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 Canada—Natural Resources Canada.  
 Central African Republic—Ministry of Energy and Mining.  
 China—General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.  
 Democratic Republic of the Congo—Ministry of Mines.  
 Republic of Congo—Ministry of Mines.  
 Croatia—Ministry of Economy.  
 European Community—DG/External Relations/A.2.  
 Ghana—Precious Minerals and Marketing Company Ltd.  
 Guinea—Ministry of Mines and Geology.  
 Guyana—Geology and Mines Commission.  
 India—The Gem and Jewelry Export Promotion Council.  
 Indonesia—Directorate General of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Trade.  
 Israel—The Diamond Controller.  
 Ivory Coast—Ministry of Mines and Energy.  
 Japan—Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.  
 Republic of Korea—Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy.  
 Laos—Ministry of Finance.  
 Lebanon—Ministry of Economy and Trade.  
 Lesotho—Commissioner of Mines and Geology.  
 Liberia—Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy.  
 Malaysia—Ministry of International Trade and Industry.  
 Mauritius—Ministry of Commerce.  
 Namibia—Ministry of Mines and Energy.  
 New Zealand—Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.  
 Norway—The Norwegian Goldsmiths' Association.  
 Russia—Gokhran, Ministry of Finance.  
 Sierra Leone—Government Gold and Diamond Office.  
 Singapore—Singapore Customs.  
 South Africa—South African Diamond Board.  
 Sri Lanka—National Gem and Jewelry Authority.  
 Switzerland—State Secretariat for Economic Affairs.  
 Chinese Taipei—Bureau of Foreign Trade.  
 Tanzania—Commissioner for Minerals.  
 Thailand—Ministry of Commerce.

Togo—Ministry of Mines and Geology.  
 Turkey—Istanbul Gold Exchange.  
 Ukraine—State Gemological Centre of Ukraine.  
 United Arab Emirates—Dubai Metals and Commodities Center.  
 United States of America—Importing Authority—United States Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; Exporting Authority—Bureau of the Census.  
 Vietnam—Ministry of Trade.  
 Zimbabwe—Ministry of Mines and Mining Development.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 11, 2008.

**John D. Negroponte,**

*Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Airport Improvement Program Grant Assurances; Proposed Modifications and Opportunity To Comment**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of modification of Airport Improvement Program grant application requirements and of the opportunity to comment.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to modify the standard grant application requirements that are required of a sponsor of a nonprimary airport before receiving a grant under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). The FAA is providing an opportunity for public comment on proposals to modify the grant application requirements.

Sponsors of nonprimary airports are now required to provide a variety of information when submitting an AIP grant application. This modification would require that a sponsor of a nonprimary airport submit a list of the aircraft (fixed wing and rotary wing) that are based on the airport.

**DATES:** Comments are invited.

Comments must be submitted on or before October 8, 2008. Any necessary or appropriate revision to the application requirements resulting from the comments received will be adopted as of the date of a subsequent publication in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be delivered or mailed to the FAA, Airports Financial Assistance Division, APP-500, Room 619, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Wayne Heibeck, Airports Planning and Programming Division, APP 2, Room 620, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-8775.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In order to be considered for AIP grant funds, a sponsor (the grant applicant) must meet certain requirements and provide certain information regarding the project for which grant funds are being sought. The Secretary must receive this information from a sponsor (applicant) seeking financial assistance for airport planning, airport development, noise compatibility planning or noise mitigation under Title 49, U.S.C., as amended. Decisions to award discretionary grants are made on the basis of a number of factors.

Nonprimary airports that have not provided verifiable data regarding the number of aircraft that are based at the airport hinder FAA from determining whether a project at that airport is justified. Therefore, if a nonprimary airport has not provided the verifiable based aircraft information, FAA will consider the failure to provide the information as a factor when considering a request from that airport for discretionary funding.

