

project and its purpose. The newspaper notice will notify the public that a scoping meeting will be held on December 9, 1998, at the Nimitz High School, 2005 W.W. Thorne Rd., Houston, TX 77073 and on December 10, 1998, at the Deerbrook Mall Community Room, 20131 Highway 59, Humble, TX 77338 to gain the public's input concerning the proposed project.

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Naomi L. Saunders,

Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Chicago Midway Airport, Chicago, Illinois

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 use the revenue from a PFC at Chicago Midway Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Room 201, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ms. Mary Rose Loney, Commissioner, of the City of Chicago, Department of Aviation at the following address: Chicago O'Hare International Airport, P.O. Box 66142, Chicago, Illinois 60666.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of Chicago, Department of Aviation under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Philip M. Smithmeyer, Manager, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois

60018, (847) 294-7335. 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 use the revenue from a PFC at Chicago Midway 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 October 22, 1998 the FAA determined that the application to use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the City of Chicago, Department of Aviation was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than January 29, 1999.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC application number: 99-06-U-00-MDW.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Actual charge effective date: August 1, 1998.

Estimated charge expiration date: August 1, 2020.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$187,179,775.

Brief description of proposed project(s): Midway Terminal Development.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Air Taxi operators.

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 City of Chicago, Department of Aviation.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on November 2, 1998.

Benito De Leon,

Manager, Planning/Programming Branch, Airports Division, Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Howell, Michigan

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 will be prepared for proposed vehicular improvements for access to the Kent County International Airport and areas surrounding the airport in the southeast Grand Rapids and Kentwood area of, Kent County, Michigan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. James Kirschensteiner, Environmental Programs and Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 315 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933, Telephone (517) 377-1880 x 41, Mr. Ron Kinney, Manager, Environmental Section, Bureau of Transportation Planning, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Telephone (517) 335-2621, or Mr. Steve Warren, Kent County Road Commission, 1500 Scribner Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504, Telephone (616) 752-7111.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Kent County Road Commission, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, City of Kentwood, Cascade Charter Township, Kent County International Airport, and the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority, is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed access improvements to the Kent County International Airport and environs. The area is experiencing significant growth and development. Currently there is no direct airport access to and from the freeway system. Existing roadways accessing the airport and the surrounding environs are not able to accommodate current and future traffic volumes in an acceptable manner.

A Major Investment Study is underway to narrow the range of alternative investment strategies. The alternatives under consideration include (1) No Build, (2) the construction of a new I-96 Interchange at a new location, and (3) implementing traffic management programs which could include expansion of transit ridership, and/or travel demand management initiatives.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, with a Scoping Document. A substantial public involvement effort is currently underway to solicit public views and comments. Two public involvement efforts have been conducted to date under the Major Investment Study: the first in April 1998

and the second on October 21, 1998, to provide the public an opportunity to discuss the proposed action. A public hearing will also be held on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. A Scoping Meeting is scheduled for November 23, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the Kent County Road Commission.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues 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 at the address provided above.

(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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Norman R. Stoner,

Assistant Division Administrator, Lansing, Michigan.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-98-4622]

National Corridor Planning and Development Program and Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program—Implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments; solicitation of applications for FY 1999 grants.

SUMMARY: This document provides implementation guidance on sections 1118 and 1119 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Pub. L. 105-178. These sections established the National Corridor Planning and Development Program (NCPD program) and the Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program (CBI program). The NCPD program and the CBI program are funded by a single funding source. These programs provide funding for planning, project development, construction and

operation of projects that serve border regions near Canada and Mexico and high priority corridors throughout the United States. States and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are, under the NCPD program, eligible for discretionary grants for: corridor feasibility; corridor planning; multistate coordination; environmental review; and construction. Border States and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are, under the CBI program, eligible for discretionary grants for: transportation and safety infrastructure improvements, operation and regulatory improvements and coordination and inspection improvements in a border region.

DATES: Grant applications should be received by FHWA Division Offices on January 11, 1999. Specific information required in grant applications is provided in Section III of this notice. Comments on program implementation should be received on or before April 12, 1999. The additional time is provided so that any applicants can use the first 60 days to fully concentrate on preparing grant applications and, subsequently, to use information developed during that time to formulate comments in the following 90 days. The FHWA will consider comments received in developing the FY 2000 solicitation of grant applications. More information on the type of comments sought by the FHWA is provided in Section II of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Your signed, written comments on program implementation for FY 2000 and beyond should refer to the docket number appearing at the top of this document and you must submit the comments 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. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

Applications for FY 1999 grants under the NCPD and CBI programs should be submitted to the FHWA Division Office in the State of the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin Weiss, Intermodal and Statewide Programs Division, HEP-10, (202) 366-5010; or Diane Mobley (for the NCPD program), Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-31, (202) 366-1366; or Grace Reidy (for the CBI program), Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-31, (202) 366-6226; Federal Highway Administration,

400 Seventh Street SW., Washington D.C. 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

Internet users can access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): "http://dms.dot.gov". It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** home page at: "http://www.nara.gov/fedreg" and the Government Printing Office's database at: "http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara".

In addition, a number of documents and links concerning the NCPD and CBI programs are available through the home page of the Corridor/Border Programs: "http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep10/corbor/corbor.html".

Background

Sections 1118 and 1119 of the TEA-21 establish the NCPD and CBI programs; respectively. These programs respond to substantial interest in both subjects dating from, at least as early as, 1991. In that year, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) designated a number of high priority corridors. Subsequent legislation modified the corridor descriptions and designated additional corridors. Citizen and civic groups were formed to promote many of these corridors as, for example, a means to accommodate international trade. Similarly, since 1991, a number of studies have identified infrastructure and operation deficiencies near the U.S. borders with Canada and Mexico. Also various groups, some international and/or intergovernmental, were formed to study opportunities to improve infrastructure and operations.

The NCPD and CBI programs are funded by a single funding source. The combined authorized funding for these two programs is \$140 million in each year from FY 1999 to FY 2003 (a total of \$700 million). However, obligations will be limited each year by the requirements of Section 1102 (Obligation Ceiling) of the TEA-21.

Under the NCPD program, funds are available to States and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) for coordinated planning, design, and construction of corridors of national