

certificated maximum seating capacity of 76 or less.

The commuter slots available during the lottery previously were allocated to carriers to provide Essential Air Service and subsequently withdrawn by the FAA for nonuse. (Under 14 CFR 93.227, if slots are not used 80 percent of the time over a two-month reporting period, the slots will be withdrawn.)

A total of six daily commuter slots are available during this lottery. One commuter slot is available in each the 0700 and 0900 hours and two commuter slots are available in each the 1400 and 1900 hours.

### Special Procedures

By Order 2004-9-22 issued September 23, 2004, the Office of the Secretary of Transportation directed the FAA to hold a slot lottery for six available commuter slots at Reagan National that had been reserved for Essential Air Service for Clarksburg, Morgantown, and/ or Lewisburg, West Virginia, subject to the conditions described in the order. In summary, the Order provides that the slots may be used to provide service to points other than the above West Virginia communities unless a carrier subsequently requests slots to serve the Reagan National-Clarksburg, Morgantown, and/or Lewisburg markets with specific dates a viable proposal. Under that scenario, the Office of the Secretary would review the proposal and then direct the FAA to recall the reserved Essential Air Service slots that had been allocated by this lottery. The complete text of the Order is available via the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> in Docket OST-2003-15886.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2001-9852]

#### High Density Traffic Airports; Allocation Procedures for Slot Exemptions at LaGuardia Airport

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petition to modify the lottery allocation procedures at LaGuardia Airport.

**SUMMARY:** Northwest Airlines, Inc. (Northwest) has petitioned the FAA to

amend the adopted allocation procedures for allocating AIR-21 slot exemptions at LaGuardia. Specifically, Northwest requests to participate in the allocation of available AIR-21 slot exemptions at LaGuardia for service to small hub/nonhub airports with aircraft with fewer than 71 seats. A copy of Northwest's request has been placed in the docket.

**DATES:** Comments must be received December 7, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this notice should be mailed or delivered in duplicate to: U.S. Department of Transportation Dockets, Docket No. FAA-2001-9852, 400 Seventh Street SW., Room Plaza 4001, Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be sent electronically to the following Internet address: <http://DMS.dot.gov>. Comments may be filed and/or examined in Room Plaza 401 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lorelei Peter, (202) 267-3073, Operations and Air Traffic Law Branch, Regulations Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned decisions. Communications should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the above-specified address. All communications and a report summarizing any substantive public contact with FAA personnel on this notice will be filed in the docket. The docket is available for public inspection both before and after the closing date for receiving comments.

Before taking any final action on this petition, the Administrator will consider all comments made on or before the closing date for comments.

The FAA will acknowledge receipt of a comment if the commenter includes a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the comment. The postcard should be marked "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2001-9852." When the FAA receives the comment, the postcard will be dated, time stamped, and returned to the commenter.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2004-18783]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments; Clearance of a New Information Collection; Freight Operations Follow-Up

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under Supplementary Information. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by January 18, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FHWA-2004-18783 by any of the following methods:

- *Web Site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Strawhorn, 202-366-4415, Office of Freight Management and Operations, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC