives (Alternatives A and B), and identified Alternative A the preferred alternative. The FAA received comments on the Final EIS and these comments, along with FAA’s responses, are included in Attachment A of the ROD.

The Project will have five runways connected by a redesigned and more efficient taxiway system than the No-Action Alternative. Runway 17–35 will remain as a 6,500-foot crosswind runway. Runway 8–26 will be extended 2,000 feet to the east, for a total length of 7,000 feet. This runway will continue to be unidirectional, serving westbound arrivals and eastbound departures. The Runway 8–26 eastern arrival threshold will be raised by approximately 55 feet in order to clear obstructions. Runway 8–26 will have an Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS) constructed at the east end of the runway. Runway 9L–27R will remain at its current length (9,500 feet) and location. It will support westbound departures in west flow, and eastbound arrivals in east flow. Runway 9R–27L will be extended to the east by 1,500 feet, to a total length of 12,000 feet. This runway will be renamed Runway 9C–27C. It will function primarily as an arrival runway during west flow operations and a departure runway during east flow. A new runway, Runway 9R–27L, 1,600 feet south of Runway 9C–27C will be constructed. This runway will be 9,103 feet long by 150 feet wide and will serve primarily as a departure runway in west flow and an arrival runway in east flow. Runway 9R–27L will have EMAS installed on its west end to reduce impacts to the Delaware River.

Constructing this runway will affect the Delaware River. The approach lighting systems for proposed Runways 9R and 9L will be upgraded to meet CAT II/III approach requirements. The new approach light system for Runway 9R will be in the Delaware River, extending 1,700 feet from the limit of fill, and will be a pile-supported structure. The existing approach lighting systems for Runways 26 and 27C will be relocated based on the proposed threshold locations for each runway. All existing navigational aids will be relocated as necessary or new aids installed as required to meet the approach criteria for the particular runway end. The Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR–9) and the Precision Runway Monitor (PRM) south of Runway 9R–27L will be relocated as necessary.

The Project will upgrade and reconfigure the existing terminal complex in its existing location. It will add a new commuter terminal east of Runway 17–33. The total terminal complex will consist of eight concourses with 145 to 150 gates and approximately 3.6 million square feet. The existing terminal circulation, recirculation, and access will remain as it is now with minor shifts in horizontal and vertical alignments. An automated people mover (APM) will be constructed to transport passengers between terminals and parking facilities. The existing SEPTA rail line will continue to provide access to the terminals from outside the Airport and will interface directly with the APM system. The Project will enlarge the existing parking garages and construct a new centralized ground transportation center. The Project will also relocate or expand many of the other Airport facilities, including cargo, general aviation (corporate), maintenance, fuel, training facilities, and deicing facilities. The FAA’s Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) will also be relocated. Service roadways and facilities will be reconstructed as needed.

In order to accommodate the Airport reconfiguration, several off-airport facilities and properties must be acquired and, in some cases, relocated. The UPS facility south of the Airport will be relocated to a new site in Tunnicum. Hog Island Road will be closed and the freight railroad serving the USACE Fort Mifflin Dredge Disposal Facility will be relocated. Part of the Dredge Disposal Facility will be relocated north. The Sunoco Hog Island Wharf will be closed and its functions replaced by extending the existing Sunoco Fort Mifflin Pier to the west.

The Project will accommodate all forecasted operations with annualized...
average delays of 5.2 minutes in 2025
and 8.4 minutes in 2030. The Project
is estimated to cost $5.2 billion and take
approximately 13 years to complete.

With mitigation, significant
environmental impacts can be avoided
or minimized.

The FAA is granting approval to
amend the airport layout plan (ALP)
with the conditions noted in Section 11
of the ROD, Conditions of Project
Approval, for the incorporation of all
the physical elements associated with
selected alternative in the ROD.

Alternative A, as summarized in Section
2 of the ROD and approval to proceed
with processing an application for
federal funding of those development
items qualifying for financial aid under
the Airports Improvement Program, [49
U.S.C. 47106] as well as applications to
impose and use Passenger Facility
Charges, [49 U.S.C. 40117].

A copy of the ROD can be found on
the FAA Web site at: http://
www.faa.gov/airports/environmental/
records_decision/. The ROD and
information on the Project is available
for electronic review and/or download
on the on the project Web site at: http://
www.phl-cep-eis.com. Hard copies of
the ROD can be obtained by contacting
FAA.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief
from specified requirements of 14 CFR.

The purpose of this notice is to improve
the public's awareness of, and
participation in, this aspect of FAA's
regulatory activities. Neither publication
of this notice nor the inclusion or
omission of information in the summary
is intended to affect the legal status of
the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must
identify the petition docket number
involved and must be received on or
before January 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments
identified by Docket Number FAA–
2010–1288 using any of the following
methods:

• Government-wide rulemaking Web
site: Go to http://www.regulations.gov
and follow the instructions for sending
your comments electronically.

• Mail: Send comments to the Docket
Management Facility; U.S. Department
of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey
Avenue, SE., West Building Ground
Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC
20590.

• Fax: Fax comments to the Docket

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Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in Alaska

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by
FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA that are final within
the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139[[l](1). The action relates to a proposed highway
project, the Knik Arm Crossing (KAC) Project, providing a new roadway and
bridge connection between the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage
within the State of Alaska. Those actions grant approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is
advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139[[l](1).
A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the listed highway project will be barred unless
the claim is filed on or before July 5, 2011. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a
time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

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Director, Knik Arm Bridge and Toll

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Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition For Exemption

Petitioner: Honeywell.
Section of 14 CFR Affected: § 21.603.
Description of Relief Sought:
Honeywell requests relief from the
requirements of § 21.603 for certain
Traffic Collision Avoidance System
(TCAS) computers that process a
parameter differently then required by
Technical Standard Order C119b. This
parameter is not used by the operational
TCAS software and therefore has no
impact on the safety performance of the
system.

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