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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published a notice in the **Federal Register** on January 10, 2001 (66 FR 2043) to announce the availability of the proposed policy and invite interested parties to comment. The FAA did not receive any comments on the proposed policy before the closing date of the comment period.

Background

This policy statement supersedes FAA policy statement number 1998-33.69-R0, dated October 23, 1998. The intent of this policy is to clarify the policy regarding § 33.69 Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This policy assists the Aircraft Certification Offices (ACOs) in evaluating applications for aircraft engine type certification. The FAA has revised this policy to include guidance for evaluating derivative engine models with significant service experience. This policy does not create any new requirements.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701-44702, 44704.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on March 2, 2001.

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Assistant Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the North/Southeast Corridor Project in Jacksonville, Duval County and St. Johns County, Florida

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an alternatives analysis/draft environmental impact statement (AA/DEIS).

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) intend to prepare an Alternatives Analysis/Draft

Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, to evaluate transportation improvements within a corridor known as the North/Southeast Corridor in Duval and St. Johns County, Florida, within the metropolitan area of Jacksonville, Florida. The lead agencies will also seek the cooperation of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in conducting this review. The AA/DEIS will examine strategies to improve mobility and access in the corridor from Jacksonville International Airport through downtown Jacksonville and continuing south to County Road 210. The AA/DEIS will develop alternatives for the corridor which will (1) preserve and enhance mobility within the corridor; (2) support economic development opportunities planned within the corridor; (3) minimize adverse transportation related impacts to the environment; (4) improve the efficiency of existing facilities; (5) provide cost effective transportation improvements; and (6) identify and encourage land use development policies that promote more efficient use of infrastructure. The AA/DEIS will evaluate a No-Build Alternative, a Transportation Systems Management/Traffic Demand Management Alternative (TSM/TDM), several Build Alternatives, and any additional alternatives generated by the scoping process. The TSM/TDM Alternative will include enhanced bus service and facilities and technology and programs to increase the effectiveness of the existing transportation infrastructure to meet the transportation needs of the North/Southeast Corridor. The Build Alternatives will consider Busway/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), Commuter Rail, Streets and Highways, and combinations of these modes, as well as other reasonable alternatives suggested through the scoping process. The type, location, and need for ancillary facilities, such as maintenance facilities, will also be considered for each alternative. Scoping will be accomplished through meetings and correspondence with interested persons, organizations, the general public, and Federal, State, regional, and local agencies.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* Written comments on the scope of the alternatives and impacts to be considered should be submitted to Mr. Edward Castellani, Rapid Transit Project Manager, Jacksonville Transportation

Authority, Post Office Drawer O, Jacksonville, FL 32203 by April 30, 2001.

Scoping Meetings: Public scoping meetings for the North/Southeast Corridor Project AA/DEIS will be held on:

Wednesday, March 28, 2001, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 5188 Norwood Avenue, Gateway Mall, Room 15, Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Monday April 2, 2001, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Southeast Regional Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32256

In advance of either scoping meeting, persons with special needs should contact Ms. Winova Hart, Project Coordinator, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Post Office Drawer O, Jacksonville, Florida, 32203. Telephone: (904) 630-3181. Scoping materials will be available at the meetings and may also be obtained in advance of the meetings by contacting Mr. Edward Castellani at the address below or calling project staff at (904) 630-3181. Oral and written comments may be given at the scoping meetings. If you wish to be placed on the mailing list to receive further information as the project develops, contact Mr. Edward Castellani at the address below or call the project staff at (904) 630-3181.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the project scope should be sent to Mr. Edward Castellani, Rapid Transit Project Manager, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Post Office Drawer O, Jacksonville, FL 32203. Scoping meetings will be held at the locations identified above in the **DATES** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward Castellani, Rapid Transit Project Manager, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Post Office Drawer O, Jacksonville, Florida, 32203. Telephone: (904) 630-3181. You may also contact Mr. Derek Scott, Community Planner, Federal Transit Administration, Region IV, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 17T50, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Telephone: (404) 562-3500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Scoping

The FTA, JTA, and FDOT 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. Comments on the appropriateness of the alternatives and impact issues are encouraged. Specific suggestions on additional alternatives to be examined and issues

to be addressed will be considered in the development of the final study scope. Comments should focus on the issues and alternatives for analysis and not on a preference for a particular alternative. Scoping material will be available at the meetings or in advance of the meetings by contacting Mr. Edward Castellani at JTA or by calling the project staff, as indicated above.

The North/Southeast Corridor Project AA/DEIS follows the completion of a Transportation Alternatives Study (TAS). The TAS study, completed in June 2000, evaluated regional travel corridors and recommended the sequencing of four corridors to be carried forward into more detailed analysis, of which the undertaking of this AA/DEIS is a part. These four corridors include two radial corridors, the North/Southeast and the East/Southwest, and two crosstown corridors, Westside Crosstown and Beaches Crosstown, in that order of priority.

Following the public scoping process, public participation activities will include community meetings and workshops, public hearing(s) on the AA/DEIS, newsletters, and other outreach methods.

Additional background information on the project, the AA/DEIS process, alternatives, and impact issues to be addressed by the AA/DEIS is contained in a document entitled "Scoping Information Booklet." Copies of the document will be distributed to affected federal, state, regional, and local agencies. The document will also be available at the Scoping Meetings. Others may request the document from Mr. Edward Castellani at the address above.

