

recommendations, prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.

3. Draft appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and/or any other related guidance material or collateral documents the working group determines to be appropriate; or, if new or revised requirements or compliance methods are not recommended, a draft report stating the rationale for not making such recommendations. If the resulting recommendation is one or more notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published by the FAA, the FAA may ask ARAC to recommend disposition of any substantive comments the FAA receives.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider transport airplane and engine issues.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Loads and Dynamics Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

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Joseph A. Hawkins,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Conduct Scoping for Proposed Air Traffic Control Procedures and Airspace Modifications for Aircraft Entering and Existing the Chicago and Milwaukee Airspace Areas

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and to Conduct Public Scoping.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Great Lakes Region, is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared and considered to evaluate proposed air

traffic control procedures and airspace modifications for aircraft entering and exiting the Chicago and Milwaukee Terminal Radar Approach Control airspace areas. To ensure that all significant issues related to the proposed action are identified, public scoping will be held.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Annette Davis, Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Air Traffic Division, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60018, 847-294-7832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA will prepare an EIS to evaluate proposed air traffic control procedures and airspace modifications as identified by the Chicago Terminal Airspace Project (CTAP). The purpose of the proposed changes is to improve traffic flows and reduce airborne and ground delays during peak periods. The proposed changes would enhance safety and efficiently by maximizing controller flexibility and simplifying operations for pilots.

The primary focus of the proposed project is the transfer of portions of the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) airspace to Chicago Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) airspace along the existing high-altitude arrival gateways. Components of the proposal also include:

- One additional high-altitude arrival route, two modified arrival routes, and more flexible use of existing departure corridors for Chicago O'Hare International Airport
- A more direct route for arrival aircraft from the northwest and northeast destined for Chicago Midway Airport, Chicago Meigs Airport, Gary Airport, and other general aviation/reliever airports
- One new high-altitude arrival route separating Milwaukee General Mitchell Airport and reliever/satellite airport traffic

The proposed changes would occur within a widespread area and include primary and reliever airports in northeast Illinois, southern Wisconsin, and northwest Indiana. Because there exists a potential to generate noise impacts, the FAA has made a decision to initiate the EIS process. The FAA retains the option to terminate the EIS process and issue an Environmental Assessment (EA) with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) if warranted, based on the environmental review process.

Public Scoping: The purpose of scoping is to ensure that the full range of issues related to a proposed project

are addressed and all significant issues are identified. In this endeavor, comments and suggestions are invited from Federal, State, and local agencies, and other interested parties. Copies of materials regarding the proposed project may be obtained from the information contact listed above.

Information is also available on the Internet at the web site address <http://www.faa.gov/ctap.html>.

To facilitate understanding of the proposed project and receipt of comments from the public, two scoping meetings will be held on Monday, September 28, 1998. The first meeting, for community representatives, locally elected officials, and special interest groups, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration Great Lakes Regional Office, 2300 E. Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018, Room 453. A second meeting, for resource agencies will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration Great Lakes Regional Office, 2300 E. Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018, Room 453. A workshop for the general public will be held Thursday, October 1, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Federal Aviation Administration Great Lakes Regional Office, 2300 E. Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018, Room 166/170.

Written comments may be mailed to Ms. Annette Davis, AGL-520.E, Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Air Traffic Division, 2300 E. Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018, prior to October 16, 1998.

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Richard K. Petersen,

Acting Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA; Joint Special Committee 190/ EUROCAE Working Group 52

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 Joint Special Committee (SC)-190/EUROCAE Working Group (WG)-52 meeting to be held September 14-18, 1998, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. The meeting will be held at Hotel Le Domain de Mousquety, 84800, L'Isle sur la Sorgue, France. The hotel phone number is 011 33 04 90 38

70 00 and the fax number is 011 33 04 90 20 22 29.

The agenda will include the following: Monday, September 14: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (1) Registration; 1:00–3:00 p.m. (2) CNS/ATM Tutorial and Panel; 3:30–5:00 p.m. (3) ED–12B/DO–178B and WG–52/SC–190 Tutorial and Panel; Tuesday, September 15: 8:30 a.m.–12:00 noon (4) a. Opening Remarks and General Introductions; b. Review and Approval of Summary of the Previous Meeting; c. CAST/SSAC; d. Task Force 4; e. Web Progress; f. Group Reports; 1:30 p.m. (5) Working Group Breakout Sessions; Wednesday, September 16: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (6) Working Group Breakout Sessions; Thursday, September 17: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (7) Working Group Breakout Sessions; Friday, September 18: 8:30 a.m. (8) a. Group Reports; b. Executive Report; c. Action Items; d. Next Meeting Information; e. Process Check; f. Closing Remarks; 12:00 noon (9) Adjourn.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833–9339 (phone); (202) 833–9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Janice L. Peters,
Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Los Angeles County, California

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Los Angeles County, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bradley D. Keazer, Assistant Division Administrator/Director of Program Development, Federal Highway Administration, 980–9th Street, Suite

400, Sacramento, CA 95814–2724, Telephone: (916) 498–5037.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to widen State Route 138 from two lanes to four lanes from Avenue T to State Route 18, through the City of Palmdale and the communities of Littlerock, Pearblossom, and Llano (18.0 miles). The proposed project includes constructing one additional lane of standard width in each direction following the existing alignment, widening the California Aqueduct bridge, and constructing a new bridge at Big Rock Wash. These improvements are intended to serve as a major arterial to accommodate the substantial increases in traffic volumes associated with an increased growth rate in the region.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action, and (2) adding one lane in each direction to make a four-lane conventional highway. Within the limits of the study area for this project, various environmental resources and issues are known to exist. These include, but are not limited to: cultural, 4(f), wetlands, floodway and floodplain, wildlife habitat, growth inducement, economics, residential and business relocation, noise, changes to vehicle traffic patterns, regional air quality, seismic exposure, land use planning, hazardous waste, and irrigation/drain systems.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. At least one public meeting will be held to solicit input from the local citizens on alternatives. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public Notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above. (Catalog of Federal Document 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.)

Issued on: August 10, 1998.

Bradley D. Keazer,
Assistant Division Administrator/Director of Program Development, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–98–4356]

DOT Listening Session on New Federal Credit Programs

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”), DOT.

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (“TEA–21”), Public Law 105–178, 112 Stat. 107 (1998), established two new Federal credit programs for surface transportation projects. The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (“TIFIA”), Title I, Subtitle E, Chapter 1 was established to provide up to \$10.6 billion of Federal assistance in the form of credit (direct loans, loan guarantees, and standby lines of credit) to major surface transportation projects of critical national importance, such as intermodal facilities, border crossing infrastructure, trade corridors, and other investments generating substantial regional and national economic and other benefits. The Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program (“RRIF”), Title VII, Subtitle B amended Title V of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 to provide up to \$3.5 billion of Federal assistance in the form of direct loans and loan guarantees for eligible railroad projects. Prior to implementation, the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”), on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation (“USDOT”), will conduct an outreach session on TIFIA and RRIF to consult with its partners and customers. This notice serves to invite public officials, potential project sponsors, the financial community, and other interested parties to attend a meeting to share their comments with the USDOT concerning suggestions on how best to administer the new programs.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.