DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Cancellation of Environmental Impact Statement for the Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk, Virginia

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of preparation of environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces it has discontinued preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed construction of new Runway 5R/23L and associated development at Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk, Virginia. The FAA’s discontinued preparation of the EIS is based upon the length of time that has elapsed since the issuance of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in 2001 for the project and the need to consider results from additional planning efforts completed by the Norfolk Airport Authority (NAA), the owner and operator of the airport. The additional planning effort by NAA has modified the project purpose and need and refined various project elements, including the need to relocate the Very High Frequency Omni-directional Range/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) facility. As a result of the additional planning studies, refinements to the project scope, and the time elapsed; the FAA has decided to discontinue the EIS as proposed in the NOI from 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 28, 2001, the FAA, published in the

Federal Register a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and hold a Public Scoping Meeting at Norfolk International Airport (Volume 66, Number 125, FR 34508–34509). The EIS and Public Scoping Meeting were to address the proposed construction of new Runway 5R/23L and associated development at the airport, including new taxiway construction, taxiway relocation, runway safety area construction, new airfield lighting, improvements to existing lighting, relocation of the VORTAC facility, installation of a Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights (MALSR) for the new Runway 23L, and a Category II Instrument Landing MALSR for new Runway 5R.

In 2001, the FAA based its decision to prepare the EIS on the procedures described in FAA Order 5050.4A, Airport Environmental Handbook, and FAA Order 1050.1D, Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts. FAA also based its decision to prepare a federal EIS primarily on NAA’s proposal to construct a new Runway 5R/23L in parallel to the existing Runway 5/23, which would be re-designated as Runway 5L/23R. The new runway was proposed to be 8,000 feet long and 150 feet wide and would have a runway centerline separation from the existing runway of 845 feet.

Subsequently, NAA completed supplemental planning efforts that necessitated making changes to the proposed project’s purpose and need. Therefore, the proposed project’s purpose and need has recently been revised and various project components, including the relocation of the VORTAC, are no longer required. The NAA submitted an Airport Layout Plan revision to the FAA that depicted the refined project elements. The Airport Layout Plan was conditionally approved. Additionally, 10 approved amendments to previously approved applications are listed.

SUMMARY: The FAA publishes a monthly notice, as appropriate, of PFC approvals and disapprovals under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101–508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158). This notice is published pursuant to paragraph d of § 158.29.

PFC Applications Approved

PUBLIC AGENCY: County of Sonoma, Santa Rosa, California.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 13–05–C–00–STS.

APPLICATION TYPE: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC LEVEL: $4.50.

TOTAL PFC REVENUE APPROVED IN THIS DECISION: $425,000.

EARLIEST CHARGE EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

ESTIMATED CHARGE EXPIRATION DATE: June 1, 2014.

CLASS OF AIR CARRIERS NOT REQUIRED TO COLLECT PFC’S: None.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS APPROVED FOR COLLECTION AND USE: Acquire protective equipment for aircraft rescue and firefighting personnel. Acquire Americans with Disabilities Act passenger boarding ramp. Install common use flight information system.

DECISION DATE: May 13, 2013.


PUBLIC AGENCY: City of Minot, North Dakota.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 13–08–C–00–089–MOT.

APPLICATION TYPE: Impose and use a PFC.
AMENDMENT TO PFC APPROVALS

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Notes: The amendment denoted by an asterisk (*) include a change to the PFC level charged from $3.00 per enplaned passenger to $4.50 per enplaned passenger. For Littiz, PA, this change is effective on July 1, 2013.

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on December 6, 2013.

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