

all environmental impacts, such as and not limited to, impacts on air and water quality, wetlands, ecological resources, floodplains, historic resources, hazardous wastes, coastal zone management, socioeconomics and economic factors.

**Scoping:** To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed project are addressed and that all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Public and agency scoping meetings will be conducted to identify any significant issues associated with the proposed project.

An Agency Scoping meeting for all Federal, state, and local environmental regulatory agencies will be held on February 23, 2005. This meeting will take place at 1 p.m. in the Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel, 1825 Griffin Road, Dania, Florida 33004.

A Public Scoping meeting for the general public will be held on February 24, 2005. This meeting will be conducted between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Paramount Ballroom and Foyer at the Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel, 1825 Griffin Road, Dania, Florida 33004.

Written comments may be mailed to the Informational contact listed above within 30 days following the scoping meeting.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Issued in Orlando, Florida, January 19, 2005.

**W. Dean Stringer,**

*Manager, Orlando Airports District Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Hold Environmental Scoping Meetings for Extension of Runway 5-23 and Other Airport Improvement Projects at Providence-T.F. Green Airport, Warwick, RI**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public environmental scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for airport projects

proposed by the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC). These projects include an extension of Runway 5-23 and other projects included in the T.F. Green Airport Master Plan. To ensure that all significant issues related to the proposed action are identified, public scoping meetings will be held.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Silva, Manager, Environmental Programs, Airports Division, New England Region, Federal Aviation Administration, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803. Telephone number: (617) 238-7602.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public scoping meeting were first held on July 25, 2002. After initial work commenced on the EIS for the Airport Improvements at T.F. Green Airport, the EIS was postponed while additional airport master planning was undertaken, and the Airport Master Plan was revised to advance a long-term need for a major extension of Runway 5-23 to a reasonably foreseeable project in the nearer term. Because an environmental evaluation of a major extension of Runway 5-23 was not part of the 2002 Scope of Work for the EIS, FAA is conducting additional public scoping. This project and other proposed projects have the potential for significant adverse environmental effects, including aircraft noise, community disruption, and wetlands fill. Comments and suggestions are invited from federal, state, and local agencies and other interested parties in order to ensure that a full range of issues related to the proposed projects are identified and addressed in the scope of work for the EIS. Comments and suggestions may be mailed to FAA at the above address.

**Public Scoping Meetings:** In order to provide public input, a scoping meeting for Federal, State, and local governmental agencies will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at 1 p.m. at the Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island.

An additional meeting to receive general public input will be held the same day at the same location, between 5 and 8 p.m. The format of this meeting will permit attendance anytime during this period. Attendees should allow for at least one hour. FAA recommends that commenters place emphasis on the extension of Runway 5-23 at these scoping meetings, since other projects in the EIS were the subject of public comment and input in 2002. Representatives of Federal, State, and local governmental agencies are encouraged to attend both events. Additional information may be obtained

by contacting FAA at the above address or telephone number.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on January 4, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Public Meeting With Interested Persons To Discuss the Proposed Federal Aviation Administration Policy (Draft Order 8110.RC) for the Certification of Restricted Category Aircraft**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA will hold two informational meetings to discuss the proposed policy (Draft Order 8110.RC) that the FAA's Aircraft Certification Service personnel, Flight Standards Service Personnel, persons designated by the Administrator, and organizations associated with the certification process required by Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) will use during the certification evaluation of restricted category aircraft. These public meetings will be a continuation of information gathering for the evaluation of Restricted Category Aircraft Applications originally offered to the public for comments in the **Federal Register** dated October 8, 2004, Page 60454 (Volume 69, Number 195). Notes from these informational meetings will be posted on the Internet at: <http://www.faa.gov/Certification/Aircraft/DraftDoc/Comments.htm>.

**DATES:** The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, from 9 am.m. to 12 noon. The second public meeting will be held on the east coast of the U.S., at a date and location to be determined.

**ADDRESSES:** The first meeting will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center (concurrent with HAI Heli-Expo), located at 800 W. Katella Ave., Anaheim, CA 92802.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain additional details on these meetings, please contact Mr. Graham Long, AIR-110, Room 815, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-3715, FAX: (202)

237-5340, or e-mail 9-awa-air110-gn12@faa.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 11, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement for the Tucson Urban Corridor in Tucson, AZ

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS). Note: The following notice is an update to replace the notice published in the **Federal Register** on 12/21/04.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the City of Tucson, Department of Transportation (TDOT), intend to prepare an Alternatives Analysis (AA) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on a proposal by the City of Tucson to provide additional transit service to the urban core of the City of Tucson. The AA/EIS will consider the following alternatives: (1) A No-Build Alternative, consisting of improvements contained in the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) 2025 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); (2) Transportation System Management Alternative (TSM), consisting of all reasonable cost-effective transit service improvements within the urban core short of a major investment in a New Starts project; (3) Rubber Tired Rapid Bus Circulator operating in mixed traffic (4) Modern Streetcar operating in mixed traffic; and (5) Heritage Trolley in mixed traffic. The type, location, and need for ancillary facilities, such as maintenance facilities, will also be considered for each alternative. In addition, alternatives that are identified from the scoping process will be evaluated in the AA. This notice is an update to replace the notice published in the **Federal Register** on 12/21/04.

