

or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

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Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: March 17, 2003.

Description: Application of Republic Airline Inc. d/b/a Republic Airlines, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. section 41102, parts 201 and 204 and subpart B, requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to engage in interstate scheduled air transportation of persons, property, and mail.

Dorothy Y. Beard,

Chief, Docket Operations & Media Management, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Government/Industry Aeronautical Charting Forum Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the bi-annual meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration's Government/Industry Aeronautical Charting Forum (ACF) to discuss informational content and design of aeronautical charts and related products, as well as instrument flight procedures policy and development criteria.

DATES: The ACF is separated into two distinct groups. The Instrument Procedures Group will meet April 28 and 29, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Charting Group will meet April 30 and May 1 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn Frederick, 5311 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD zip 21704.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information relating to the Instrument Procedures Group, contact Thomas E. Schneider, Flight Procedures Standards Branch, AFS-420, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd, PO Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125; telephone (405) 954-5852; fax: (405) 954-2528. For information relating to the Charting Group, contact Richard V. Powell, FAA, Air Traffic Airspace Management, ATA-100, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8790, fax: (202) 493-4266.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Government/Industry Aeronautical Charting Forum to be held from April 28 to May 1, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn Frederick, 5311 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD zip 21704.

The Instrument Procedures Group agenda will include briefings and discussions on recommendations regarding pilot procedures for instrument flight, as well as criteria, design, and developmental policy for instrument approach and departure procedures.

The Charting Group agenda will include briefings and discussions regarding recommendations regarding aeronautical charting specifications, flight information products, as well as new aeronautical chartering and air traffic control initiatives.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available.

The public must make arrangements by April 7, 2003, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements and/or new agenda items to the committee by providing a copy to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** section by April 7, 2003. Public statements will only be considered if time permits.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 4, 2003.

Richard V. Powell,

Co-Chair, Government/Industry, Aeronautical Charting Forum.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: In the vicinity of the City and Borough of Juneau, AK

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF).

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA, in cooperation with ADOT&PF, will prepare a supplemental draft environmental impact statement (SDEIS) for Juneau Access Improvements, a project to improve surface transportation to and from Juneau within the Lynn Canal corridor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Haugh, FHWA Environment & Right of Way Program Manager, FHWA, PO Box 21648, Juneau, Alaska 99802, (907) 586-7430, or Reuben Yost, ADOT&PF Regional Environmental Coordinator, 6860 Glacier Highway, Juneau, Alaska 99801, (907) 465-4498.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for this project was released on June 23, 1997. A final EIS has not been submitted to FHWA. As more than three years have passed since the release of the DEIS, ADOT&PF prepared a written reevaluation of the document on January 3, 2003. ADOT&PF concluded, and FHWA concurred, that a SDEIS is needed to update the original document.

The purpose for the project remains the same: improve surface transportation to provide travel flexibility, capacity to meet demand, and greater travel opportunity while reducing travel time, state costs and user costs. All alternatives considered will be updated and reevaluated. This includes those advanced for further study (*i.e.* No Build, East Lynn Canal Highway, and All Marine Options A—D) as well as those originally rejected as not reasonable. The purpose of the SDEIS is to update information presented in the DEIS (although released in 1997, much of the data was from 1992-94) and to conduct additional studies needed to address comments on the DEIS and/or issues that might be raised at new public and agency meetings.

Several new or updated studies will be incorporated into the SDEIS. ADOT&PF will revise the User Benefit Analysis, Traffic Forecast Analysis, and Household Survey to update the Purpose and Need chapter. New Cost Estimates, a Project Mitigation Report, and an Alternatives Analysis Report will be prepared to update the Project Alternatives chapter. The Cultural Resources Study; the Snow Avalanche Report; and the Land Use/Coastal Zone, Bald Eagle, Steller Sea Lion, Wetlands, and Wildlife Technical Reports will be revised. ADOT&PF will use these revisions and an Essential Fish Habitat Assessment to update the Affected Environment chapter. The Socioeconomic Effects Study, Visual Impact Assessment, Marine Segments, and Technical Alignment Reports will be revised, and a Secondary/Cumulative Impacts Analysis prepared, to update the Environmental Consequences chapter.

