

ARAC Acceptance of Task

ARAC accepted the task and assigned the task to the Powerplant Installation 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 Powerplant Installation 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 rational 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 Powerplant Installation Harmonization Working Group is 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.

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire. The individual should describe his or her interest in the task, and state the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. We must receive all request 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 must represent their aviation community segment and actively participate in the working group (e.g., attend all meetings, provide written comments when requested to do

so, etc.). The must 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 will be open to the public. Meetings of the Powerplant Installation 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. 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

RTCA Special Committee 198: Next-Generation Air/Ground Communications System (NEXCOM)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 198 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 198: Next-Generation Air/Ground Communications System (NEXCOM).

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 28-29, 2001, starting at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1828 L Street, Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036;

telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 a Special Committee 198 meeting. The agenda will include:

- November 28:
 - Working Group 3, Voice Data Link (VDL)-3 Principles of Operation.
- November 29:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Introduction of Working Group Chairs and Secretaries, Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting).
 - Program Management Committee Actions; SC-198 Terms of Reference.
 - Working Group 3 Status Report.
 - Closing Plenary Session (Date and Place of Next Meeting).

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Jane P. Caldwell,

Program Director, System Director, System Engineering Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 189/ EUROCAE Working Group 53: Air Traffic Services (ATS) Safety and Interoperability Requirements

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 189/EUROCAE Working Group 53 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 189/ ERUOCAE Working Group 53: Air Traffic Services (ATS) Safety and Interoperability Requirements.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 3-7, 2001 starting at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (1) RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 a Special Committee 189/EUROCAE Working Group 53 meeting. The agenda will include:

- December 3:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda, Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes)
 - Sub-group and related reports; Position papers planned for plenary agreement; SC-189/WG-53 co-chair progress report
- December 4-6:
 - PUB, Publications Integration Sub-group and Chair meetings
 - INTEROP, Interoperability Sub-group
 - ICSPR, Initial Continental Safety and Performance Requirements Sub-group
 - IOSPR, Initial Oceanic Safety and Performance requirements Sub-group
- December 7:
 - Closing Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda)
 - Sub-group and related reports; Position papers planned for plenary agreement; SC-189/WG-53 co-chair progress report and wrap-up

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-90 Project; Notice of Intent

AGENCIES: Federal Transit Administration, DOT and Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) intend to prepare an EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on the I-90 Project. The project proposes to design and construct modifications to I-90 between Bellevue and Seattle in order to improve the reliability of connections to the region-wide transit network. The modifications could include changing the operation number and/or width of existing traffic lanes, and adding connections between the new I-90 traffic lanes and existing ramps. Traffic congestion eastbound in the morning and westbound in the evening has degraded transit reliability in both directions on I-90. Scoping will be accomplished through meetings and correspondence with interested persons, organizations, the general public, federal, state and local agencies and tribes.

DATES: Comment Due Date: Written comments on the scope of the alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to Sound Transit by December 17, 2001. See **ADDRESSES** below. **Scoping meetings:** Public scoping meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2001 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Bellevue at the Leavitt Building and on Wednesday, December 5, 2001 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Mercer Island High School Commons and on Thursday, December 6, 2001 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Union Station. See **ADDRESSES** below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the project scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to Perry Weinberg, Sound Transit, 401 South Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104-2826 by December 17, 2001 (30 day comment period). Scoping meetings will be held on the following days and locations:

Public Scoping Meetings

Tuesday, December 4, 2001, 4-7 p.m.,

Location: Leavitt Building—Room 1AB, 301 116th Avenue SE (Bellevue City Hall Complex), Bellevue, Washington, and

Wednesday, December 5, 2001, 4 p.m.—7 p.m.,

Location: Mercer Island High School Commons, 9100 SE 42nd street, Mercer Island, Washington, and

Thursday, December 6, 2001, 4 pm–7p.m.

Location: Union Station—Sound Transit Board Room, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Witmer, Federal Transit Administration. 915 2nd Avenue Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174; Telephone: 206.220.7964; Jim Leonard, Federal Highway Administration, 711 S. Capitol Way, Suite 501, Olympia, Washington, 98501. Telephone: 360.753.9408; Perry Weinberg, Sound Transit, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104-2826, Telephone: 206.689.4931 or Ben Brown, WSDOT, P.O. Box 330310, Seattle, WA 98133-9710, Telephone: 206.440.4528.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Scoping

The FTA, FHWA, WSDOT and Sound Transit invite comments from interested individuals, organizations, and federal, state, regional and local agencies for a period of 30 days after publication of this notice. 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. (See **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** above). 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 FTA or Sound Transit at the addresses provided above. Comments are requested by December 17, 2001. A project newsletter describing the project, the proposed alternatives, the impact areas to be evaluated, the public involvement program and the preliminary project schedule has been prepared. You may request a copy of the newsletter by contracting Carol Masnik, Sound Transit, 401 South Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104-2826. Telephone: 206.398.5048. All of the locations for the scoping meeting are accessible to people with disabilities. Non-English translation services and accessible formats are available by request at 800.201.4900 (voice)—or 206.398.5410 (TTY).

II. Study Area and Alternatives

FTA, FHWA, WSDOT and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) will prepare an EIS for the I-90 project which is evaluating alternatives to provide reliable two-way transit operations on the I-90 corridor