

1968 and promised a true worldwide coverage capability. With the Global Positioning System (GPS) being declared fully operational, the use of Omega has dwindled to a point that continued operation is not economically justified. The 1994 edition of the Federal Radionavigation Plan (FRP), which delineates policies and plans for federally provided radionavigation services, stated "the U.S. expects to continue Omega operations until September 30, 1997, to accommodate the transition of civil aviation users to GPS. Continued operation after that date will depend upon validating requirements for Omega that cannot be met by GPS or another system." The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) completed its review of Omega navigation requirements for the U.S. aviation industry and notified the U.S. Coast Guard that most users will complete their conversion to GPS technology by September 1997.

#### Determination

Based on the completed studies, the FAA concurred with the proposed FRP termination date of September 30, 1997, for the Omega system.

N.T. Saunders,

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Operations.*

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### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 31, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 6244 of the Department of Transportation's Headquarters building at 400 Seventh Street, SW, in Washington, D.C. This will be the twenty-fourth meeting of the COMSTAC.

The agenda for the meeting will include reports from the respective COMSTAC Working Groups; a legislative update on Congressional activities involving commercial space transportation; an activities report from

FAA's Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (formerly the Office of Commercial Space Transportation [60 FR 62762, December 7, 1995]); and other related topics.

The meeting is open to the public; however, space may be limited.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brenda Parker, (AST-200), Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, 400 7th Street SW, Room 5415, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-2932.

Dated: September 27, 1996.

Patti Grace Smith,

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.*

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#### Notice of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Approvals and Disapprovals

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Monthly notice of PFC approvals and disapprovals. In September 1996, there were 13 applications approved.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA publishes a monthly notice, as appropriate, of PFC approvals and disapprovals under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 (Pub. L. 103-272) 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 Humboldt, Arcata, California.

*Application Number:* 96-03-C-00-ACV.

*Application Type:* Impose and use PFC revenue.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue in This Decision:* \$225,258.

*Estimated Charge Effective Date:* November 1, 1996.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* November 1, 1997.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* None.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection at ARCATA Airport (ACV) and Use at ACV:* Taxiway system rehabilitation, Emergency generator (fire hall), Emergency generator (terminal), Safety area improvements, Terminal apron drainage improvements, Emergency storm drain repair, Security gate, Clear zone land purchase.

*Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection at ACV and Use at*

*Rohnerville Airport:* Runway protection zone property purchase.

*Brief Description of Disapproved Project:* Future property purchase reserve account.

*Determination:* Disapproved. Even though the proposed parcels to be acquired are within the runway protection zones, the acquisition depends on the current property owners volunteering to sell their properties. The County of Humboldt did not provide information as to the likelihood of these current property owners deciding to sell their parcels within 5 years of the decision date for this application. Therefore the FAA does not have reasonable assurance that the County of Humboldt will be able to comply with the regulatory timeframes as outlined in § 158.33. Furthermore, the County of Humboldt did not provide sufficient detailed information regarding the project financing to provide reasonable assurance to the FAA that excess PFC revenues would not be collected if this project were approved.

*Decision Date:* September 10, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph Rodriguez, San Francisco Airports District Office, (415) 876-2805.

*Public Agency:* Wichita Airport Authority, Wichita, Kansas.

*Application Number:* 96-02-C-00-ICT.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue in This Decision:* \$1,518,409.

*Estimated Charge Effective Date:* November 1, 1997.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* October 1, 1999.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required to Collect PFC's:* None.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use:* Airfield pavement reconstruction, Airfield safety improvements—phase II.

*Decision Date:* September 10, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lorna Sandridge, Central Region Airports Division, (816) 426-4730.

*Public Agency:* Delta County, Escanaba, Michigan.

*Application Number:* 96-04-C-00-ESC.

*Application Type:* Impose and use PFC revenue.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue in This Decision:* \$15,870.

*Estimated Charge Effective Date:* December 1, 1997.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* April 1, 1998.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* Air taxi/charter operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Delta County Airport.

*Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection and Use of PFC Revenue:* Relocate airport entrance road and security fencing.

*Decision Date:* September 10, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon B. Gilbert, Detroit Airports District Office, (313) 487-7281.

*Public Agency:* Telluride Regional Airport Authority, Telluride, Colorado.

*Application Number:* 96-02-C-00-TEX.

*Application Type:* Impose and use PFC revenue.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue in This Decision:* \$786,773.