#### **Discussion of Modifications**

FAA prescribes the information that must be contained in a grant application. For nonprimary airport grant applications, FAA has determined that accurate information on based aircraft is an important element of justification for many proposed AIP projects at nonprimary airports. In addition, based aircraft data supports the airport's importance in the biennial Report to Congress—the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) and in the Airport Master Record (the Form 5010). A based aircraft is an operational aircraft that is registered in the FAA Aircraft Registry that is at the airport the majority of the year. Registered aircraft are defined in Chapter 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 47. An operational aircraft is an aircraft that is in a condition for safe operation.

FAA may require a sponsor for a nonprimary airport to include a list of the based aircraft at the airport, including the "N-number" for each aircraft when submitting a grant application or may require the sponsor to update the list of based aircraft submitted with the most recent Form 5010 inspection.

The FAA manages the AIP in accordance with statutory direction and agency policies and criteria. Decisions

to award discretionary grants are made on the basis of a number of factors, including project evaluation under the National Priority System and the current operations and number of aircraft that are based at an airport. Nonprimary airports that have not provided verifiable data on the number of based aircraft at the airport deprive FAA of a tool for reviewing discretionary requests. Therefore, if a nonprimary airport has not provided a list of based aircraft at the airport, including "N-number", FAA will consider the failure to provide the information as a factor when considering a request from the airport for discretionary funding.

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**Wayne Heibeck,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Airport Planning and Programming.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss transport airplane and engine (TAE) issues.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2008, starting at 9 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time. Arrange for oral presentations by September 16, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA-Northwest Mountain Region Office, Transport Standards Staff conference room, 1601 Lind Ave. SW., Renton, WA 98507.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ralen Gao, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-3168, FAX (202) 267-5075, or e-mail at [ralen.gao@faa.gov](mailto:ralen.gao@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. III), notice is given of an ARAC meeting to be held October 1, 2008.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Opening Remarks, Review Agenda and Minutes.

- FAA Report.
- Excom Report.
- Transport Canada Report.
- Airplane-level Safety Analysis Working Group Report.
- Task 4 Status.
- Propeller Harmonization Working Group (HWG) Report.
- Ice protection HWG Report.
- Airworthiness Assurance HWG Report.
- Avionics HWG Report.
- Halon Replacement as Fire Extinguishing Agent.
- Any Other Business.
- Action Item Review.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to the availability of meeting room space. Please confirm your attendance with the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than September 16, 2008. Entrance to the FAA facility will require presentation of a valid passport or state-issued (US) identification (e.g., driver's license). Please plan on arriving at least 20 minutes in advance of meeting to facilitate entrance screening.

For persons participating by telephone, the call-in number is (202) 366-3920; the pass code is "2816." To insure that sufficient telephone lines are available, please notify the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of your intent to participate by telephone by September 16, 2008. Anyone calling from outside the Seattle, WA metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long-distance charges.

The public must make arrangements by September 16, 2008, to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the ARAC at any time by providing 25 copies to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or by providing copies at the meeting. Copies of the documents to be presented to ARAC for decision by the FAA may be made available by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

If you need assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for the meeting or meeting documents, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 3, 2008.

**Pamela Hamilton-Powell,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report: San Francisco, CA

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR).

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA, on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (Authority), is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) will be prepared for the proposed Yerba Buena Island (YBI) Ramps Improvement Project on Interstate 80 (I-80) in San Francisco County, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Cordoba, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, 100 Van Ness Avenue, 26th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102, Telephone (415) 955-2904 or Melanie Brent, Caltrans District 4 Office of Environmental Analysis, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94623, Telephone (510) 286-5231.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Effective July 1, 2007, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) assumed, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental responsibilities for highway projects pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. In cooperation with Caltrans, the Authority will prepare a joint EIS/EIR for the proposed YBI Ramps Improvement Project at Yerba Buena Island in the City and County of San Francisco, California. Caltrans is the lead agency under NEPA and the Authority is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

YBI is located in San Francisco Bay, between Oakland and San Francisco, and is accessible by vehicles only via the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB), which is a critical link in the interstate network, providing access between San Francisco and the East Bay. The only access to Treasure Island, located north of YBI, and the only land access to the active U.S. Coast Guard facilities on the south side of YBI, is also from the SFOBB and the associated on- and off-ramps.

The proposed project would replace the existing westbound on- and off-