

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Study of Allowing Credit for Emergency Services Provided as Airport Local Share Under the Airport Improvement Program**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Study of Allowing Credit for Emergency Services Provided as Airport Local Share under the Airport Improvement Program and of Opportunity to Provide Input.

SUMMARY: The Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century, (Pub. L. 106-181, April 5, 2000), cited below as AIR 21, includes a provision that requires the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to conduct a study and report the findings. Section 724, Credit for Emergency Services Provided, directs the FAA to study the appropriateness of allowing an airport that agrees to provide services to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or to a State or local agency, in the event of an emergency, a credit of the value of such services against the airport's local share under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

DATES: This study will be conducted by the FAA Office of the Associate Administrator for Airports, Airports Financial Assistance Division, Program Guidance Branch. It will be based on a review of comments submitted by potential beneficiaries and other information gained from experience with administration of the AIP. Nonhub and General Aviation airports are encouraged to submit comments explaining how the credit would benefit their airport. Comments should also address what sort of emergencies could qualify for such credit and how the costs would be quantified to determine the credit against the local share. Comments must be submitted on or before December 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be delivered or mailed to the FAA, Airports Financial Assistance Division, APP-500, Room 615, 800 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20591 (ATTN: Don Samuels, APP-510).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Don Samuels (Program Guidance Branch) Telephone (202) 267-8818.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is Section 724 of AIR 21.

"SEC. 724. CREDIT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED"

(a) **Study.**—The Administrator shall conduct a study of the appropriateness of allowing an airport that agrees to provide services to the Federal Emergency Management Agency or to a State or local agency in the event of an emergency a credit of the value of such services against the airport's local share under the airport improvement program.

(b) **Notification.**—The Administrator shall notify nonhub and general aviation airports that the Administrator is conducting the study under subsection (a) and give them an opportunity to explain how the credit described in subsection (a) would benefit such airports.

(c) **Report.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall transmit to Congress a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a). The report shall identify, at a minimum, the airports that would be affected by providing the credit described in subsection (a), explain what sort of emergencies could qualify for such credit, and explain how the costs would be quantified to determine the credit against the local share."

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Iberia, St. Martin, and Lafayette Parishes, Louisiana**

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 a proposed road project in Iberia, Lafayette, and St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William C. Farr, Program Operations Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 5304 Flanders Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, Telephone (225) 757-7615, Facsimile: (225) 757-7601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to upgrade a portion of US 90 to a full "Control of Access" highway meeting

current interstate standards. US 90 will become an extension of Interstate 49 (I-49). The proposed project passes through part of the City of Lafayette and the City of Broussard, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana. The approximate distance of the project is 12 miles.

The proposed improvements would provide sufficient capacity for hurricane evacuation routes, maintain access to abutting properties, and minimize adverse environmental and community impacts.

This portion of US 90 begins at the Lafayette Regional Airport in Lafayette Parish and extends to Route LA 88 in Iberia Parish.

Alternatives to be considered include: (1) Utilization of the existing right-of-way to the maximum extent practicable to incorporate a controlled access roadway with a one-way frontage road system; and (2) Utilization of the existing right-of-way to the maximum extent practicable to incorporate a controlled access roadway with a two-way frontage road system.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, state, and local agencies and to private organizations, including groups of individuals who have expressed interest in the project in the past. There are no plans to hold a formal scoping meeting for the proposed action. At least one public informational meeting will be held in the project area that will be affected. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the public informational meeting(s) and the Public Hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and 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 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 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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