*Charge Effective Date:* February 1, 1993.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* June 1, 2001.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* None.

*Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection and Use of PFC Revenue:* General aviation apron improvements, Taxiway and commercial service apron improvements, Snow removal equipment acquisition, Aircraft rescue and firefighting equipment acquisition, Taxiway improvements.

*Brief Description of Project Partially Approved for Collection and Use of PFC Revenue:* Acquire existing terminal building and upgrade.

*Determination:* Partially approved. The approved amount is less than the amount requested in the application due to changes in project financing and actual cost figures, and has been prorated to account for ineligible areas. Ineligible areas will be funded locally.

*Brief Description of Disapproved Project:* Terminal building plans and specifications.

*Determination:* Since the proposed new terminal was supplanted by the acquisition of the existing privately-owned terminal building, the FAA is unable to conclude that the preparation of plans and specifications for a new terminal meet the objective criteria of § 158.15(a).

*Decision Date:* September 17, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Schaffer, Denver Airports District Office, (303) 286-5525.

*Public Agency:* Salt Lake City Airport Authority, Salt Lake City, Utah.

*Application Number:* 96-02-C-00-SLC.

*Application Type:* Impose and use PFC revenue.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue in This Decision:* \$66,291,558.

*Estimated Charge Effective Date:* March 1, 1999.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* September 1, 2001.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* Air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC).

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection of a PFC at SLC and Use of PFC Revenue at SLC:* Expand taxiway F4 and realign taxiway E, Runway 16L/34R and taxiway resurfacing/safety upgrade, Old burn pit remediation, Terminal road realignment, North bound access road deceleration land, Landside people mover scoping study, Airfield and terminal drainage upgrade, Runways 14/32 and 17/35 resurface, High speed exit on runway 35, Runways 16L and 34R bypass taxiways, Taxiway G extension—north end, Taxiway B extension, Concourses B, C, and D taxilane expansion.

*Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection of a PFC at SLC and Use of PFC Revenue at Salt Lake City Airport #2:* Airport #2 land acquisition.

*Brief Description of Project Approved in Part for Collection of a PFC at SLC and Use of PFC Revenue at SLC:* Airfield equipment replacement.

*Determination:* Partially approved. Some emergency command center equipment costs may not be PFC-eligible and must be prorated out of the total cost for the project and funded locally. In addition, the approved amount has been reduced from that requested due to the inclusion of ineligible equipment. Several items listed were determined to be maintenance equipment and, thus, were not eligible for PFC funding.

*Decision Date:* September 17, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Schaffer, Denver Airports District Office, (303) 286-5525.

*Public Agency:* Virgin Islands Port Authority, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

*Application Number:* 96-03-C-00-STX.

*Application Type:* Impose and use PFC revenue.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue in This Decision:* \$4,408,000.

*Estimated Charge Effective Date:* December 1, 1996.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* April 1, 2004.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* None.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection of a PFC at Alexander Hamilton Airport (STX) and Use of PFC Revenue at STX:* Passenger terminal renovation and expansion.

*Decision Date:* September 17, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pablo G. Auffant, Orlando Airports District Office, (407) 648-6586, ext. 30.  
*Public Agency:* Virgin Islands Port Authority, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

*Application Number:* 96-05-U-00-STT.

*Application Type:* Use PFC revenue.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue To Be Used:* \$3,342,000.

*Charge Effective Date:* December 1, 1995.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* December 1, 1997.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* No change from previous decision.

*Brief Description of Project (Previously Approved for Collection of PFC Revenue at Cyril E. King Airport) Approved for Use of PFC Revenue at STX:* Passenger terminal renovation and expansion.

*Decision Date:* September 17, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pablo G. Auffant, Orlando Airports District Office, (407) 648-6586, ext. 30.  
*Public Agency:* City of Fresno, Department of Airports, Fresno, California.

*Application Number:* 96-01-C-00-FAT.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue:* \$1,405,482.

