

Parallel runway 16L/34R—ramp construction.

Decision Date: September 26, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne Lee-Pang, Seattle Airports District Office, (425) 227-2654.

Public Agency: Lee County Airport Authority, Fort Myers, Florida.

Application Number: 03-05-C-00-RSW.

Application Type: Impose and use a PFC.

PFC Level: \$4.50.

Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision: \$104,801,531.

Earliest Charge Effective Date: March 1, 2011.

Estimated Charge Expiration Date: April 1, 2017.

Classes of Air Carriers Not Required to Collect PFC's: Air taxi/commercial operators.

Determination: Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the approved class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use: Design and construction of new midfield terminal.

Runway 10/28 rehabilitation.,

Americans with Disabilities act improvements.

Security upgrades.

Land acquisition.

Snow removal equipment.

Decision Date: September 30, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan C. Brown, Orlando Airports District Office, (407) 812-6331, extension 18.

AMENDMENTS TO PFC APPROVALS

Amendment No., city, state	Amendment approved date	Original approved net PFC revenue	Amended approved net PFC revenue	Original estimated charge exp. date	Amended estimated charge exp. date
01-03-C-01-BIS Bismarck, ND.	09/04/03	\$925,522	\$1,001,481	12/01/03	03/01/04
00-01-C-01-SFB Sanford, FL.	09/16/03	1,100,332	1,192,352	10/01/16	12/01/03

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Frank San Martin,

Acting Manager, Financial Analysis and Passenger Facility Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Kootenai and Bonner Counties, Idaho

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Kootenai and Bonner Counties, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Russell L. Jorgenson, Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 3050 Lakeharbor Lane, Suite 126, Boise, Idaho 83703, telephone: (208) 334-1843; or L. David Karsann, Senior Environmental Planner, Idaho Transportation Department, 600 West Prairie Ave., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 82815, telephone: (208) 772-1232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), will prepare an EIS on a proposal to improve U.S. Highway 95 in Kootenai and Bonner Counties, Idaho. The EIS will evaluate improvements to US 95 between State Highway 53 two miles

north of the City of Hayden (MP 438.24) and Sagle (MP 469.75), a distance of about 31.5 miles.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand, and to improve safety conditions. A full range of alternatives will be evaluated in the EIS.

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. Scoping will begin with the publication of the Notice of Intent. As part of the scoping process, public information meetings will be held in addition to public hearings. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearings. The Draft EIS will be available for public agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or ITD at the addresses provided above.

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

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 23 CFR 771.123; 49 CFR 1.48.

Dated: November 24, 2003.

Stephen A. Moreno,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Boise, Idaho.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Office of Research and Technology Forum

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting/forum.

SUMMARY: This notice invites interested persons to participate in a forum sponsored by the FMCSA Office of Research and Technology in conjunction with the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board. The purpose of the forum is to provide insights into building public-private partnerships that involve government, academia and industry through panel discussions and presentations highlighting such collaborations. On Panel I, attendees will learn about some recently completed and current research being managed by FMCSA staff in the areas of the Commercial Vehicle Information Systems & Networks, electronic on-board recorders, crash causation, CMV medical qualifications and testing, and the National Commercial Vehicle Roadside Testing Lab. On Panel II, industry representatives will present firsthand accounts of how their

organizations have worked with FMCSA to develop and promote research and technology designed to achieve mutual commercial motor vehicle safety goals and objectives. Time will be allotted for questions and answers following each panel, and dialogue between attendees and presenters is encouraged.

Where and When: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, the Delaware Room, 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC 20008, on Sunday, January 11, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration: This forum is listed as a session in the TRB Annual Meeting Program and all registrants are welcome to attend. TRB registration is not required to attend the forum and it is open to the public at no cost. To register for the TRB Annual Meeting, visit www.trb.org. To attend the forum only, send an e-mail to: R&TPartnerships@fmcsa.dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Albert Alvarez, Office of Research and Technology (MC-RTR), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024; telephone (202) 385-2387 or e-mail albert.alvarez@fmcsa.dot.gov. Or, contact Mike Lange in the same office at (202) 385-2373 or e-mail michael.lang@fmcsa.dot.gov. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Forum attendees will receive an Information Packet on current programs the Office of Research and Technology is working on. While the forum will be open to the public, it will be limited to the space available. Individuals requiring special needs/accommodations (sign, reader, etc.), please call Joalice Cole at (202) 334-2287, or e-mail jcole@nas.edu.

