

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

A copy of the draft AC may be obtained by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Commenters should identify AC 25-XX, and submit comments, in duplicate, to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Transport Standards Staff before issuing the final AC.

**Discussion**

This AC contains guidance for the latest amendment of the regulations and applies to all transport category airplanes for which a new, amended, or supplemental type certificate is required. This guidance should be applied to any portion of the airplane mechanical systems that has been modified. In the past, advisory and guidance information applicable to transport airplane mechanical systems has been formally published as AC's. Advisory circulars have not been developed for all of the regulatory requirements applicable to transport airplane mechanical systems, however. In many instances, certification of new technology airplanes resulted in the need to interpret the existing regulations and to apply new regulations. Issue papers and special conditions were generated to document the compliance method agreed upon between the applicant and the FAA. In other instances, applicants, FAA Aircraft Certification Office (ACO) managers, and foreign regulatory authorities have requested interpretation of the intent of specific regulations. This guidance was documented in the form of policy memorandums that were distributed to all ACOs, letters to applicants and foreign airworthiness authorities, and issue papers. In many instances, this information was not organized in a manner that allowed easy access, and applicants were not aware of revised policy. This AC formalizes existing policy so that the public and FAA personnel have access to this information. The methods and procedures described in this AC have evolved after many years and represents current certification practice.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on November 30, 1998.

**John J. Hickey,**

*Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, ANM-100.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

**Notice of Intent to Rule on Application 99-02-C-00-MCI To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Kansas City International Airport, Kansas City, MO.**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Rule on Application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Kansas City International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158). **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 11, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Central Region, Airports Division, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Raymond D. Anderson, AAE, Director of Aviation, Kansas City International Airport, at the following address: 601 Brasilia Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64153.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Kansas City International Airport, under section 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lorna Sandridge, PFC Program Manager, FAA, Central Region, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 426-4730. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at the Kansas City International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety

and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On November 27, 1998, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Kansas City International Airport, Kansas City, Missouri, was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than February 27, 1999.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

*Level of the proposed PFC:* \$3.00.

*Proposed charge effective date:* January, 2002.

*Proposed charge expiration date:* November, 2006.

*Total estimated use revenue:*

\$48,047,139.

*Total estimated impose revenue:*

\$28,723,139.

*Brief description of proposed project(s):* Overlay Runway 9/27 and Taxiway C (between C1-C9); Expand General Aviation Apron; Construct Federal Inspection Service Facility; Taxiway B Rehabilitation; Terminal Improvement; Airfield Storm Drainage; Construction of Hold apron West of Terminal B; Automated Access Control System; Reconstruct Taxiway D; Passenger Facility Charge Development and Administration.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Kansas City International Airport.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri on November 27, 1998.

**Michael J. Faltermeier,**

*Acting Manager, Airports Division Central Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration**

**Environmental Impact Statement: Dubuque County, IA/Jo Daviess County, IL**

**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 capacity improvement project in Dubuque County, Iowa and Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Hiatt, Environmental Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration, 105 Sixth Street, Ames, Iowa 50010-6337, Telephone (515) 233-7300. Roger Larsen, Project Manager, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010, Telephone (515) 239-1791.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve the capacity of U.S. Route 20 (U.S. 20) in Dubuque County, Iowa and Jo Daviess County, Illinois. The proposed improvement would involve upgrading or re-routing existing U.S. 20 between Iowa and Illinois for a distance up to seven miles.

Improvements to U.S. 20 are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand and safety considerations. This proposal will also include a connection of U.S. 20 across the Mississippi River. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) taking no action; (2) using alternative travel improvements; (3) widening the existing two-lane highway to four lanes; and (4) constructing a four-lane highway on a new location. Variations of facility type, grade, and alignment will be incorporated into and studied with various build alternatives.

An informal scoping process will be initiated as part of this project. 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. A series of public meetings will be held in Dubuque and East Dubuque. In addition, a public hearing will be held upon completion of the draft EIS. 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. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

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 or Iowa DOT at the addresses provided above.

(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)

Issued on: November 24, 1998.

**Bruce E. Mazke,**

*Assistant Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Ames, Iowa.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

### Federal Highway Administration

[FRA Docket No. FRA-1998-4759]

### Financial Assistance To Eliminate Highway-Railroad Grade Crossing Hazards on Designated High-Speed Rail Corridors

**AGENCIES:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of designation of high-speed corridors; solicitation of applications for: (1) the designation of additional high-speed corridors, and (2) for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 funding assistance.

**SUMMARY:** Section 1103(c) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107) modifies the program established in 23 U.S.C. 104(d)(2) to eliminate highway-railroad grade crossing hazards in designated high-speed rail corridors. The program funding out of the Highway Trust Fund would be increased from \$5 million a year to \$5.25 million a year for FYs 1998-2003; eligible corridors are increased from 5 to 11 with the addition of the Gulf Coast, Keystone and Empire State Corridors and the addition of up to 3 corridors to be selected by the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary); not less than \$250,000 of available funding is for the Minneapolis/St. Paul-Chicago segment of the Midwest Corridor; and a general fund authorization of \$15 million per year for FYs 1999-2003 is provided for the same purpose, namely elimination of highway-railroad grade crossing hazards in designated high-speed rail corridors. (Funding of the general fund authorization is subject to the

appropriations process; no such appropriations have been made for FY 1999.)

In this notice, the FRA is soliciting applications from States for designation of up to three new corridors, and applications from States for FY 1999 funding under this program in all designated corridors. The FRA is actively coordinating with the FHWA, which is also substantively involved in this program and in all decisions pertaining to it.

**DATES:** Signed, written comments on this notice must be received by the FRA on or before February 9, 1999. Completed applications for additional corridor designations must be received by the FRA on or before March 11, 1999. Completed applications for FY 1999 funding assistance must be received by the FRA on or before March 11, 1999 or, for any additional designated corridors, within two months following publication of the designation in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The public is invited to submit written comments on this notice. Written comments should refer to the docket number appearing at the top of this notice and be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address. Docket hours at the Nassif Building are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

Applications for corridor designation and applications for FY 1999 funding assistance should be submitted to: The Honorable Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, ATTN: Section 104(d)(2) Program, RDV-11, Mail Stop 20, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For FRA: Mr. John F. Cikota, Senior Transportation Analyst, Program Development Division, Office of Railroad Development (telephone: 202-493-6364; E-mail address: John.Cikota@fra.dot.gov), or Gareth Rosenau, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Mailstop 10, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone 202-493-6054; E-mail address: Gareth.Rosenau@fra.dot.gov). For FHWA: Mr. Lee Chimini, Intermodal Transportation Engineer, Intermodal and Statewide Programs Division, Office of Environment and