

Categorical Exclusion on August 8, 2012.

The City of Willmar built a new airport in 2006, therefore the acreage being released is not needed for aeronautical use. The 138.33 acres are on the east side of the former Willmar Municipal Airport, more specifically west of County Road 5 and north of Willmar Avenue SW. The acreage was originally acquired with City of Willmar funds. There are no impacts to the airport by allowing the airport to dispose of the property. The fair market value of this land is \$729,100 and will be applied to the new Willmar Municipal Airport for operating and maintaining the airport. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the disposal of the subject airport property nor a determination of eligibility for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA.

In accordance with section 47107(h) of title 49, United States Code, this notice is required to be published in the **Federal Register** 30 days before modifying the land-use assurance that requires the property to be used for an aeronautical purpose.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 1, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Nancy M. Nistler, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room 102, Minneapolis, MN 55450-2706. Telephone Number (612) 253-4638/ FAX Number (612) 253-4611.

Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location or at the Willmar City Offices, 333 6th Street SW., Willmar, MN 56201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy M. Nistler, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room 102, Minneapolis, MN 55450-2706. Telephone Number (612) 253-4638/FAX Number (612) 253-4611. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location or at the Willmar City Offices, 333 6th Street SW., Willmar, MN 56201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a legal description of the subject airport property to be released at the former Willmar Municipal Airport in Willmar, Minnesota:

That part of the West Half of the West Half of Section 16, and also that part of the East Half of Section 17, all in Township 119 North, Range 35 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Willmar Township, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, described as follows;

Beginning at the southwest corner of the said Section 16; thence on a geodetic

bearing of South 89 degrees 36 minutes 20 seconds East, along the south line of said Section 16, a distance of 90.98 feet; thence on a bearing of North 00 degrees 57 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 816.83 feet; thence on a bearing of North 44 degrees 37 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 139.98 feet; thence on a bearing of North 00 degrees 57 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 100.02 feet; thence on a bearing of North 45 degrees 22 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 142.85 feet; thence on a bearing of North 00 degrees 57 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 750.79 feet; thence northerly, a distance of 321.10 feet, along a curve, which is concave to the east, having a radius of 11359.16 feet, a central angle of 1 degree 37 minutes 11 seconds, and a chord bearing of North 00 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds West; thence on a bearing of North 00 degrees 40 minutes 09 seconds East a distance of 2181.18 feet; thence on a bearing of North 70 degrees 01 minutes 19 seconds West a distance of 96.74 feet to the west line of said Section 16; thence on a bearing of South 00 degrees 29 minutes 48 seconds West, along the west line of said Section 16, a distance of 431.32 feet to the northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 17; thence on a bearing of South 89 degrees 02 minutes 46 seconds West, along the north line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 17, a distance of 760.32 feet; thence on a bearing of South 00 degrees 40 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of approximately 162 feet to the center of a ditch; thence southwesterly, along the centerline of the ditch to its intersection with the west line of the east 132.00 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 17; thence on a bearing of South 00 degrees 32 minutes 42 seconds West, along the west line of the east 132.00 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 17, a distance of approximately 897.00 feet to north line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 17; thence on a bearing of South 00 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds West, along the west line of the east 132.00 feet of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 17, a distance of 2651.65 feet to the south line of said Section 17; thence on a bearing of North 88 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds East, along the south line of said Section 17, a distance of 1490.16 feet to the point of beginning.

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Laurie J. Suttmeier,

Acting Manager, Minneapolis Airports District Office, FAA, Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, CA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Rescind Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent (NOI) published on June 03, 2002, to prepare an Environmental Impact statement (EIS) for the proposed highway project in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties, California, is being rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Smith, Senior Environmental Planner, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis Branch, Caltrans, 855 M. Street, Suite 200, Fresno, California 93721 or call (559) 445-6172.

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, in cooperation with San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties, is rescinding the NOI to prepare an EIS for the Vernalis Expressway project along State Route 132.

The proposed project included improvements to State Route 132 from the State Route 132/33 Separation Overhead (Bridge 29-167L) in San Joaquin County to 0.16 km (0.1 mile) west of the San Joaquin Bridge (Bridge 38-45) in Stanislaus County. The project is approximately 5.63 km (3.5 miles) in length. The project was anticipated to improve traffic safety and operations by reducing congestion and accidents. Since the NOI to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on June 3, 2002, Caltrans has conducted public involvement and agency coordination, developed a purpose and need for the project, and developed preliminary alternatives to be examined. Preliminary screenings identified sensitive environmental features associated with the proposed

alternatives that could result in potentially significant adverse impacts. Due to the extent of analysis required on these resources and the lack of financial resources needed to complete the project, representatives from Caltrans, Stanislaus County, and San Joaquin County determined to no longer spend resources to obtain Project Acceptance & Environmental Document (PA&ED) for the project. No further Federal resources will be expended on the project; the environmental review process has been terminated. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to Caltrans at the address provided above.

(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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Dominic Hoang,

Transportation Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0056]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated June 27, 2012, New Jersey Transit (NJT) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR 242.403(b), (c)(1)-(3), (d), (e)(1)-(4), (e)(6)-(11), (e)(13) and f(1)-(2). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0056.

NJT is filing this request for extension in order to continue its participation in the Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C3RS) Demonstration Pilot Project. NJT and the employees of all NJT-owned and/or -operated territory, including the Southern Tier and Pascack Valley Line (excluding Conrail and Amtrak territories not covered by C3RS), represented by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, the United Transportation Union, and the American Train Dispatchers Association, are participating in the C3RS Demonstration Pilot Project sponsored by FRA's Offices of Safety

and Railroad Policy and Development. The C3RS Demonstration Pilot Project for NJT was initially approved by FRA on November 18, 2009. In Docket Number FRA-2009-0096, NJT requested and received a waiver from compliance of certain provisions of 49 CFR Part 240, which governs the certification of locomotive engineers to support the C3RS Demonstration Pilot Project. NJT, BLET, and UTU now desire to have a similar waiver from certain conductor certification requirements found at 49 CFR part 242 in order to shield the reporting employees and the railroad from punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise. A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact FRA's Docket Clerk at 202-493-6030, who will provide necessary information concerning the contents of the petition.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received within November 16, 2012 of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and 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), or online at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 25, 2012.

Ron Hynes,

Director, Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Safety Advisory 2012-04; Worn Rail Conditions

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Safety Advisory.

SUMMARY: FRA is issuing Safety Advisory 2012-04 to remind track owners, railroads, and their track inspectors of the importance of complying with the applicable rail management programs and engineering procedures that address rail with severe rail head wear and rolling contact fatigue (RCF) conditions. FRA is issuing this notice in response to a July 11, 2012, derailment in Ohio that a preliminary investigation indicates was likely caused by the failure of multiple defects involving detail fractures in rail exhibiting significant vertical head loss (rail head wear) and gage-side-oriented RCF. This notice contains recommendations to track owners to ensure that their employees and other entities performing track inspections comply with the requirements of the applicable engineering procedures that address critical rail head wear, particularly if the track under inspection exhibits significant RCF or a sudden increase in localized rail failure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carlo M. Patrick, Staff Director, Rail and Infrastructure Integrity Division, Office of Railroad Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-6399; or Elisabeth Galotto, Trial Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 1200 New Jersey