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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 Melbourne International Airport, Melbourne, Florida

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 impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Melbourne International 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 February 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, Florida 32822-5024.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. James C. Johnson, Executive Director of Melbourne International Airport at the following address: Melbourne International Airport, One Air Terminal Parkway, Suite 220, Melbourne, Florida 32901-1888.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to Melbourne International Airport under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Armando L. Rovira, Program Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, Florida 32822-5024, (407) 812-6331 X 31. 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 Melbourne International 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).

On, December 27, 1999, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Melbourne International Airport 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 April 19, 2000.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Application No.: 00-C-00-MLB.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: July 1, 2000.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$831,194.

Brief description of proposed project(s): Improve, Renovate Terminal Building-Phase 1—Reroofing; Acquire Security Improvements & Police Vehicle; Runway 9L Safety Area Wetland Mitigation Phase 2; Improve, Renovate Terminal Building-Phase 2 Wall and Skylight Repair; Acquire Airport News and Training Network System; Acquire ARFF Vehicle and Three Proximity Suits; Improve, Renovate Terminal Building-Phase 3 Restroom Renovation; Acquire Aircraft Loading Bridge.

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

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 Melbourne International Airport.

Issued in Orlando, Florida on December 27, 1999.

John W. Reynolds, Jr.,

Acting Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Harris and Montgomery Counties, Texas

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environment impact statement will be prepared for a proposed transportation improvement project in Harris and Montgomery Counties, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Mack, P.E., Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division, 826 Federal Bldg., 300 East 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone 512-916-5516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and The Grand Parkway Association, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to upgrade the existing road network in Harris and Montgomery Counties. The proposed improvements being considered, as shown in the Region's Long-Range Transportation Plan, are a multilane controlled access facility in northern Harris and Montgomery Counties which would be part of a third circumferential loop (State Highway 99) around Houston. The proposed improvement length is approximately 13 miles. Improvements in this area are necessary to provide mobility to the growing area of northwest Harris and Montgomery Counties. A Draft EIS will evaluate various transportation alternatives between Interstate 45 (North) and United States Highway 59 (North). The majority of this corridor crosses relatively undeveloped properties in Harris and Montgomery Counties, although subdivision has occurred in portions. Among the alternatives to be studied are the "No-action" alternative, Transportation System Management (TSM) alternative, Mass Transit alternative and Roadway Build alternative. Cities and towns in this region include Spring, New Caney and Porter. This study is authorized pursuant to the Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order No. 108744 issued May 27, 1999.

The scoring meeting will be on February 3, 2000, at Kingwood College, 20000 Kingwood Drive from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Large scale maps with environmental and social features will be available at the meeting, and several

corridors will be shown on these maps. These maps and corridors will reflect input from public workshops held in August 1999. The scoping process will continue throughout the development of the environmental document.

Impacts caused by the construction and operation of the facility will vary according to the transportation alternative utilized. Generally, impacts would include the following: transportation impacts (construction detours, construction traffic, mobility improvement and evacuation route improvement), air and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the facility, water quality impacts from construction area and roadway storm water runoff, impacts to waters of the United States including wetlands from right of way encroachment, and impacts to residents and businesses based on potential displacements.

Letters describing the proposed action 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. 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 Environmental Impact Statement should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

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

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Wilbur Lee Gibbons,

P.E., Urban Program Engineer, Austin, Texas.
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Federal Highway Administration

**Environmental Impact Statement:
Harris County, Texas**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

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A Draft EIS will evaluate various transportation alternatives between State Highway 249 near Tomball and Interstate Highway 45 (North) near the northern terminus of the Hardy Toll Road. The majority of this corridor crosses relatively undeveloped properties in Harris County. Among the alternatives to be studied are the "No-action" alternative, Transportation System Management (TSM) alternative, Mass Transit alternative and Roadway Build alternative. Cities and towns in this region include Tomball and Spring. This study is authorized pursuant to the Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order No. 108744 issued May 27, 1999.

The scoping meeting will be on February 2, 2000, at Tomball College, 30555 Tomball Parkway (SH 249) from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Large scale maps with environmental and social features will be available at the meeting, and several corridors will be shown on these maps. These maps and corridors will reflect input from public workshops held in August 1999. The scoping process will continue throughout the development of the environmental document.

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