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The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cherie Jack (202) 267-7271 or Terry Stubblefield (202) 267-7624 Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

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Gary A. Michel,

Acting Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29515.

Petitioner: Peninsula Airways, Inc. (PenAir)

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.323(b)(4).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit PenAir to operate its Grumman Goose G-21A amphibian aircraft at a weight that is in excess of the airplane's maximum certified weight.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 193/Eurocae Working Group 44; Terrain and Airport Databases

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 193/EUROCAE Working Group 44 meeting to be held June 28-July 2, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at National Soaring Museum, 51 Soaring Hill Drive, Elmira, NY (Harris Hill, Expressway 17, Exit 51).

The agenda will be as follows:
Monday, June 28, Opening Plenary Session: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda; (3) Review of Summary of the Previous Meeting. (4) Subgroup 2, Terrain and Obstacle Databases: (a) Review of Summary of the Previous Meeting; (b) Review of Actions

Taken during the Previous Meeting; (c) Presentations; (d) Review of the Draft Document. Tuesday, June 29: (5) Subgroup 2, continuation of previous day's discussions. Wednesday, June 30: (6) Subgroup 3, Airport Databases: (a) Review of Summary of the Previous Meeting; (b) Review of Actions Taken During the Previous Meeting; (c) Presentations; (d) Review of the Draft Document. Thursday, July 1: (7) Subgroup 3, continuation of previous day's discussions. Friday, July 2: Closing Plenary Session; (8) Summary of Subgroups 2 and 3 Meetings; (9) Assign Tasks; (10) Other Business; (11) Dates and Locations of Next Meetings; (12) 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 RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone), (202) 833-9434 (fax), or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Jane P. Caldwell,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 189/ EUROCAE Working Group 53; Air Traffic Services Safety and Interoperability Requirements

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a joint Special Committee (SC)-189/EUROCAE Working Group (WG)-53 meeting to be held June 21-25, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. on June 21. The meeting will be held at National Convention Centre, 31 Constitution Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601.

The agenda will be as follows:
Monday, June 21: Opening Plenary Session Convenes at 9:00 a.m.: (1) Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of the Agenda (Monday); (3) Review and Approval of Summary of the Previous Meeting; (4) Sub-Group and Related Reports; (5) Position Papers Planned for Plenary Agreement; (6) SC-189/WG-53 Co-chair Progress Report.

Tuesday, June 22-Thursday, June 24: (7) Sub-group Meetings. Friday, June 25: Closing Plenary Session; (8) Introductory Remarks; (9) Review and Approval of Agenda (Friday); (10) Review of Preliminary Meeting Minutes; (11) Sub-group and Related Reports; (12) Position Papers Planned for Plenary Agreement (13) SC-189/WG-53 Co-chair Progress Report and Wrap-up.

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 RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036, by phone at (202) 833-9339, by fax at (202) 833-9434, or by e-mail at hmoses@rtca.org. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Pierce County, Washington

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Additional Studies.

SUMMARY: The FHWA, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and Pierce County are issuing this notice to advise the public that additional studies have been completed related to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) (FHWA-WA-EIS-98-3D) prepared for a proposed new roadway project in Pierce County, Washington between Interstate 5 and State Route 7 (Pacific Avenue).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Leonard, PE, Transportation/Environmental Engineer FHWA, Olympia, Washington 98501. Phone Number (360) 753-9408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with WSDOT and Pierce County, issued a DEIS in May 1998 on a proposal to build a new roadway between Interstate 5 at the Thome Lane interchange and State Route 7 (Pacific Avenue) at 176th Street South. The proposed roadway corridor passes through a residential area in the City of Lakewood known as American Lake Gardens and portions of the Fort

Lewis Military Reservation and McChord Air Force Base. The DEIS includes a Major Investment Study (NUS) that examines the overall need for the project and alternative means of reducing or meeting the demand for additional transportation capacity and a Draft 4(f) Evaluation.

