

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Policy Statement No. ANM-01-115-11; Certification of Strengthened Flight Deck Doors on Transport Category Airplanes**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final policy; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of final policy concerning certification of strengthened flightdeck doors.

DATES: Send your comments on or before March 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address your comments to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Gardlin, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Airframe/Cabin Safety Branch, ANM-115, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2136; fax (425) 227-1320; e-mail: jeff.gardlin@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Comments Invited**

The final policy is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/anminfo/finalpaper.cfm>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy statement by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The FAA invites your comments on this final policy. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Mark your comments, "Comments to Policy Statement No. ANM-01-115-11."

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
 - For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the final policy.
 - Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting.
- We also welcome comments in support of the final policy.

We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the final policy because of the comments received.

Background

The final policy provides all transport airplane programs an acceptable method of compliance with 14 CFR part 25 for intrusion resistance and ballistic protection of flightdeck doors. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section has also been updated.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on January 21, 2003.

Vi L. Lipski,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Lewis & Clark and Jefferson Counties, MT.**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the FHWA, in cooperation with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for proposed transportation improvements along the I-15 Corridor in Helena, Lewis & Clark and Jefferson Counties, Montana. The Draft EIS identifies Build Alternatives with supporting elements and the No-Action Alternative, and their associated social, economic and environmental impacts. Interested citizens are invited to review the Draft EIS and submit comments. Copies of the Draft EIS may be obtained by telephoning or writing the contact person listed below under Addresses. Public reading copies of the Draft EIS are available at the locations listed under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: A 45-calendar-day public review period will begin on February 14, 2003 and conclude on March 31, 2003. Written comments on the alternatives and impacts to be considered must be received by MDT by March 31, 2003. A public hearing to receive oral comments on the Draft EIS will be held at the West Coast Colonial Hotel, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, Montana, on March 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft EIS should be addressed to Mr. Mark Studt, P.E., Project Manager, Montana Department of Transportation, 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59601. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY**

INFORMATION section for a listing of the available documents and formats in which they may be obtained. Copies of the Draft EIS are also available for public inspection and review. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request copies of the Draft EIS or for additional information, contact Mr. Carl James, Transportation Specialist, FHWA Montana Division, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT, 59602, Telephone: (406) 449-5302, extension 238; or Mr. Mark Studt, Project Manager, Montana Department of Transportation, 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59601, Telephone: (406) 444-9191.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Public Hearing will be held March 11, 2003, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the West Coast Colonial Hotel (address listed above).

Copies of the Draft EIS are available in hard copy format for public inspection at:

- Montana Department of Transportation, Environmental Services, 2701 Prospect Avenue, Room 111, Helena, MT 59601, 406-444-7228.
- Jefferson County, Clerk & Recorder's Office, Jefferson County Courthouse, Boulder, MT 59632, 406-225-4020.
- Lewis & Clark County, City and County Transportation Office, City and County Building, Room 404, 316 North Park, Helena, MT 59601, 406-447-8457.
- East Helena City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 7 E. Main St., East Helena, MT 59635, 406-227-5321.
- Lewis & Clark County Library, 120 S. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601, 406-447-1690.
- Boulder Community Library, 202 South Main, Boulder, MT 59632, 406-225-3241.
- Broadwater Community Library, 201 North Spruce, Townsend, MT 59644, 406-266-5060.
- Clancy Library, 6 North Main, Clancy, MT 59634, 406-933-5254.
- Montana City Store, 1 Jackson Creek Road, Montana City, MT 59634, 406-442-6625.
- Carter & Burgess, Inc., 707 17th Street, Suite 2300, Denver, CO 80202, 303-820-4894.

Background

This Draft EIS provides a detailed evaluation of the proposed transportation improvements along I-15 between the Montana City interchange and the Lincoln Road interchange. The study area lies within Helena, Lewis & Clark and Jefferson Counties, MT. The study area extends approximately 19 kilometers (12 miles) from the Montana

City interchange in the south (RP 187) to the Lincoln Road interchange in the north (RP 200). This Draft EIS includes an examination of the purpose and need, alternatives under consideration, travel demand, affected environment, environmental consequences, and mitigation measures as a result of the improvements under consideration. Two build alternatives with five supporting elements and a No-Action Alternative are presented in the Draft EIS and are under consideration by FHWA and MDT.

The FHWA, MDT, and other local agencies invite interested individuals, organizations, and Federal, State, and local agencies to comment on the evaluated alternatives and associated social, economic, or environmental impacts related to the alternatives.

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Dale W. Paulson,

Program Development Engineer, Montana Division, Federal Highway Administration, Helena, Montana.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on November 5, 2002. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 12, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rodney McFadden, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-2647; FAX 202-493-2180, or e-mail:

rodney.mcfadden@marad.dot.gov.

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Information to Determine Seamen's Reemployment Rights.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0526.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: U.S. merchant seamen who have completed designated national service during a time of maritime mobilization need and are seeking reemployment with a prior employer.

Form(s): None.

Abstract: MARAD is requesting approval of this collection in an effort to implement provisions of the Maritime Security Act of 1996. These provisions grant reemployment rights and other benefits to certain merchant seamen serving aboard vessels used by the United States during times of national emergencies. The Maritime Security Act of 1996 establishes the procedures for obtaining the necessary MARAD certification for reemployment rights and other benefits.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 50 hours.

Addresses: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments are Invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 4, 2003.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 638]

Procedures To Expedite Resolution of Rail Rate Challenges To Be Considered Under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board (Board) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 27, 2003, at its offices in Washington, DC, to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views on the subject of expediting resolution of rail rate challenges to be considered under the Board's Stand-Alone Cost (SAC) methodology. Persons wishing to speak at the hearing should notify the Board in writing.

DATES: The public hearing will take place on Thursday, February 27, 2003. Any person wishing to speak at the hearing should file with the Board a written notice of intent to participate, and should indicate a requested time allotment, as soon as possible but no later than February 19, 2003. Each speaker should also file with the Board his/her written testimony by February 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all notices of intent to participate and testimony should refer to STB Ex Parte No. 638, and should be sent to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 638, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Jamie P. Rennert, (202) 565-1566. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) (Hearing Impaired): (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board will hold a public hearing to provide a forum for the expression of views by rail shippers, railroads, and other interested persons, on expediting resolution of rail rate challenges to be considered under the SAC methodology.

Issues. This public hearing follows the Board's review of comments filed in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) served in this docket on September 4, 2002. In the NPRM, the Board asked for suggestions on ways to streamline resolution of SAC cases, and the Board itself identified several possible measures. These measures included a mandatory pre-filing, non-binding mediation process; discovery standards tailored to the