II. Description of the Study Area and Transportation Needs

The North/Southeast Corridor is an approximate 30-mile radial corridor connecting downtown Jacksonville with the Jacksonville International Airport, Moncrief, Arlington, Southpoint, and Mandarin areas in Duval and St. Johns County. The corridor encompasses geographic areas with the highest number of trips to downtown Jacksonville. The corridor also connects the two largest employment centers with key residential areas via downtown Jacksonville, projected to remain a primary travel shed for the region into the year 2020. The study area also includes the vicinity of ancillary facilities, such as maintenance facilities, associated with each alternative. This study area is generalized and considered flexible, subject both to the outcome of

the scoping process and the locations of alternatives studied in detail.

In response to the study area transportation needs, the JTA and FDOT, in cooperation with the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), conducted a Transportation Alternatives Study (TAS) for the Jacksonville metropolitan area (Transportation Alternatives Study Corridors Evaluation Report, June 19, 2000). The TAS study area included all of Duval County and portions of northern Clay County and St. Johns County to the south.

The TAS evaluated regional travel corridors and recommended sequencing of corridors to be carried forward into more detailed analysis. A significant public involvement program was implemented during the preparation of the TAS, including numerous stakeholder interviews, public meetings and community workshops. The resulting recommended corridors and sequence for analysis included two radial corridors (the North/Southeast and the East/Southwest) and two crosstown corridors (Westside and Beaches). The two radial corridors focus on travel to and through downtown Jacksonville.

The TAS findings resulted in the first sequenced corridor, the North/Southeast corridor, advancing into the AA/DEIS phase. During the course of the AA/DEIS, a more thorough identification of corridor facilities will be performed and potential social, economic and environmental impacts will be evaluated. Additionally, corridor transportation needs will be further analyzed, alternative transportation solutions will be identified and evaluated, and decisions will be made on a proposed locally preferred alternative (LPA).

III. Alternatives

The alternatives proposed for consideration include: (1) The No-Build Alternative, which involves no change to the transportation infrastructure of roads and transit service in the corridor beyond already committed projects; (2) the Transportation System Management/Traffic Demand Management (TSM/TDM) Alternative, which includes all elements of the No-Build Alternative and enhanced bus service and other technology and programs to increase the effectiveness of the existing transportation infrastructure in the corridor. The TSM/TDM Alternative is a low cost alternative that uses existing facilities to the greatest extent possible to meet the identified transportation needs in the study corridor. The TSM/TDM Alternative

also provides the baseline against which the cost-effectiveness of capital investments in other alternatives can be evaluated; and (3) the Build Alternatives of Busway/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), Commuter Rail, Street and Highway, and combinations of the Build Alternatives. A range of specific alignments will be considered. Additional reasonable Build Alternatives suggested during the scoping process, including those involving other modes, may be considered.

After identification and screening of an initial set of alternatives, a set of promising conceptual alternatives will be identified and will undergo a screening process to reduce them to a set of refined alternatives. Evaluation criteria will include consideration of the local goals and objectives established for the analysis, measures of effectiveness identified during the ongoing scoping process, and criteria established by FTA. A more detailed evaluation of refined alternatives will then be undertaken during the preparation of the AA/DEIS.

IV. Potential Impacts for Analysis

FTA, JTA, and FDOT will evaluate all social, economic and environmental impacts of the alternatives analyzed in the AA/DEIS. Impacts include land use, zoning, and economic development; secondary development; cumulative impacts; land acquisition, displacements, and relocation of existing uses; historic, archaeological, and cultural resources; parklands and recreation areas; visual and aesthetic qualities; neighborhoods and communities; environmental justice; air quality; noise and vibration; hazardous materials; ecosystems; water resources; energy; construction impacts; safety and security; utilities; finance; and transportation impacts. The impacts will be evaluated both for the construction period and for the long-term period of operation of each alternative. Measures to mitigate adverse impacts will be identified.

V. FTA Procedures

An AA/DEIS will be prepared to document the evaluation of the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the alternatives. Upon completion, the AA/DEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment. Public hearing(s) on the AA/DEIS will be held within the study area. On the basis of the AA/DEIS and the public and agency comments received, a locally preferred alternative will be selected and described in full detail in the Final EIS.

Issued on March 9, 2001.

Tom Thomson,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Application for Exportation of Articles under Special Bond

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Application for Exportation of Articles under Special Bond. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 14, 2001, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and

purchase of services to provide information. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Application for Exportation of Articles under Special Bond.

OMB Number: 1515-0009.

Form Number: Customs Form 3495.

Abstract: This collection is used by an importers for articles which may be entered temporarily into the United States and are free of duty under bond and which are exported within one year from the date of importation.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 8 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,000.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: N/A.

Dated: March 5, 2001.

Tracey Denning,

Information Services Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories; Approval of Commercial Gaugers

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the U.S. Customs Declaration. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 14, 2001, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20229.

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Title: Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories; Approval of Commercial Gaugers.

OMB Number: 1515-0155.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: The Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories; Approval of Commercial Gaugers are used by individuals or businesses desiring Customs approval to measure bulk products or analyze importations may apply to Customs by letter. This recognition is required of businesses wishing to perform such work on imported merchandise.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses.