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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 186: Automatic Department Surveillance— Broadcast (ADS-B)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 186 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 186: Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B).

DATES: The meeting will be held June 12–16, 2006 starting at 9 a.m. (unless stated otherwise).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 186 meeting. **Note:** Specific working group sessions will be held on June 12, 13, 14, 15.

- June 12:
 - WG4/B STP Subgroup
 - RFG-NRA
 - RFG-AD
- June 13:
 - WG4/B STP Subgroup
 - RFG-NRA
 - RFG-AD
- June 14:
 - WG4/B ASAS MOPS-ASSAP Subgroup
 - WG4/B STP Subgroup
 - RFG-NRA
 - RFG-AD
- June 15:
 - WG4/B ASAS MOPS-ASSAP Subgroup
 - WG4/B STP Subgroup

- RFG-NRA
- RFG-AD

Note:

AD-Application Development
ASAS-Aircraft Surveillance Applications System
ASSAP-Airborne Surveillance & Separation Assurance Processing
CDTI-Cockpit Display of Traffic Information
MOPS-Minimum Operational Performance Standards
NRA-Non-Radar Airspace
RFG-Requirements Focus Group
STP-Surveillance Transmit Processing

- June 16:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Chairman's Introductory Remarks, Review of Meeting Agenda, Review/Approval of the Thirty Sixth Meeting Summary, RTCA Paper No. 090-06/SC-186-233,
 - SC-186 Activity Reports:
 - WG-1, Operations & Implementation
 - WG-2, TIS-B
 - WG-3, 1090 MHz MOPS
 - WG-4, Application Technical Requirements
 - WG-5, UAT MOPS
 - WG-6, ADS-B MASPS
 - Requirements Focus Group
 - EUROCAE WG-51 Activity Report
 - Final Review/Approval-STP MOPS, RTCA Paper No. 100-06/SC186-234
 - Closing Plenary Session (New Business, Other Business, Review Action Items/Work Program, Date, Place, and Time of Next Meeting, Review Actions Items/Work Program, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Oconto and Marinette Counties, WI

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

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

SUMMARY: The FHWA and WisDOT are issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed transportation improvements in the United States Highway (US) 51 corridor in the city of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin generally between US 12/18 (South Beltline Highway) and State Trunk Highway (STH) 19. The EIS is being prepared in conformance with 40 CFR 1500 and FHWA regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Chandler, Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 567 D'Onofrio Drive—Suite 100, Madison, Wisconsin 53719-2814; Telephone: (608) 829-7514. You may also contact Eugene Johnson, Director, Bureau of Equity and Environmental Services, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 7916, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7916; Telephone: (608) 267-9527.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on proposed improvements to address safety, operational and capacity concerns on an approximate 10-mile (16-kilometer) portion of U.S. 51 between Terminal Drive/Voges Road in the Village of McFarland and STH 19, in the Town of Burke in Dane County. These improvements are being considered to address existing and future transportation demand on U.S. 51 as identified in the 2003 Stoughton Road Needs Assessment Technical Report, safety concerns, and to identify land which may need to be preserved for future transportation improvements.

FHWA's decision to prepare a draft EIS is based on the initial environmental assessment that indicates the proposed action is likely to have significant impacts on the environment including wetlands. The draft EIS will evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the

alternatives including no build, improvements within the existing highway corridor, and improvements on new location.

Information describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, private agencies and organizations, and citizens who have expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal.

During needs assessment activities, coordination was conducted with State and Federal review agencies (including an April 2005 Pre-Consultation/NEPA 404 Merger Scoping Meeting) and there has been extensive coordination with local officials. Ongoing coordination with local, State, and Federal agencies and officials, including Native American Tribes, is planned throughout the environmental analysis process. Public information meetings were conducted from 2003 to 2006 and several ongoing focus group meetings and workshops have been held since 2002. A Policy Advisory Committee consisting of neighborhood & business representatives and elected officials has met quarterly since the study began in 2002. A public information meeting is planned while the draft EIS is being written and also following completion of the draft EIS, to address the impacts of each alternative. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meeting and the draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the meeting. Coordination with State and Federal review agencies will also continue throughout preparation of the draft EIS.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed, and all substantive issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the draft EIS should be directed to FHWA or the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at the addresses provided under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

(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)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

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Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Madison, Wisconsin.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2005-23328]

Implementation of the Highways for LIFE Pilot Program

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to announce the implementation plan for the Highways for LIFE (HfL) Pilot Program outlined in Section 1502 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). LIFE is an acronym for "Long-lasting, Innovative, Fast construction of Efficient and safe pavements and bridges." The purpose of the HfL Pilot Program is to accelerate the rate of adoption of innovations and technologies, thereby improving safety and highway quality while reducing congestion caused by construction. This will be accomplished through technology transfer, technology partnerships, information dissemination, incentive funding of up to 20 percent, but not more than \$5 million on Federal-aid highway projects (eligible for assistance under Chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code) and HfL Program accountability.

DATES: May 25, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Byron Lord, Office of Infrastructure, HIHL-1, (202) 366-0131; Mr. Michael Harkins, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-30, (202) 366-4928; Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access and Filing

Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL) for the Document Management system (DMS) at <http://dms.dot.gov>. The DMS is available 24-hours each day, 365 days each year. An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by using the Internet to reach the Office of the Federal Register's home page at <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's Web site at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

I. Background

The FHWA published a notice on December 30, 2005 (70 FR 77446), that

proposed an implementation plan for the HfL Pilot Program, as outlined in Sections 1101 and 1502 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-59, August 10, 2005). The notice requested comments on the FHWA's proposed plan to implement the program and to develop the final implementation document for the program.

The purpose of the HfL Pilot Program is to accelerate the rate of adoption of innovations and technologies, thereby improving safety and highway quality while reducing congestion caused by construction.

II. Discussion of Comments and Responses

A. Summary of Comments

In response to the December 30, 2005, notice, the FHWA received eight sets of comments. These comments were submitted by eight State Transportation Agencies (STA), three highway-related associations; and one private company. The comments were supportive of the proposed HfL Program but offered suggestions of how it could be better implemented.

The following discussion summarizes the comments submitted to the docket by the commenters on the proposed implementation plan for the HfL Pilot Program and FHWA's responses to the comments.

B. Significant Comments and Changes to the Implementation Plan

1. Funding

a. Amount of Incentives

An industry association recommended that the FHWA consider providing more HfL funds to fewer projects. We acknowledge that \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 is a small incentive for a STA to implement new innovations. The purpose of the HfL Program is not to simply fund construction projects. It is to create within the highway community new business practices that seek innovation and new technology for building safer, better, less congested highways. The projects are platforms to showcase innovation and deliver technology transfer. The goal of an HfL project in each State is to provide a base across the nation for innovation. It is possible that funding may be lower or higher than \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. This amount is offered as guidance and reflects available funds. In describing the projects phase of the program, the legislation stipulated that "the Secretary, to the maximum extent possible, shall approve at least 1 project