

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****[Docket No. FAA-1998-4465]****Flight Attendant Training and Qualifications****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting to obtain information about potential issues and solutions regarding flight attendant training and qualifications. This meeting is a precursor to possible regulatory and or policy changes regarding flight attendant training and qualification.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on October 14, 1998, at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC, in Bessie Coleman Conference Center, the 2nd Floor; Registration: 9:00 a.m.; Meeting: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed or delivered, in duplicate, to: U.S. Department of Transportation Dockets, Docket No. FAA-1998-4465, 400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room Plaza 401, Washington, DC 20591. Comments may also be sent electronically to the Rules Docket by using the following Internet address: 9-nprm-cmts@faa.dot.gov. Comments must be marked Docket No. FAA-1998-4465. Comments may be filed and/or examined in Room Plaza 401 on weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donell Pollard, Flight Standards Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-7035; Donell.W.Pollard@FAA.DOT.Gov.

Requests to present a statement at the public meeting on Flight Attendant Training and Qualification and questions regarding the logistics of the meeting should be directed to Regina L. Jones, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-104), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9822; fax (202) 267-5075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to participate in this public meeting by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Comments should identify the regulatory docket and should be

submitted in duplicate to the Rules Docket address specified above. The docket is available for public inspection both before and after the public meeting.

Requests from persons who wish to present oral statements at the public meeting on Flight Attendant Training and Qualifications should be received by the FAA no later than October 7, 1998. Such requests should be submitted to Regina L. Jones as listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Requests received after October 7, will be scheduled if time is available during the meeting; however, the name of those individuals may not appear on the written agenda. The FAA will prepare an agenda of speakers that will be available at the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the amount of time allocated to each speaker may be less than the amount of time requested. Those persons desiring to have available audiovisual equipment should notify the FAA when requesting to be placed on the agenda.

The FAA will acknowledge receipt of a comment if the commenter includes a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the comment. The postcard should be marked "Comments to Docket No. FAA-1998-4465." When the comment is received by the FAA, the postcard will be dated, time stamped, and returned to the commenter.

Public Meeting Procedures

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The following procedures are established to facilitate the public meeting:

1. There will be no admission fee or other charge to attend or to participate in the public meeting. The meeting will be open to all persons who have requested in advance to present statements or who register on the day of the meeting (between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.) subject to availability of space in the meeting room.

2. The public meeting may adjourn early if scheduled speakers complete their statements in less time than currently is scheduled for the meeting.

3. The FAA will try to accommodate all speakers; therefore, it may be necessary to limit the time available for an individual or group.

4. Participants should address their comments to the panel. No individual will be subject to cross-examination by any other participant.

5. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

6. Representatives of the FAA will conduct the public meeting. A panel of FAA personnel involved in this issue will be present.

7. The meeting will be recorded by a court reporter. A transcript of the meeting and any material accepted by the panel during the meeting will be included in the public docket (Docket number FAA-1998-4465). Any person who is interested in purchasing a copy of the transcript should contact the court reporter directly. This information will be available at the meeting.

8. The FAA will review and consider all material presented by participants at the public meeting. Position papers or material presenting views or information related to flight attendant training and qualifications may be accepted at the discretion of the presiding officer and subsequently placed in the public docket. The FAA requests that persons participating in the meeting provide 10 copies of all materials to be presented for distribution to the panel members; other copies may be provided to the audience at the discretion of the participant.

9. Statements made by members of the public meeting panel are intended to facilitate discussion of the issues or to clarify issues. Final decisions concerning issues that the public may raise cannot be made at the meeting. The FAA may, however, ask questions to clarify statements made by the public and to ensure a complete and accurate record.

10. The meeting is designed to solicit public views on flight attendant training and qualifications. Therefore, the meeting will be conducted in an informal and nonadversarial manner.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 14, 1998.