The new roadway would compound existing barriers to wildlife movement for many species and would isolate the habitat north of the roadway. This habitat has been used by the western gray squirrel, which is listed as threatened by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The DEIS evaluated impacts to western gray squirrel and Garry oak (also known as Oregon white oak) woodland habitat from the proposed roadway based on available information and field reconnaissance. Oak woodlands are important because this type of habitat has been greatly reduced in western Washington and because it is important habitat for the western gray squirrel. The DEIS committed to a genetic analysis of western gray squirrels and a detailed mapping and evaluation of oak woodlands as part of the EIS process. Both additional studies are now available for public review as part of the environmental documentation of the proposed roadway. These additional studies do not change the purpose and need for the project, the range of alternatives considered, the overall impacts or the range of potential mitigation measures described in the DEIS.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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James A. Leonard,
Transportation and Environmental Engineer.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Environmental Impact Statement on the Northstar Corridor Project Located Between Minneapolis and the St. Cloud Area, Minnesota

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

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

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration is issuing this notice to

advise interested agencies and the public that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is being prepared for transit elements of the Northstar Corridor project located in the Trunk Highway 10/47 (TH 10/47) corridor between Minneapolis and the St. Cloud area, Minnesota.

DATES: Interagency and public scoping and information meetings will be held on Thursday, July 29, 1999 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on July 27, 28 and 29, respectively.

Interagency Scoping Meeting

Thursday, July 29, 1999 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fridley City Hall, 6431 University Avenue Northeast, Fridley, MN 55432

Public Scoping Meetings

Tuesday, July 27, 1999 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Whitney Senior Community Center, 1527 Northway Drive, St. Cloud, MN 56303

Wednesday, July 28, 1999, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sherburne County Courthouse, 13880 Highway 10, Elk River, MN 55330

Thursday, July 29, 1999 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fridley City Hall, 6431 University Avenue Northeast, Fridley, MN 55432

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of analysis and impacts to be considered should be sent by August 20, 1999 to: Mr. Tim Yantos, Project Director, Northstar Corridor Development Authority, 2100 Third Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joel P. Ettinger, FTA Region 5, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 2410, Chicago, IL 60606, Telephone: (312) 353-2789.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (the federal lead agency) in cooperation with the Northstar Corridor Development Authority (NCDA), a joint powers board (local lead agency), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Northstar Corridor project.

I. Scoping

The FTA and the NCDA invite interested individuals, organizations and federal, state and local agencies to participate in defining the alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS; in identifying social, economic or environmental impacts to be evaluated; and suggesting alternatives that are less costly or have fewer environmental impacts while achieving similar transportation objectives. An information packet, referred to as the Scoping Booklet, will

be circulated to all federal, state or local agencies having jurisdiction in the project, and all interested parties currently on the NCDA mailing list.

Others may request this Scoping Booklet by contacting:

Stephanie Eiler, Anoka County, 1440 Bunker Lake Boulevard, Andover, MN 55304, Phone: 612/862-4230, Fax: 612/862-4201, E-Mail: sceiler@pubserv.co.anoka.mn.us

Four public scoping meetings will be held in the study area. An interagency scoping meeting will be held on July 29, 1999 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Fridley City Hall, and three public scoping meetings will be held on July 27, 28 and 29, 1999 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Whitney Senior Community Center, the Sherburne County Courthouse and the Fridley City Hall, respectively. People with special needs should call Stephanie Eiler at 612-862-4230. The buildings are accessible to people with disabilities.

Scoping comments may be made at the Public Scoping Meetings or in writing by August 20, 1999. Comments or questions should be directed to Mr. Tim Yantos at the address provided above.

II. Description of the Study Area and Transportation Needs

The Northstar Corridor study area can be described as a long, narrow 70-mile transportation corridor that extends from downtown Minneapolis to the St. Cloud area along TH 10/47 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad. The study area is bordered by the Mississippi River on the west and extends approximately 3 to 5 miles to the east of TH 10/47. The proposed Corridor would connect to the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit (LRT) in downtown Minneapolis. The Hiawatha LRT line would continue to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport and the Mall of America.

The NCDA initiated a Major Investment Study (MIS) in May of 1998, pursuant to federal regulations, and conducted a feasibility study of commuter rail in the Corridor. Phase I of this process focused on identifying the purpose and need for transportation improvements in the Corridor, identifying and screening the alternative transportation solutions, and evaluating the feasibility of commuter rail service in the Corridor.

During Phase I of the Study, the issues identified in the Northstar Corridor that relate to transportation include: a lack of coordination between transportation investments and land use development; a high accident rate along the TH 10/47 corridor; decreasing mobility on TH 10/