Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the Committee in writing. Those wishing further information should contact Mr. Barboriak at the phone and fax numbers provided above.

Dated: April 16, 2001.

Michael E. Parmly,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2001-9516]

Secretarial Authorization for Certain Members and Employees of the U.S. Coast Guard To Serve on the Board of Control, Coast Guard Mutual **Assistance**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commandant of the Coast Guard, exercising authority delegated by the Secretary of Transportation, has authorized certain military members and employees to serve, without compensation, on the Board of Control of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, a non-federal military-welfare entity. He has so authorized them for the purpose of providing coordination, oversight, and advice to the management of the Coast Guard's Mutual Assistance Program. Participation of the designated officials in the activities of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance will not extend to participation in day-to-day operations.

Discussion

The Secretary of Transportation, through the Commandant, has authorized the following members and employees of the Coast Guard to serve, without compensation, on the Board of Control of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance [see 10 U.S.C. 1033 and 1589]. Officers: Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral James M. Loy, USCG (President); Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, Rear Admiral Fred L. Ames, USCG (Executive Vice President); Captain James E. Evans, USCG (Second Vice President); Lieutenant Commander Anthony J. Vogt, USCG (Treasurer); Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey M. Alm, USCG (Secretary). Members: Commander Pat Hannifin USCG (Commissioned Officer); Lieutenant Commander Anthony J. Vogt USCG

(Commissioned Officer); Petty Officer First Class Jay H. Fowler, USCG (RET), (Retired Member); Master Chief Petty Officer Vincent W. Patton, USCG (Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard); Chief Warrant Officer Christine B. Figueroa, USCG (Chief Warrant Officer); Senior Chief Petty Officer Mark A. Lewack, USCG (Enlisted, E–7 or above); Petty Officer First Class Petra A. Wolford, USCG (Enlisted, E-6 or below); Petty Officer Third Class Craig E. Trusevitch, USCG (Enlisted, E-6 or below); Ms. Maureen Melton (Civilian employee); Mrs. Jennifer Rechsteiner (Enlisted Person's Spouse); Lieutenant Commander Charles E. Martin, USCG (RET) (USCG Auxiliary); Lieutenant Commander Kevin M. Pratt, USCGR (Reserve); Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey M. Alm, USCG (Medical and TRICARE Specialist); Lieutenant Carla J. Grantham, USCG (Family Support Specialist); Mrs. Kathleen M. B. Gibson (Commissioned Officer's Spouse), Chief Petty Officer Rockwood Ennis, USCG (Alternate: MCPO-CG); Master Chief Petty Officer Alex Keenan, USCG (Alternate: CPO); Petty Officer First Class Marie F. G. Hope, USCG (Alternate: Enlisted, E-6 or below). FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning this notice,

contract Mr. Carl Mursch, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, (202) 267-1566.

Authority: 10 U.S.C. 1033 and 1589; 49 CFR 1.46(000)

Dated: March 29, 2001.

F.L. Ames,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources. [FR Doc. 01–10573 Filed 4–27–01; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910-15-M

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Public Notice for Waiver of Aeronautical Land-Use Assurance Manchester Airport, Manchester, NH

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for Public Comments. Notice of intent of waiver with respect to land.

SUMMARY: The FAA is considering a proposal that a portion of airport property (approximately .854 acres located in the approach to Runway 17) is no longer needed for aeronautical use, as shown on the Airport Layout Plan. There appear to be no impacts to the airport by allowing the disposal of the property. The land was acquired under

FAA Project No. 3-33-0011-29 (portion of Parcel 98 as shown on the Exhibit "A" Property Map) on October 27, 1995.

In accordance with Section 47107(h) of title 49, United States Code, this notice is required to be published in the Federal Register thirty (30) days before modifying the land-use assurance which requires that the property be used for an aeronautical purpose. The land will be utilized by the U.S. Postal Service for an access road and employee parking. In return the U.S. Postal Service will deed an amount of land equal in area and value to the Airport in the Runway 17 Runway Protection Zone (RPZ). The swap will guarantee compatible land use on the land to be disposed of and the Airport will gain fee title to land in the RPZ.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 30, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna R. Witte, Airports Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803. Telephone No. 781-238-7624/Fax 781-238–7608. Documents reflecting the proposed FAA action may be reviewed in person at 16 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts or the office of the Assistant Director of Aviation, Engineering and Planning at Manchester Airport, Manchester, New Hampshire.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA in considering the release of the subject airport property at Manchester Airport, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts on April 20, 2001.

