Alternative and three proposed action alternatives designated as Alternative 2–C, Alternative 2–D, and Alternative 3. Since the publication of the DEIS, the FAA has addressed comments received on the DEIS; addressed comments on the Preliminary FEIS provided by Cooperating Agencies; conducted additional technical analyses; conducted the Section 106 consultation process; and prepared the FEIS. The Section 106 consultation process resulted in the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in February 2012.

Because the DEIS is more than three years old, the FAA evaluated the DEIS to determine whether the consideration of alternatives, affected environment, environmental impacts, and mitigation measures in the DEIS remains applicable, accurate, and valid in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, paragraphs 514a and 5050.4B, Section 1401.b.3. The FAA found that substantial changes in these factors have not occurred and that a complete revision of supplement to the DEIS was not warranted. However, FAA’s review of current information did note that some social and environmental changes have occurred since the DEIS was published in 2006. The FAA evaluated the new information and determined that the changes did not affect the range of alternatives considered or the detailed analysis of alternatives conducted in this FEIS. However, to document and disclose the social and environmental changes that have occurred, the FAA prepared a technical memorandum that presents the new information and discusses any potential impacts related to the changed social and environmental conditions. The technical memorandum is contained in the FEIS.

The FAA is making available the FEIS it prepared addressing a proposed new runway and associated facilities and improvements at the Taos Regional Airport. The FEIS discloses:

- The purpose and need for the proposed project;
- Reasonable alternatives analyzed and the FAA’s preferred alternative;
- Potential environmental impacts and consequences associated with those alternatives;
- FAA’s responses to comments it received on the DEIS; and
- How FAA has complied with various resource laws, regulations and executive orders, including the National Environmental Policy Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order (EO) 12898, “Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations”, and EO 11988, “Floodplain Management.”

Public Review and Comment: The FEIS is available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

- FAA Southwest Regional Office, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76137,
- Taos Regional Airport, Highway 64 West, 1 Airport Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571,
- Taos Town Hall, 400 Camino de la Placita, Taos, New Mexico 87571, and
- Taos Public Library, 402 Camino de la Placita, Taos, New Mexico 87571.

Comments should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential environmental impacts, the adequacy of the proposed action, or the merits of alternatives and the mitigation being considered. Reviewers should organize their participation so that it is meaningful and makes the agency aware of the viewer’s interests and concerns using quotations and other specific references to the text of the FEIS and related documents. This is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to the FAA in a timely manner so that the FAA can use this as an opportunity to address them in its Record of Decision (ROD).

Comments can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the FAA in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, the FAA cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

After review and consideration of the comments received on the FEIS, and sometime after the 30-day comment period on the FEIS has ended, the FAA will issue its ROD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Dean McMath, ASW–613, Regional Environmental Programs Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Regional Office, Fort Worth, Texas 76193, telephone (817) 222–5617.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 19, 2012.

Kelvin L. Solco,
Manager, Airports Division 

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Request for Public Comment, Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, WV

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration is requesting public comment on the proposed release of 549.63 acres of land currently owned by the Raleigh County Commission, Sponsor for the Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, West Virginia. The parcel is located off the northwest end of the airport and descends in to “Fat Creek Gorge” to a depth in excess of 600ft below the airport elevation and has no aeronautical benefit. The land is dormant, no infrastructure exists and land has no practical use. Due to terrain, no future development opportunities exist for the airport. Once released, the land will be sold and placed in a Conservation Easement, with restriction of no future development. Proposed buyer would be placing the area of request in a conservation easement for wildlife enhancement, with no adverse impact to the airport. Land will remain as compatible use to the airport. Land will be sold as surface rights only, no conveyance of mineral rights. The airport land being released is not needed for airport development as shown on the Airport Layout Plan. Fair Market Value has been determined based upon an appraisal of the Property.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Connie Boley-Lilly, Program Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Beckley Airport Field Office, 176 Airport Circle, Room 101, Beaver, West Virginia 25813.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Tom Cochran, Airport Manager of the Raleigh County Memorial Airport at the following address: Thomas Cochran, Airport Manager, Raleigh County Memorial Airport, 176 Airport Circle, Room 105, Beaver, West Virginia 25813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Boley-Lilly, Program Specialist, Beckley Airport Field Office, (304) 252–6216 ext. 125, Fax (304) 225–8028. Email: Connie.Boley-Lilly@FAA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public
comment on the request to release property at the Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, WV. Under the provisions of AIR 21 (49 U.S.C. 47108(h)(2)).