*Earliest Charge Effective Date:* December 1, 1996.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* December 1, 1997.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* Air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Fresno Air Terminal.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use:*

Part 150 noise compatibility program phases I and II—sound mitigation acoustical remedy treatment program,

Construction of concrete parking aprons at three air carriers gate positions,

Replacement of an airport rescue and firefighting (ARFF) vehicle, purchase of 20 sets of firefighting protective clothing, and purchase of five hand-held radios with multiple channel selection,

Airport sign system installation, modification, and replacement,

Air operations area access control and security improvements,

Airline terminal complex master plan, National pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements,

ARFF station improvements: concrete apron reconstruction and replacement of vehicle fueling systems,

Americans with Disabilities Act requirement improvements,

Airport rotating beacon,

Airport concourse upgrade schematic design, design development, and construction documents,

Reconstruction of taxiway A crossings and taxiway N runoff area,

Airfield lighting, electrical improvements, and replacement of the emergency generator system design,

Airfield, tower, and terminal power system replacement (design).

*Decision Date:* September 18, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph R. Rodriguez, San Francisco Airports District Office, (415) 876-2805.

*Public Agency:* City of Manchester, New Hampshire.

*Application Number:* 96-03-U-00-MHT.

*Application Type:* Use PFC revenue.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue To Be Used:* \$177,000.

*Charge Effective Date:* January 1, 1993.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* September 1, 1997.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* No change from previous decision.

*Brief Description of Project Approved for Use of PFC Revenue:* Acquire aviation easements for the runway 17 instrument landing system.

*Decision Date:* September 24, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Priscilla A. Scott, New England Region Airports Division, (617) 238-7614.

*Public Agency:* Lexington-Fayette Urban County Airport Board, Lexington, Kentucky.

*Application Number:* 96-03-U-00-LEX.

*Application Type:* Use PFC revenue.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue To Be Used:* \$945,836.

*Charge Effective Date:* November 1, 1993.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* September 1, 2005.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* No change from previous decision.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Use of PFC Revenue:* Assess environmental impacts of proposed parallel runway (and alternatives, to enhance operational safety), Implement noise abatement program phase II.

*Decision Date:* September 27, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cynthia K. Wills, Memphis Airports District Office, (901) 544-3495.

*Public Agency:* Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

*Application Number:* 96-03-C-00-GFK.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue in This Decision:* \$86,463.

*Charge Effective Date:* February 1, 1993.

*Charge Expiration Date:* August 1, 1996.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* None.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use of PFC Revenue:* Extension of ramp A.

*Decision Date:* September 27, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irene R. Porter, Bismarck Airports District Office, (701) 250-4385.

*Public Agency:* County of Albany, Albany, New York.

*Application Number:* 96-03-C-00-ALB.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue in This Decision:* \$11,888,847.

*Estimated Charge Effective Date:* March 1, 2020.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* January 1, 2023.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* Air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Albany County Airport.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Use of PFC Revenue:* Terminal building renovation and expansion, Air traffic control tower, New interior roadways, Airport equipment, New storage building.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use of PFC Revenue:*

Federal inspection facility, Passenger access lift equipment acquisition, Airport master plan study, Part 150 run up study, Glycol collection system.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved in Part for Collection and Use of PFC Revenue:* Terminal ramp improvements, Emergency generator installation.

*Determination:* Approved in part. The ditch dredging is considered to be periodic maintenance and as such has been determined to be ineligible under PFC criteria.

*Decision Date:* September 27, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Philip Brito, New York Airports District Office, (516) 227-3803.

*Public Agency:* Duluth Airport Authority, Duluth, Minnesota.

*Application Number:* 96-02-C-00-DLH.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$3.00.

*Total Approved Net PFC Revenue in This Decision:* \$775,332.

*Estimated Charge Effective Date:* October 1, 1996.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* May 1, 1999.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required To Collect PFC's:* Air taxi/commercial operators.

*Determination:* Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the proposed class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Duluth International Airport (DLH).

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection of a PFC at DLH and Use of PFC Revenue at DLH:* Complete phase I of taxiway K construction, Rehabilitate runway 9/27 and portion of runway 3/21 lighting, Extend taxiway B, Rehabilitate runway 3/21, Consultation to preparation and provide assistance with PFC administration.

*Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection of PFC at DLH and Use of PFC Revenue at Sky Harbor Airport:* Rehabilitate runway 14/32.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved in Part for Collection of a PFC at DLH and Use of PFC Revenue at DLH:* Purchase high speed runway broom.

*Determination:* Approved in part. The amount requested in the PFC application was for the local share of an Airport Improvement Program grant which included elements in addition to the runway broom. The PFC approved amount was limited to the local share of the cost of the runway broom.

Update airport master plan.