Scoping will be accomplished through correspondence and discussions with interested persons; organizations; and Federal, State, and local agencies; and through public and agency meetings. Depending on the outcome of the scoping process and the

analysis of a wide range of transit alternatives in the Draft EIS (DEIS), a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) will be selected and evaluated in the Final EIS (FEIS). The FEIS will evaluate the potential impacts of the selected investment strategy (the Build Alternative) and a No-Build Alternative.

**DATES:** Comment Due Date: Written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered in the AA/EIS must be received no later than March 28, 2005, and must be sent to the City of Tucson at the address indicated below.

Scoping Meeting Date: A public scoping meeting will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at the Historic Depot, 400 N. Toole Avenue. Oral and written comments may be given at the scoping meeting; a stenographer will record oral comments. Persons with disabilities should contact Joan Beckim (see **ADDRESSES** section below) 72 hours prior to the scoping meeting for special arrangements.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Ms. Shellie Ginn, Tucson Urban Corridor Study Project Manager, City of Tucson, Department of Transportation, 201 N. Stone Avenue, 6th Floor, Tucson, Arizona 85726-7210. E-mail: [shellie.ginn@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:shellie.ginn@tucsonaz.gov). Phone: (520) 791-4372.

To be added to the mailing list, contact Ms. Shellie Ginn at the address listed above. Please specify the mailing list of the Tucson Urban Corridor Study Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS). Persons with special needs such as sign language interpretation should contact Joan Beckim, Public Involvement Coordinator, 110 S. Church, #3350, Tucson, Arizona 85701. E-mail: [info@tucsontransitstudy.com](mailto:info@tucsontransitstudy.com). Phone (520) 624-5656. The dates and addresses of the scoping meetings are given in the **DATES** section above. All locations are accessible to people with disabilities.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a scoping information packet, contact Ms. Shellie Ginn, Tucson Urban Corridor Study Project Manager, City of Tucson, Department of Transportation, 201 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85726-7210. E-mail [shellie.ginn@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:shellie.ginn@tucsonaz.gov). Phone: (520) 791-4372. The Federal agency contact is Mr. Hymie Luden, Office of Planning and Program Development, FTA, 201 Mission Street, Room 2210, San Francisco, CA 95105. Phone: (415) 744-2732.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Description of Study Area and Scope

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as joint lead agency with the City of Tucson, will prepare an AA/EIS on a proposal to improve transit service in an approximately five-mile long corridor in central Tucson, Arizona. The study area for the Tucson Urban Corridor Study is bounded by 22nd Street to the south; Campbell Avenue to the east; Grant Road to the north; and Grande Avenue to the west. Most of the study area is densely developed with a mixture of urban land uses and includes the University of Arizona main and medical campuses, Main Gate retail area, Fourth Avenue retail area, downtown Tucson and the emerging Rio Nuevo area. Although not a part of the formal AA/EIS process for the corridor study, results and recommendations will be coordinated with the Pima Association of Government's effort to prepare a multi-modal comprehensive transportation plan identifying opportunities for future transportation connections throughout the Tucson metropolitan area. The City of Tucson will perform conceptual engineering for transit alternatives within the Tucson Urban Corridor for the AA/DEIS that satisfies NEPA requirements. In addition, a financial plan will be developed that examines alternative funding sources.

### II. Purpose and Need

The Tucson Urban Corridor area is a major employment and activity center. The study corridor continues to experience significant growth in population and jobs. The city's largest activity center, the University of Arizona, is included in the study area and attracts over 50,000 trips daily and whose master plan includes significant expansion while holding parking to a constant 2004 level. The University is a land locked urban campus whose primary mode of access in the future will need to be transit. Along with this growth, traffic congestion and capacity deficiencies are expected to increase. Roadway capacity options would be difficult given the urban nature of the area and the magnitude of historic structures and neighborhoods in the study area. Inadequate transit service has hampered access to this area and to other study area destinations. A major transit investment is recognized as a feasible alternative to providing additional capacity within this area.

The project is included in the PAG 2025 RTP as an unfunded project. Funding would be considered as part of a proposed 2006 RTP financing proposal.