

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Situational Awareness Safety (SAS) System Requirements Team (SRT) Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration is working toward the rapid implementation of advanced avionics using Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B), the Agency currently has an ADS-B Avionics Management Plan in development. The purpose of the Plan is to focus Agency action on the process leading to operational approval of selected initial ADS-B applications. The FAA is planning to hold a meeting to reach public consensus on these initial ADS-B applications, identify the time frames necessary to develop and operationally approve these applications, and establish funding requirements. The purpose of this SRT is to achieve input on the plan from the user-community (both government and private sector) and to achieve better understanding, cooperation, and consensus on an ADS-B concept, user commitment to ADS-B, and a proposed implementation approach and schedule.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held July 22-24, 1997. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. on July 22 and will conclude at 4 p.m. on July 24.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Quality Hotel, 1200 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James I. McDaniel, Federal Aviation Administration, ATTN: AND-720, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 260-9899 or Mr. Mark Cato, Crown Communications, Inc., 1133 21st Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 785-2600, extension 3020.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting to reach industry and government consensus on a process that will result in near-term implementation of selected ADS-B applications for oceanic, en route, and terminal airspace, as well as airport surface operations. This SAS-SRT is the third in a series of public meetings to facilitate the introduction of advanced avionics promoting situational awareness and enhanced aviation safety. The scope of this third meeting is focuses on ADS-B

and the implementation of initial ADS-B operational applications.

The Quality Hotel is located 2 blocks from the Courthouse Metro Station on the Orange line. A block of 50 rooms has been reserved. For reservations, contact the hotel at (703) 524-4000 and ask for the "FAA ADS-B Meeting" group rate of \$124 (government rate inclusive of all state and local taxes). Reservations must be made by July 7, 1997.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but may be limited to the space available. An agenda and background material is available on the Internet at <http://sas-srt.crown.com> for review before the meeting. Request for hard copies should be submitted to Crown Communications. In addition, sign and oral interpretation or an assistive listening device must be requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting Mr. Cato (the meeting coordinator) listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. For our planning purposes, please let Mr. Cato know if you plan to attend.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 24, 1997.

**James I. McDaniel,**

*Program Manager, Situational Awareness for Safety, AND-720.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent to Rule on Application to Impose and Use the Revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Valdosta Regional Airport, Valdosta, Georgia**

**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 Valdosta Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Atlanta Airports District Office,

Campus Building, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, College Park, GA 30337-2747.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to: Mr. Richard R. Clark, Executive Director, Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority, 2626 Madison Highway, Valdosta, GA 31601.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority under § 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Southern Region, Atlanta Airports District Office, Ms. Tracie L. Dominy, Airports Area Representative, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, College Park, GA 30337-2747, (404) 305-7148.

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 Valdosta Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On June 17, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than September 20, 1997.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

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

*Proposed charge effective date:* October 1, 1997.

*Proposed charge expiration date:* September 30, 1999.

*Total estimated PFC revenue:* \$148,500.

*Application number:* 97-03-C-00-VLD.

*Brief description of proposed project(s):* Fund local share of—

1. Terminal Building
2. Replace taxiway lights
3. Purchase of Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicle Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: None.

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 Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority.

Issued in College Park, Georgia on June 17, 1997.

**Dell T. Jernigan,**

*Manager, Atlanta Airports Division, Southern Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-97-2625]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Waiver Application; Vision

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition and intent to grant application for waiver; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the FHWA's preliminary determination to grant the application of David R. Rauenhorst for a waiver of the vision requirements contained in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR). Granting the waiver will enable Mr. Rauenhorst to qualify as a driver of commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce without meeting the vision standard prescribed in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written, signed comments to the docket number that appears in the heading of this document to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sandra Zywockarte, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202) 366-1790, or Ms. Judy Rutledge, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366-0834, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** David R. Rauenhorst has applied for a waiver of the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) which applies to drivers of commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce. Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e), the FHWA may waive application of the vision standard to Mr. Rauenhorst if the agency determines that the waiver is consistent with the public interest and the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles. Accordingly, the FHWA has evaluated Mr. Rauenhorst's application on its merits, as required by the decision in *Rauenhorst v. United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration*, 95 F.3d 715 (8th Cir. 1996), and made a preliminary determination that granting the waiver is consistent with the public interest and the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles.

Mr. Rauenhorst has been self-employed as a commercial truck driver since 1974. In 1976, a non-driving accident caused him to sustain a retinal detachment in his right eye. This eye condition prevents Mr. Rauenhorst from meeting the vision requirement of 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and, thus, renders him unqualified as a driver of commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce unless application of the vision standard is waived.

Medical reports for 1995, 1996, and 1997, indicate that Mr. Rauenhorst's eye condition is non-degenerative and that the vision in the right eye is stable and will not worsen. He has 20/20 corrected vision in his left eye, and, in his doctor's opinion, can safely operate a motor vehicle. Because the retinal detachment occurred in 1976, Mr. Rauenhorst has had 21 years to adapt his driving skills to accommodate his vision deficiency. His driving experience and record demonstrate that he has successfully made this adaptation.

Mr. Rauenhorst has driven tractor-trailer combinations more than 2 million miles since 1974. In the last 10 years, he has driven approximately 1 million miles without an accident. Furthermore, his driving record for the last 3 years reflects no traffic violations and no accidents. He obtained his first commercial operator's license in 1973 and currently holds a commercial driver's license (CDL) that was issued by the State of Minnesota in 1995 and is valid until 1999. During this lengthy driving career, his license to drive has never been suspended or revoked.

Driving with his eye condition for 21 years, Mr. Rauenhorst has established a safe driving record that is persuasive evidence that he has adapted his driving skills to accommodate his vision

deficiency. Accordingly, the FHWA believes that waiving application of 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) is consistent with the public interest and the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles, as long as Mr. Rauenhorst's vision does not deteriorate. As a condition of the waiver, therefore, the FHWA proposes to impose requirements that are consistent with the grandfathering provisions applied to drivers who participated in the vision waiver study program. Those requirements are found at 49 CFR 391.64(b) and include the following conditions: (1) That Mr. Rauenhorst be physically examined every year, including an examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist, attesting to the fact that (a) he is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41 and (b) his vision continues to measure at least 20/40 (Snellen) in the better eye; (2) that he provide a copy of the ophthalmologist or optometrist report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that he keep a copy of the annual medical certification in his driver qualification file as long as he is self-employed or provide a copy to his employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, and retain a copy of the certification on his person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 31136; 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

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**Jane F. Garvey,**

*Acting Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Criteria for Granting Waivers of the Requirement for Exclusive U.S.-Flag Vessel Carriage, of Certain Cargo Covered by Public Resolution 17 (PR 17), 73rd Congress

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Policy revision.

**SUMMARY:** This policy statement revises an existing Maritime Administration policy in effect since 1959 regarding criteria considered in granting waivers of the requirement for exclusive U.S.-flag carriage of certain cargo covered by PR 17. Revision of this policy, following public notice and comment, is deemed necessary to suit the changing market environment in the maritime industry.