

of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Central Region, Airports Division, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Col. Leonard L. Griggs, Jr., Director of Airports, Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, at the following address: City of St. Louis Airport Authority, P.O. Box 10212, St. Louis, Missouri 63145.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of St. Louis Airport Authority, Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, under section 158.23 of part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lorna Sandridge, PFC Program Manager, FAA, Central Region, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 329-2641. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On April 10, 2003, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the City of St. Louis Airport Authority was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than July 17, 2003.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

*Level of the proposed PFC:* \$4.50.

*Proposed charge effective date:* December, 2016.

*Proposed charge expiration date:* March, 2017.

*Total estimated PFC revenue:* \$14,489,955.

*Brief description of proposed project(s):* Airport.

Maintenance Facility, Concourse C/D Connector, and Concourse FIS (Federal Inspection Station) Elevators and Stairs.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri on April 10, 2003.

**George A. Hendon,**

*Manager, Airports Division, Central Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Cameron & Willacy Counties, TX

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed 2nd Causeway to South Padre Island, Cameron & Willacy Counties, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Mack, District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 300 East 8th Street, Austin, Texas, Telephone: (512) 536-5960.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to provide a 2nd Causeway to South Padre Island.

The purpose of the study is to address the transportation, environmental and safety issues of a 2nd access to South Padre Island. A 2nd causeway will enhance the health, safety, security, and the well being of island residents and visitors. The need is heightened in the event of hurricane evacuations, incidents involving the bridge, and during high peak travel periods such as Spring Break and the summer vacation season. The need will be further compounded by the need for future repairs to the existing causeway. The EIS will include construction as well as non-construction alternatives for providing access from the mainland to the island.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest

in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held in the area throughout the development of the EIS. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given with the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. The preliminary interagency coordination meeting was held February 26, 2003.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments, and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

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

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**John R. Mack,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Applications for TIFIA Credit Assistance

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds (NOFA) inviting applications for credit assistance for major surface transportation projects.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. DOT's Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Joint Program Office (JPO) announces the availability of funds to provide credit assistance in the form of secured loans, lines of credit, and loan guarantees to public and private sponsors of eligible surface transportation projects. Funding for this program is limited, and the TIFIA JPO will lead U.S. DOT multi-modal teams in evaluating applications for credit assistance based on project merits and satisfaction of the TIFIA statutory criteria. This notice announces the availability of funds and outlines the process that applicants must follow when applying for TIFIA credit assistance.