Issued on: November 20, 2003.

Annette M. Sandberg,

Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2000-7257; Notice No. 31]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC"); Working Group Activity Update

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Working Group Activities.

SUMMARY: FRA is updating its announcement of RSAC's working group activities to reflect their current status. For additional details on completed activities see prior working group activity notices (68 FR 25677).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trish Butera or Lydia Leeds, RSAC Coordinators, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6213 or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves to update FRA's last announcement of working group activities and status reports of September 18, 2003, (68 FR 54777). The twenty-first full Committee meeting was held May 20, 2003. The twenty-second meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2003, at the Washington Plaza Hotel.

Since its first meeting in April of 1996, the RSAC has accepted eighteen tasks. Status for each of the tasks is provided below:

Open Tasks

Task 96-4—Reviewing the appropriateness of the agency's current policy regarding the applicability of existing and proposed regulations to tourist, excursion, scenic, and historic railroads. This Task was accepted on April 2, 1996, and a Working Group was established. The Working Group monitored the steam locomotive regulations task. Planned future activities involve the review of other regulations for possible adaptation to the safety needs of tourist and historic railroads. Contact: Grady Cothen (202) 493-6302.

Task 97-1—Developing crashworthiness specifications to promote the integrity of the locomotive cab in accidents resulting from collisions. This Task was accepted on June 24, 1997. A Task Force on engineering issues was established by the Working Group on Locomotive Crashworthiness to review collision history and design options and additional research was commissioned. The Working Group reviewed results of the research and is drafting performance-based standards for freight and passenger locomotives to present to the RSAC for consideration. An accident review task force has evaluated the potential effectiveness of suggested improvements. The Working Group

reached tentative agreement for a proposed rule. The NPRM and Regulatory Impact Analysis have been revised to reflect the changes. The next step is for the Working Group to complete its review of the NPRM. Contact: Charles Bielitz (202) 493-6314.

Task 97-2—Evaluating the extent to which environmental, sanitary, and other working conditions in locomotive cabs affect the crew's health and the safe operation of locomotives, proposing standards where appropriate. This Task was accepted June 24, 1997.

(Sanitation) (Completed)

(Noise exposure) The Cab Working Conditions Working Group met most recently in Chicago, November 12-14, 2002. A tentative consensus was reached on the draft rule text. The Working Group approved the NPRM. On June 27, 2003, the full RSAC gave consensus by ballot on NPRM. FRA is completing review of the Regulatory Impact Analysis. The next step is to publish the NPRM in the **Federal Register**.

(Cab Temperature) (Completed)

Note: Additional related topics may be further considered by the Working Group in the future, including effect of vibrations and crew emergency egress. Contact: Jeffrey Horn (202) 493-6283.

Task 97-3—Developing event recorder data survivability standards. This Task was accepted on June 24, 1997. On November 12, 2003, the RSAC gave consensus by ballot on the NPRM. The next step is to publish the NPRM in the **Federal Register**.

Contact: Edward Pritchard (202) 493-6247.

Task 97-4 and *Task 97-5*—Defining Positive Train Control (PTC) functionalities, describing available technologies, evaluating costs and benefits of potential systems, and considering implementation opportunities and challenges, including demonstration and deployment.

Task 97-6—Revising various regulations to address the safety implications of processor-based signal and train control technologies, including communications-based operating systems. These three tasks were accepted on September 30, 1997, and assigned to a single Working Group.

(Report to the Administrator) A Data and Implementation Task Force, formed to address issues such as assessment of costs and benefits and technical readiness, completed a report on the future of PTC systems. The report was accepted as RSAC's Report to the Administrator at the September 8, 1999,