The Raleigh County Memorial Airport is proposing the release of approximately 549.6 acres of a ‘surface rights only’ release to be sold and land then placed in a Conservation Easement with restriction of no future development. The release and sale of this property will allow the Sponsor to take advantage of un-useable land and use the proceeds for that sale, for the future development of the airport.

Issued in Beckley, West Virginia on May 3, 2012.
Matthew P. Di Giulian, Manager, Beckley Airport Field Office, Eastern Region.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Los Angeles County, CA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).


SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed highway project in Los Angeles County, California.

DATES: Public hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be held at the dates and locations provided below:
- Tuesday, August 7, 2012 (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)—Progress Park, 15500 Downey Ave., Paramount, California 90723
- Wednesday, August 8, 2012 (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)—Silverado Park Community Center, 1545 W. 31st St., Long Beach, CA 90810
- Thursday, August 9, 2012 (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)—Rosewood Park, 5600 Harbor St., Commerce, CA 90822

ADDRESSES: The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for review at the following locations:
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 Office, 100 South Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Metro—Dorothy Peyton Grey Transportation Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or Friday by appointment.
- Gateway Cities Council of Governments, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- City of Commerce Public Library—Bristow Park Branch—1466 S. McDonnell Ave., Commerce, CA 90040
- County of Los Angeles Public Library—Hollydale Branch—1200 N. Garfield Ave., South Gate, CA 90280
- County of Los Angeles Public Library—East Rancho Dominguez Library—4205 E. Compton Blvd., Compton CA 90221
- Long Beach Public Library—Main Library—101 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, CA 90822
- Long Beach Public Library—Torrance Library—1595 W. Willow St., Long Beach, CA 90810

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is also available at http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/resources/envdocs/docs/710corridor/

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director, Environmental Planning, Caltrans, District 7, 100 South Main Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, (213) 897–0703.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 1, 2007, the FHWA assigned and Caltrans assumed environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Caltrans as the delegated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) agency has prepared a Draft EIS on a proposal for a highway improvement project on Interstate 710 in Los Angeles County, California. The Interstate 710 Corridor Project proposes to improve Interstate 710 (I–710) in Los Angeles County. The I–710 Corridor Project proposes to widen existing I–710 from Ocean Boulevard in the City of Long Beach to State Route 60 (SR–60) in the City of Los Angeles, a distance of approximately 18 miles. The proposed project also includes improvements to the interchanges of I–710 with I–405, SR–91, and I–5, as well as the I–710 interchanges with local arterial streets throughout the project limits.

The alternatives evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are four Build Alternatives and a No Build Alternative. Alternative 5A proposes to widen the I–710 mainline from six to eight general purpose lanes to ten general purpose lanes. This alternative will modernize the design at the I–405, SR–91 and a portion of the I–5 interchanges, reconfigure local arterial interchanges throughout the I–710 corridor, modify freeway access at various locations, and shift the I–710 centerline at various locations to reduce right-of-way impacts. In addition to improvements to the I–710 mainline and the interchanges, Alternative 5A also includes TSM/TDM, Transit, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) improvements; improvements to 42 local arterial intersections within the I–710 Corridor; aesthetic enhancements; and, drainage and water quality improvement design features. Alternative 6A includes all the components of Alternative 5A described above. In addition, this alternative includes a separated four-lane freight corridor from Ocean Boulevard northerly to its terminus near the intermodal rail yards in the city of Commerce, with limited access near I–405 and at SR–91. The freight corridor would be built to Caltrans highway design standards and would be restricted to the exclusive use of heavy-duty trucks (5+ axles). Alternative 6B includes all the components of Alternative 6A as described above, but would restrict the use of the freight corridor to zero-emission trucks rather than conventional trucks. Alternative 6C includes all the components of Alternative 6B as described above, but would toll trucks using the freight corridor. Alternative 1 (No Build) would maintain the current configuration and capacity of the existing I–710 freeway.

The Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register on August 20, 2008. Anticipated federal approvals include: Modified Access Report to the Interstate System, Air Quality Conformity, Section 7 consultation for Threatened and Endangered Species, and a Section 404 permit.

(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.)

Issued on: June 21, 2012.
Matthew Schmitz, Director, State Programs, Federal Highway Administration, Sacramento, California.

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