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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA established the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator on the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitments to harmonize Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) with its partners in Europe and Canada.

The Task

- Review and assess the adequacy of the standards and advisory material for § 33.76 bird ingestion requirements to determine whether they establish an appropriate minimum standard of safety as required by the Federal Aviation Act. The assessment should define the current bird threat, include an evaluation of trends, and consider any reasonable predictable changes to the current threat. ARAC should take into account any changes in the threat resulting from increased population of a particular bird species, actions intended to control populations around airports, and flight-crew training for flocking-bird recognition and avoidance.

- Develop a report on the review and, depending upon the results of the review, recommend regulatory language to § 33.76, corresponding JAR-E540/800, and related advisory material to address any inadequacies identified in the rule or related advisory material. Reconsider whether the basic design of the recent rule is adequate relative to its stated safety objective, reconsider flocking birds greater than 2.5 pounds, and reconsider high-speed aircraft operations at low altitudes relative to the identified bird ingestion threats.

- If appropriate, recommend changes to the recent rules and related advisory material. The recommendation should include ARAC's response to the economic questions attached to this tasking record.

- Identify and provide recommendations to the FAA and JAA for areas of study, other than engine certification requirements, where potential exists to significantly mitigate risks associated with engine bird ingestion.

- If as a result of the recommendations, the FAA publishes an NPRM and/or notice of availability of draft advisory circular for public comment, the FAA may ask ARAC to review selected comments or all

comments, as specified at that time by the FAA, and provide the agency with a recommendation for the disposition of those comments.

- Consider defining an industry-level management plan for periodic update and review of the bird ingestion database so as to maintain an awareness of the bird threat in service.

Schedule: Required completion date is August 2002.

ARAC Acceptance of Task

ARAC accepted the task and assigned the task to the Engine Harmonization Working Group, Transport Airplane and Engine Issues. The working group serves as staff to ARAC and assists in the analysis of assigned tasks. ARAC must review and approve the working group's recommendations. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it will forward them to the FAA.

Working Group Activity

The Engine Harmonization Working Group must comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group must:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the task, including the rationale supporting such a plan for consideration at the next meeting of the ARAC on transport airplane and engine issues held following publication of this notice.

2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.

3. Draft the appropriate documents and required analyses and/or any other related materials or documents.

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

Participation in the Working Group

The Engine Harmonization Working Group will be composed of technical experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative or a member of the full committee.

Any individual who has expertise in the subject area and wants to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. We must receive all requests by December 7, 2001. The requests will be reviewed by the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group co-chairs. Individuals will be

advised whether or not their request can be accommodated.

Individuals chosen for membership on the working group will be expected to represent their aviation community segment and actively participate on the working group (e.g., attend all meetings, provide written comments when requested to do so, etc.). They also will be expected to devote the resources necessary to support the working group in meeting any assigned deadlines. Members must keep their management chain and those they may represent advised of working group activities and decisions to ensure that the proposed technical solutions do not conflict with their sponsoring organization's position when the subject being negotiated is presented to ARAC for approval.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group co-chairs. The Secretary of Transportation determined that the formation and use of the ARAC is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of the ARAC are open to the public. Meetings of the Engine Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent those individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. The FAA will make no public announcement of working group meetings.

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Anthony F. Fazio,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport; Ft. Lauderdale, FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advertise to the public that a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Supplemental DEIS) will be prepared and considered for the proposed extension of Runway 9R-27L

to 9,000 feet and widening to 150 feet at Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Virginia Lane, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazelton National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822-5024, 407/812-6331, extension 29.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA, in cooperation with Broward County, Florida, prepared and issued in February 2001, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a proposed project to lengthen and widen Runway 9R-27L at the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) to 9,000 feet \times 150 feet for air carrier aircraft use. The existing runway (5,276 feet \times 100 feet) accommodates general aviation and commuter aircraft, but the Airport Master Plan (AMP), accepted on April 19, 1995, indicated that significant future airfield congestion and aircraft delay could be anticipated without some modification to the existing airfield facilities. The extension of the existing runway is planned as a precision instrument runway (PIR) with a CAT I approach to both Runway 27L and Runway 9R. The runway will have approach slopes of 50:1 to runway 27L and 50:1 to Runway 9R with a primary surface width of 1,000 feet.