Announcements describing the supplemental draft EIS (SDEIS) process and requesting comments will be sent to

appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. Public notices will also be published in local newspapers. ADOT&PF will hold public informational meetings in Juneau, Haines, and Skagway in early April. A resource agency scoping meeting will be held in Juneau during the same time period. Project staff will present the proposed project schedule, alternative update information, and anticipated studies.

Public hearings will be held following publication of the SDEIS. Notice of the hearings and availability of the document will be published in the "Federal Register," "Juneau Empire," "Chilkat Valley News," "Skagway News" and the "Anchorage Daily News." Comments or questions concerning the project and the SDEIS should be directed to the FHWA or ADOT&PF addresses provided.

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

Issued on: February 28, 2003.

David C. Miller,

Division Administrator, Juneau, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Secretarial Extension of Authority; Marine War Risk Insurance Under Title XII of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936

On December 12, 2001, President George W. Bush approved the provision of vessel war risk insurance by memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Transportation. The approval was for the provision by the Secretary of Transportation of insurance or reinsurance of vessels (including cargoes and crew) entering the Middle East region against loss or damage by war risks in the manner and to the extent approved in Title XII of the Act, 46 U.S.C App.1281, *et seq.*

The President delegated to the Secretary of Transportation the authority vested in him by section 1202 of the Act, to approve the provision of insurance or reinsurance after the expiration of 6 months and to bring this approval to the attention of all operators and to arrange for its publication in the **Federal Register**. On August 23, 2002 the Secretary of Transportation approved the extension of the authority

to provide such insurance for another 6-month period, to December 12, 2002.

On February 9, 2003 the Secretary of Transportation approved an extension of the authority to provide such insurance for an additional one-year period, through December 12, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Strassburg, Chief, Division of Marine Insurance, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590, Phone Number (202) 366-4156

By Order of the Maritime Administrator

Dated: March 5, 2003.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA)/Joint Planning Advisory Group (JPAG)

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Synopsis of January 27-28, 2003 meeting with VISA participants.

The VISA program requires that a notice of the time, place, and nature of each JPAG meeting be published in the **Federal Register**. The full text of the VISA program, including these requirements, is published in 68 FR 8800-8808, dated February 25, 2003.

On January 27-28, 2003, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) co-hosted a classified JPAG meeting at USTRANSCOM, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, regarding OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

Because of the nature of some of the briefings, only attendees with security clearances were admitted to the classified portions of the meeting. Briefings and updates were provided to participants by various components of the Department of Defense and the Department of Transportation. The briefings and updates included: situational awareness on expectations for strategic lift; port security for CONUS and OCONUS and discussion on the Maritime Safety and Security Teams; Naval Coordination and Protection of Shipping; chemical, biological, radiological-defense status updates; and, force protection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Taylor E. Jones II, Director, Office of Sealift Support, (202)366-2323.

Dated: March 6, 2003.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Reebie Associates (WB654-8-2/12/03), for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of the request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: James A. Nash, (202) 565-1542.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34313]

Eastern Shore Railroad, Inc.— Operation Exemption-Greater Shenandoah Valley Development Company d/b/a Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company

Eastern Shore Railroad, Inc. (ESHR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to operate a 20.2-mile line of railroad owned by Greater Shenandoah Valley Development Company d/b/a Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company (SVRR),¹ between Pleasant Valley, VA (milepost 5.0) and Staunton, VA (milepost 25.2), in Rockingham and Augusta Counties, VA.² ESHR certifies

¹ ESHR and SVRR have reached a 3-year agreement for ESHR's services, with an effective date of March 1, 2003.

² The current operator of the line is Buckingham Branch Railroad (BBR). Upon consummation of the