

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Burlington International Airport, South Burlington, Vermont**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge at Burlington International Airport 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).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. John J. Hamilton, Airport Director for Burlington International Airport at the following address: Burlington International Airport, 1200 Airport Drive, #1, South Burlington, Vermont 05403.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of Burlington under § 158.23 of part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Priscilla A. Scott, PFC Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803, (781) 238-7614. The application may be reviewed in person at 16 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Burlington International Airport 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).

On February 5, 1998, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the City of Burlington was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than May 19, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the impose and use application.

PFC Project #: 98-02-C-00-BTV.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Charge effective date: April 1, 1997.

Estimated charge expiration date: March 1, 2006.

Estimated total net PFC revenue: \$10,916,233.

Brief description of use projects: Expand Terminal Landside, South Commuter Ramp Expansion.

Brief description of impose and use project: Professional PFC Services.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: On demand Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO).

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Burlington International Airport, 1200 Airport Drive, #1, South Burlington, Vermont 05403.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on February 12, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****Research and Development Programs Meeting**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

DATES AND TIMES: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on March 17, 1998, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 4:15 p.m. on February 27, 1998. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by March 3, 1998, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the March 3 date will be answered at the meeting in the discussion period. The individual, group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of answers to questions submitted by March 3 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Clarion Inn, Detroit Metro Airport, 9191 Wickham Road, Romulus, MI 48174. Suggestions for specific R&D topics as described below and questions for the March 17, 1998, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is (202) 366-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA intends to provide detailed presentations about its research and development programs in a series of public meetings. The series started in April 1993. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information regarding the agency's research and development programs. This twentieth meeting in the series will be held on March 17, 1998.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on the specific agenda topics to be presented. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by close of business at 4:15 p.m. on February 27, 1998. Before the meeting, it will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the information numbers listed elsewhere in this notice or from NHTSA's Web site under Announcements/Public Meetings at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>. NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to six, in

priority order, so that the presentations at the March 17 R&D meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific R&D topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other R&D topics of specific interest to their organizations. Additionally, if any interested parties would like to make a presentation regarding technical issues concerning any of NHTSA's research programs, information concerning the proposed topic and speaker should be submitted in writing by close of business February 27, 1998.

Specific R&D topics are:

- Fiscal Year 1998 R&D Research Efforts,
- International Harmonized Research Activities (IHRA),
- On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects, and
- Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN).

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are:

- Automatic lifesaving system—improved triage, transport, and treatment decisionmaking for automatic collision notification technologies,
- Status of advanced air bag research,
- Demonstration of CD ROM for child restraint/vehicle compatibility,
- Preparation of new dummies for assessment of advanced air bag technology,
- Status of research on restraint systems for rollover protection,
- Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing),
- Advanced glazing research,
- Vehicle aggressivity and fleet compatibility,
- Upgrade side crash protection,
- Upgrade seat and occupant restraint systems,
- Child safety research (ISOFIX),
- Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing,
- Truck crashworthiness/occupant protection,
- National Transportation Biomechanics Research Center (NTBRC),
- Head and neck injury research,
- Lower extremity injury research,
- Thorax injury research,
- Human injury simulation and analysis,
- Refinements to the Hybrid III dummy, and
- Advanced frontal test dummy.

Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are:

- National Advanced Driving Simulator (NADS),
- Intelligent vehicle initiative,
- Cellular phone use in vehicles,
- Status and plans for anti-lock brake system (ABS) research and testing,
- Human factors guidelines for crash avoidance warning devices,
- Drowsy driver monitoring,
- Driver workload assessment,
- Rearend collision avoidance system guidelines,
- Road departure collision avoidance system guidelines,
- Intersection collision avoidance system guidelines,
- Lane change/merge collision avoidance system guidelines.

National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) topic is:

- Special crash investigation studies of air bag cases.

Separately, questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than close of business on March 31, 1998, will be answered. A transcript of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and copies of the suggestions offered by commenters will be available for public inspection at NHTSA's Technical Information Services, Room 5108, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Copies of the transcript will then be available at 10 cents a page, upon request to NHTSA's Technical Information Services. The Technical Information Services section is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The transcript will also be available on NHTSA's Web site under Announcements/Public Meetings at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to participants as necessary, during the Research and Development Programs Meeting. Thus, any person desiring the assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers, taped texts, braille materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Rita Gibbons on (202) 366-4862 or by telefax on (202) 366-5930 by close of business March 5, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-4862. Fax number: (202) 366-5930.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Cosco, Inc.; Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Cosco, Incorporated of Columbus, Indiana, has determined that several models of the Touriva convertible child restraint system fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 213, "Child Restraint Systems," (49 CFR 571.213) and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, "Defects and Noncompliance Reports." Cosco has also petitioned to be exempted from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301—"Motor Vehicle Safety" on the basis that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of a petition is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgement concerning the merits of the petition.

FMVSS No. 213, Paragraph S5.7 requires that each material used in a child restraint system shall conform to the requirements of S4 of FMVSS No. 302, "Flammability of Interior Materials." This requires that any material that does not adhere to other material(s) at every point of contact shall meet the burn rate requirements of S4.3 when tested separately. Materials are to be tested as a composite only if the material adheres to other material(s) at every point of contact.

After testing by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and notification to Cosco, the company confirmed through its own investigation that it manufactured and distributed 148,098 Touriva convertible child restraint systems between April 1994 and June 1996, of which 82,176 have covers that incorporate an additional polyester fiberfill pillow which may not meet the flammability requirements of FMVSS Nos. 213 and 302. The Cosco child restraints affected and the dates of production are as follows: Touriva Overhead Shield Accu-Just (Model 02-025; 3/95 to 6/96); Touriva Luxury