Vincent A. Scarano.

Manager, Airports Division, New England Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration [Summary Notice No. PE-2001-33]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of **Petition Received**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of certain

petitions 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 any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before May 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. You must identify the docket number FAA–2000–XXXX at the beginning of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to http://dms.dot.gov. You may review the public docket containing the petition, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office (telephone 1–800–647–5527) is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Forest Rawls (202) 267–8033, Sandy Buchanan-Sumter (202) 267–7271, or Vanessa Wilkins (202) 267–8029, Office of Rulemaking (ARM–1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85 and 11.91.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 24, 2001.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA–2001–9101. Petitioner: Associated Air Center. Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 25.813(e).

Description of Relief Sought: To provide AAC with relief from the requirements of 14 CFR 25.813(e) pertaining to the installation of interior doors between passenger compartments on a Boeing Model 737–2H4 airplane.

Docket No.: FAA-2001-9283. Petitioner: Atlantic Coast Airlines. Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 121.434, 121.440, and 121.441.

Description of Relief Sought: To allow ACA to employ and use pilots currently employed by ACA's sister air carrier, Atlantic Coast Jet, Inc. (ACJet) without requiring these pilots to repeat the 328Jet checking and experience requirements, which they already have accomplished at ACJet.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Environmental Impact Statement on Transit Improvements in Miami, Florida

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) in issuing this notice to advise that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared on the proposed Airport/Earlington Heights Connector Project in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended.

The EIS will evaluate the following alternatives: a no build alternative; a transportation systems management alternative; three Metrorail extension alternatives from Earlington Heights to the Airport, and a People Mover extension alternative. Scoping will be accomplished through meetings and correspondence with interested persons, organizations, the general public, Federal, State and local agencies.

DATES: Comment Due Date: Written comments on the scope of the alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to Aurelio Rodriguez, Project Manager by May 30, 2001. See **ADDRESSES** below.

Scoping Meetings: Miami-Dade Transit public scoping meetings will be held on Tuesday May 15, 2001 at 12 p.m. and at 7 p.m. at the Miami-Dade Transit office located at 3300 NW 32nd Avenue, First Floor Conference Room, Miami, Florida.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the project scope should be sent to Mr. Aurelio Rodriguez, Director, Miami-Dade Transit, 111 NW First Street, Suite 910, Miami, Florida 33128–1970. See DATES section above for the location of scoping meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth Martin, Community Planner, Federal Transit Administration, (404) 562–3509.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Scoping

The MDT and FTA invite interested individuals, organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies to participate in refining the Airport/Earlington Heights Connector DEIS, including alignment and project locations. Comments should focus on identifying any significant social, economic, or environmental issues related to the alignments. Specific suggestions related to additional alternatives to be examined and issues to be addressed are welcome and will be considered in the final scope for the project. Scoping comments should focus on the issues and alternative for analysis, and not on preference for particular alternatives. Individual preference for particular alternatives should be communicated during the comment period for Draft EIS. Comments may be made at the meeting or in writing no later than May 30, 2001 (see DATES and ADDRESSES above for meeting times and locations and the address for written comments). A scoping information packet is available from Mr. Aurelio Rodriguez of MDT at the address given above in the ADDRESS section or on the MDT internet webpage at http://www.co.miamidade.fl.us/mdta.

II. Description of Study Area and Project Need

The project area is located in central Miami-Dade County. The limits for the project area extend from NW 42nd Avenue (LeJeune Road) eastward to NW 22nd Avenue and from NW 46th Street southwards to NW 20th Street. The study area is traversed diagonally by the Miami River, in a northwest to southeast direction.

The project proposes a 2.5-mile elevated heavy rail connection from the existing Earlington Heights Metrorail station to the MIC–MIA connector in the proposed MIC transfer station. The project involves planning and environmental investigations, travel demand forecasting, traffic impact analysis, operations and maintenance planning, and financial assessments for the alignment alternatives.

Steady growth in South Florida in recent years has led to increasingly congested streets and highways in Miami-Dade County. Heavy congestion is especially significant during travel destined to MIA and the large employment centers surrounding the airport. Vehicles traveling from south