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Acting Director, Flight Standards Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Travis and Caldwell Counties, Texas**

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 new location highway/tollway project in Travis and Caldwell Counties, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter C. Waidelich, District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Room 850, Federal Building, 300 East 8th Street, Austin Texas 78701. David Kopp, P.E., Texas Turnpike Authority Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: State Highway 130, as currently envisioned, is a proposed controlled access highway which will extend from IH 35 at State Highway 195 north of Georgetown in Williamson County, Texas, to IH 10 near Seguin in Guadalupe County, Texas. State Highway 130 will be located generally parallel to and east of Interstate Highway 35 and the urban areas of Austin, San Marcos, and New Braunfels. The total length of the proposed facility is 143.5 kilometers (89 miles). The proposed State Highway 130 facility is being developed by the FHWA in cooperation with the Texas Turnpike Authority Division (TTA) of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). It is being developed in three segments with each segment having logical termini and independent utility. FHWA and TTA will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for each of the three independent segments.

This Notice of Intent (NOI) focuses on the central segment, Segment B, of State Highway 130. As announced herein, the FHWA in cooperation with TTA will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on a proposal to construct Segment B of State Highway 130. Segment B of proposed State Highway 130 extends from US Highway 290 east of Austin in Travis County, Texas, to the junction of US Highway 183 and Farm-to-Market Road 1185 north of Lockhart in Caldwell County, Texas. The length of Segment B is approximately 46.67 kilometers (29 miles) but will vary depending on the selected alternative. The proposed action is intended to relieve congestion on Interstate 35 by providing an alternative route for those who commute between Austin and surrounding areas as well as drivers desiring to bypass the central business area of Austin and other cities along the heavily traveled Interstate 35 corridor. The proposed action will also provide improved access and increased mobility to urbanized areas in the proposed corridor; help support planned business and residential growth in various areas

throughout the project corridor; and provide needed freeway access from surrounding areas to the proposed Austin Bergstrom International Airport.

A Major Investment Study, addressing the entire length of the proposed State Highway 130, was adopted in July 1997 by the Austin Transportation Study Policy Advisory Committee, the metropolitan planning organization for the Austin, Texas area.

As currently envisioned the proposed Segment B facility will be a controlled access toll road; thus, in conjunction with the EIS and selection of a preferred alternative, the TTA will conduct a toll feasibility study to evaluate the viability of developing the selected alternative as a toll road and financing it, in whole or part, through the issuance of revenue bonds. The toll road designation will not influence the selection of a preferred alternative. Proposed alternatives, including alternative alignments, will be evaluated for how well they meet the stated purpose and need for the proposed project. Any impacts owing to the toll road designation will be discussed in the environmental impact statement.

The draft EIS for Segment B will address a build alternative including multiple alternative alignments. Alternatives to the proposed action, which will also be discussed in the EIS, will include (1) taking no action, or the "no build" alternative, and (2) improving existing roadways in the project area. The build alternatives include multiple alternative alignments along new location and existing highway rights-of-way within the Segment B project limits.

Impacts caused by the construction and operation of Segment B of State Highway 130 will vary according to the alternative alignment utilized. Generally, impacts would include the following: transportation impacts (construction detours, construction traffic, and mobility improvement); air and noise impacts from construction and operation of the roadway; water quality impacts from construction activities and roadway stormwater runoff; impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands, from right-of-way encroachment; conversion of dedicated parkland; and impacts to residences and businesses.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in the proposal. Public meetings for the Segment B project were held on April 15, 1996, at Del Valle High School in Del Valle,

Texas; on April 16, 1996, at Barbara Jordan Elementary School in Austin, Texas; on June 11, 1996, at Plum Creek Elementary School in Lockhart, Texas; and on June 26, 1997, at Barbara Jordan Elementary School in Austin, Texas. At these meetings, public comments on the proposed action and alternatives were requested.

In continuation of the scoping process for Segment B of State Highway 130, an additional public meeting will be held on November 5, 1998. The location of the public meeting will be at Barbara Jordan Elementary School, 6711 Johnny Morris Road, Austin, Texas. From 6:00 to 7:00 pm, displays showing the preliminary alternative corridors will be available for review. During this period, staff of the TTA will be available to answer questions. Beginning at 7:00 pm a formal presentation of the project will be made and will be followed by a public comment period. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public meeting.

A public hearing will be held for the Segment B project subsequent to publication of the Draft EIS. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the 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 proposed Segment B of State Highway 130 are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or TTA at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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District Engineer, Austin, Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Travis and Williamson Counties, Texas

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 (EIS)