A public hearing on the DEIS was held on March 21, 2001.

The FAA's decision to prepare a Supplemental DEIS is based on recent increases in airport operations and updated FAA forecasts for FLL. Revised forecasts used for the Supplemental DEIS will be FAA's 2001 Terminal Area Forecast for FLL. The revised forecasts are higher than the DEIS forecasts, and consequently the analysis in some of the environmental impact categories will change, specifically noise, environmental justice, and air quality. Revised analysis in the Supplemental DEIS will be based on a baseline year of 2000, the first year of operations with the proposed project of 2008, and an out year of 2015.

Because of the anticipated changes in the DEIS analysis, the FAA plans to circulate the Supplemental DEIS for review and comment by the various governmental agencies and public, and hold a second public hearing to disclose the changes. The FAA anticipates preparing and distributing the Supplemental DEIS and holding a second public hearing in early 2002.

The Supplemental DEIS will be a stand-alone document that will not require the use of the DEIS for interpretation or reference. The Supplemental DEIS will be prefaced

with a summary section discussing principal changes from the DEIS. Public and agency comments on the DEIS will be addressed through changes in the Supplemental DEIS and there will not be any formal FAA responses to individual or grouped comments in the Supplemental DEIS. The Final EIS, however, will include comments and FAA responses to both the DEIS and Supplemental DEIS.

The DEIS included detailed evaluation of the No Action Alternative, Alternative A—Build New North Runways Elevated, Alternative B—Build New North Runways At-Grade, and the Proposed Project—Extension of Runway 9R-27L. The alternatives selected for detailed evaluation in the DEIS will not change in the Supplemental DEIS.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Orlando, Florida, October 29, 2001.

W. Dean Stringer,

Manager, Orlando Airports Districts Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Conduct Environmental Scoping for Improvements to the Gary/Chicago Airport in Gary, IN

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and to hold a public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement or other appropriate environmental documentation will be prepared to assess certain improvements to the Gary/Chicago Airport. The environmental review will assess improvements associated with the existing air carrier Runway 12-30, including railroad relocation and improved runway safety areas; an extension of the existing air carrier Runway 12-30; expansion of the existing terminal site; and analysis of sites for new passenger terminal and air cargo areas. A public scoping process will be held in order that all significant issues related to the proposed actions are identified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael W. MacMullen, Airports Environmental Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. Mr. MacMullen can be contacted at (847) 294-7522 (voice), (847) 294-7046 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the request of the Gary/Chicago Airport Authority, the FAA is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement or other appropriate environmental documentation. The review will address specific improvements of Gary/Chicago Airport as identified during the 2001 Airport Master Plan process and shown on the 2001 Airport Layout Plan. The following improvements have been grouped in four categories and are identified as ripe for review and decision: Improvements associated with Existing Runway 12-30, the primary air carrier runway at the airport, relocate E.J. & E Railroad, acquire land northwest of airport to allow for modifications to runway safety area, relocate airside perimeter roadway, relocate Runway 12-30 navoids, improve Runway Safety Area for Runway 12, relocate Runway 12 threshold to remove prior displacement, and acquire land southeast of airport, located within or immediately adjacent to runway protection zone; Extension of Runway 12-30, including acquire land or rights northwest of existing runway, relocate/bury power lines, relocate airside perimeter roadway, extend Runway 12-30 (1,900 feet by 150 feet), relocate Runway 12-30 navoids, displace Runway 30 threshold using declared distance standards, extend parallel taxiway A to new end of Runway 12, construct deicing hold pads on Taxiway A at Runway 12 and Runway 30, and develop two high-speed exit taxiways; Expansion of existing passenger terminal to accommodate projected demands; taxiways; Expansion of existing passenger terminal to accommodate projected demands; and analysis of sites adjacent to extended runway for aviation related development, including new passenger terminal and air cargo areas.

The purpose and need for these improvements will be reviewed in the environmental documentation. All reasonable alternatives will be considered including the no-action alternative.

Copies of a scoping document with additional detail can be obtained by contacting the FAA informational contact person identified above. Federal, State, and local agencies and