

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 172: Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118–137 MHz).

DATES: The meeting will be held January 29–February 1, 2002 starting at 9 a.m. each day.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, SW., 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 172 meeting. The agenda will include:

- January 29:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review of Agenda, Review Summary of Previous Meeting)
 - Form Working Group 2: Review and Schedule Minimum Aviation System Performance Standard (MASPS) work
 - Form Working Group 3: VHF Data Link 2 Minimum Operational Performance Standard (MOPS) work
- January 30:
 - Working Group 3: VHF Data Link 2 MOPS work continues
- January 31:
 - Plenary Reconvenes (Report and Review Status of Working Groups 2 and 3)
 - Review Relevant International Activities (ICAO Aeronautical Mobile Communications Panel WG status, EUROCAE WG 47 status and issues)
 - Report on Digital Activities (NEXCOM, AEEC status)
 - Closing Plenary Session (Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting)
- February 1:
 - Working Group 3 (or 2): Continues as required

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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 181/ EUROCAE Working Group 13: Standards of Navigation Performance

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 181/EUROCAE Working Group 13 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 181/EUROCAE Working Group 13: Standards of Navigation Performance.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 22–25, 2002 starting at 9:00 am.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Quality Suites Hotel Melbourne/Oceanfront, 1665 North State Route A1A, Indialantic, FL, 32903, telephone (321) 723–4222.

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>; (2) Roger Burns, Rockwell Collins, Inc., telephone (319) 295–4563, E-mail rdburns2@rockwellcollins.com.

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 181/EUROCAE Working Group 13 meeting. **Note:** Working Group 1 will meet separately January 22–24. The plenary agenda will include:

- January 25:
 - Opening Plenary Session (Chairman Remarks, Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes)
 - Working Group Reports
 - Review of Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Minimum Operational Performance Standard (MOPS) and Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) Status
 - Closing Plenary Session (New Business, Future Meeting Schedule, Adjourn)

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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 199: Airport Security Access Control Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 199 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 199: Airport Security Access Control Systems.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 24, 2002 starting at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., 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 199 meeting. The agenda will include:

- January 24:
 - Opening Session (Welcome, Introductory and Administrative Remarks, Agenda Overview, Review Minutes of Previous Meeting, Action Items from Last Meeting, Review of Previous Meeting's Industry Presentations)
 - Workgroups and Discussions on New Standard Text and Comments From Members (sections 1–4)
 - Biometric Access Control Standards
 - New Access Control Systems Requirements and Standards Consequent on the Recent Legislation
 - Closing Session (Any Other Business, Establish Agenda for Next Meeting, Date and Place of Next Meeting)

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 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

Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement for Transit Improvements in the Southeast-Universities-Hobby Corridor Extending from Downtown Houston, Harris County to the Vicinity of Hobby Airport in Southeast Harris County, Texas

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO), intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to evaluate transportation improvements in the Houston metropolitan area (Harris County).

The EIS will evaluate the following transit alternatives: a No Build Alternative, consisting of already planned improvements to the corridor, and a Build Alternative, consisting of a wide range of transit improvements. The type, location, and need for ancillary facilities, such as maintenance facilities, will also be considered for each alternative. Scoping will be accomplished with a series of public meetings, and through correspondence with interested persons, organizations, and Federal, State and local agencies.

Depending on the outcome of the scoping process and the analysis of a wide range of transit alternatives, a Locally Preferred Investment Strategy (LPIS) will be selected and evaluated in the EIS. The EIS will evaluate the potential impacts of the selected investment strategy (the Build Alternative) and a No Build Alternative.

The sequence of events for the planning and development for this project include the following major milestones:

- *Scoping Process*—early opportunity for public input to the study scope and project alternatives. Scoping will be accomplished with a series of public meetings, and through correspondence with interested persons, organizations, and Federal, State and local agencies.

- *Planning Studies*—evaluation of proposed improvement alternatives, early consideration of environmental factors, concluding with the selection of a LPIS.

- *Conceptual Engineering and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)*—conceptual definition of the alternatives to be evaluated including their physical features and potential impacts, consideration of mitigation measures, preparation and circulation of the Draft EIS, and public hearing(s).

- *Preliminary Engineering and Final EIS*—detailed definition of the proposed alternative's physical features, assessment of potential impacts, development of selected mitigation measures, responses to comments offered during the Draft EIS comment period, and preparation of the Final EIS.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* Written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts considered should be sent to the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County by March 15, 2002. See **ADDRESSES** below.

Scoping Meetings: Public Scoping meetings for the Southeast-Universities-Hobby Corridor will be held on February 19th, February 21st and February 27th, 2002. See **ADDRESSES** below for meeting times and locations.

All of the scoping meetings will be held in wheelchair-accessible locations. Any person who requires language interpretation or special communication accommodations is encouraged to contact the project's public participation coordinator at 713-739-6049 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your needs. Scoping information material will be available at the meetings and may also be obtained in advance of the meetings by contacting the public participation coordination or by contacting METRO at the address or e-mail identified in **ADDRESSES** below. Oral and written comments may be given at the scoping meetings. A court reporter will record all comments.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to METRO Mobility 2025, Room 21034, PO Box 61429, Houston, Texas 77208-1429. E-mail: southeast-universities-hobby@ridemetro.org.

Scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. February 19, 2002, Jesse H. Jones Senior High School, 7414 St. Lo, Houston, Texas 77033, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Open House, 6:30 p.m. Presentation.
2. February 21, 2002, Texas Southern University, School of Technology Atrium, 3100 Cleburne Avenue, Houston, Texas 77004, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Open House, 6:30 p.m. Presentation.
3. February 27, 2002, Houston-Galveston Area Council, 3555 Timmons Lane—2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77027, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Agency Scoping Meeting, Conference Room A, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Open House, Conference Room B.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jesse Balleza, Community Planner, FTA, Region VI, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, Telephone (817) 978-0550.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Scoping

FTA and METRO invite all interested individuals and organizations, and Federal, State, regional, and local agencies to participate in defining the alternatives to be evaluated and identifying social, economic, or environmental issues related to the alternatives. During scoping, comments should focus on identifying specific social, economic, or environmental impacts to be evaluated, and suggesting alternatives that may be less costly or have less adverse environmental impacts, but achieve similar objectives. Comments during scoping should focus on the issues and alternatives for analysis, and not on a preference for a particular alternative. Individual preference for a particular alternative should be communicated through the planning process or during the comment period for the Alternatives Analysis Report.

Prior to initiating the EIS, planning studies will identify a LPIS that includes transit improvements. Interested individuals, organizations, and Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to participate in refining the purpose, alternatives, schedule, and analysis approach, as well as participate in the active public involvement program throughout the planning process and project implementation. The public is invited to comment on corridor needs and alternatives to be addressed; modes and technologies to be evaluated; alignments and station-capital facility locations; the environmental, social, and economic