*Determination:* Approved in part. The PFC approved amount has been reduced from the amount requested to reflect a revised project cost estimate received from the Duluth Airport Authority.

*Decision Date:* September 30, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gordon Nelson, Minneapolis Airports District Office, (612) 725-4358.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on October 4, 1996.

Sheryl Scarborough,

*Acting Manager, Passenger Facility Charge Branch.*

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## Federal Highway Administration

### Environmental Impact Statement: Broome County, New York

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), New York State Department of Transportation (NYDOT).

**ACTION:** Retract notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Susquehanna River Crossing.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an EIS will not be prepared for a proposed bridge that crosses the Susquehanna River connecting Route 17C with Route 17 and Route 434 in eastern Tioga/western Broome Counties, New York as advertised in the Federal Register.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harold J. Brown, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 9th Floor, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone: (518) 431-4127; or Richard R. Church, Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation, Binghamton State Office Building, 44 Hawley Street, Binghamton, New York 13901-3200, Telephone (607) 721-8116.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the NYSDOT, has determined that an EIS will not be prepared for the proposal to construct a bridge and associated approach roadway and interchange ramps for a new crossing of the Susquehanna River. The NYSDOT evaluated four corridors connecting NYS Route 17C with NYS Route 17 and NYS Route 17 and 434 located between Hiawatha Boulevard in the town of Owego, Tioga County and NYS Route 26 in the town of Vestal and village of Endicott, Broome County. NYSDOT

initiated the preparation of a Draft EIS. A public hearing was held in July 1996 to present the project information to the public and solicit comments.

Upon reevaluation of the project alternatives with regard to goals, economics, environmental impacts and public input, it was determined that Alternative "A" has a project objective different from the other alternatives and will be pursued independently. This corridor spans the Susquehanna River at the Route 17 (Exit 66) interchange connecting the hamlets of Apalachin/Campville in the town of Owego, Tioga County. The existing bridges span Route 17 carrying the Exit 66 on and off ramps. They are identified as BINs 1054771 and 1054772. This alternative meets the requirements for a Categorical Exclusion with FHWA concurrence. A Final Design Report will be prepared that evaluates two locations for Alternative "A" crossing and the no action alternative.

The benefits with Alternative "A" include the potential for increased economic development, increased access between Routes 17C, 434 and 17 in the project area, and improved delivery of public services in the town of Owego which is split by the Susquehanna River.

The environmental impacts associated with Alternative "A" are minor and include: noise impacts at nine locations, disturbance of approximately a 0.3 acre wetland and/or stream in the project area, and a 3% increase in energy consumption.

Issued on: September 30, 1996.

Harold J. Brown,

*Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Albany, New York.*

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## Maritime Administration

### Maritime Security Program; Request For Applications for FY 1997

**SUMMARY:** This notice solicits applications from eligible candidates for possible participation in the Maritime Security Program (MSP) pursuant to the Maritime Security Act of 1996 (MSA).

**DATES:** The MSA requires applications be received no later than November 7, 1996. However, to expedite processing of applications, all applicants are encouraged to submit their applications within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond R. Barberesi, Director, Office of Sealift Support. Telephone 202-366-2323.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Overview

The MSA establishes a new 10-year MSP commencing in Fiscal Year 1996. The MSP will support the operation of U.S.-flag vessels in the foreign commerce of the United States through assistance payments. Participating vessel operators are required to make their ships and other commercial transportation resources available upon request of Secretary of Defense during times of war or national emergency.

**ADDRESSES:** To be considered, applications must be mailed, delivered in person or telefaxed (in which case an original must subsequently be received within the statutory 30-day period) to the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Room 7210, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Telefax number (202) 366-9206. Applicants wishing MARAD to acknowledge receipt should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope or postcard.

### Application Procedure

Applicants must submit:

- (1) An "Application For Participation Under Section 651, Subtitle B, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as Amended", and,
- (2) An audited financial statement or a Form MA-172 as described at 46 CFR Part 232.

These forms have been approved by OMB, number 2133-0525 and number 2133-0005, respectively, and are available from the Office of Sealift Support, MAR-630, Room 7300, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Applicants must submit one original, signed by a person authorized to receive funds for the applicant, and one copy (double-sided copies are encouraged).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator:

Dated: October 8, 1996.

Joel C. Richard,

*Secretary.*

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## Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket HM-223; Notice No. 96-21]

RIN 2137-AC68

### Applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to Loading, Unloading and Storage

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.