DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending June 25, 2011

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation’s Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 et seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.


Date Filed: July 7, 2011.

Parts: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: TCA Within Africa, Within Middle East, between Middle East and Africa, Mail Vote 685 Adoption, Composite Resolution 071c, e-Tariffs, 6–24 June 2011.

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Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending July 9, 2011

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the Sections 412 and 414 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1382 and 1384) and procedures governing proceedings to enforce these provisions. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In October 1999 the FAA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving actions associated with proposed improvements to the Sikorsky Memorial Airport, Stratford, Connecticut. That ROD was based on information and analysis contained in a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) that the FAA issued in May 1999. No action was taken on the October 1999 ROD.

Recently, the FAA evaluated the suitability of applying the May 1999 FEIS to a substantially similar project at Sikorsky Memorial Airport involving Runway Safety Areas and other airfield improvements. This Written Re-Evaluation documents the FAA’s assessment of the suitability of using the information and analysis in the May 1999 FEIS for the current project.

A Record of Decision is anticipated, no sooner than 30 days from this notice.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on July 1, 2011.

Michel Hovan.

Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Transit Administration

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Transit Improvements in the Mid-Coast Corridor of San Diego County, CA

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FTA and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) intend to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for transit improvements for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project in San Diego, California. The SEIS will be prepared in accordance with regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and executive orders. The purpose of this Notice of Intent is to alert interested parties regarding the plan to prepare the SEIS, and to provide information on the nature of the proposed transit project, to invite...
participation in the SEIS process, including comments on the scope of the SEIS proposed in this notice.

DATES: Comment Due Date: Written comments on the scope of the SEIS should be sent to Leslie Blanda, SANDAG New Starts/Environmental/Planning Project Manager, by August 15, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the SEIS should be sent to Leslie Blanda, New Starts/Environmental/Planning Project Manager, San Diego Association of Governments, 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101, or e-mailed to her at midcoast@sandag.org. No additional scoping meetings are proposed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hymie Luden, Transportation Program Specialist, or Debra Jones, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Region IX, 201 Mission Street, Room 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105; telephone: (415) 744–3133; fax: (415) 744–2726; e-mail hymie.luden@dot.gov or debra.jones@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Scoping

The FTA, in cooperation with SANDAG, will examine improved transit service in the Mid-Coast Corridor. Located entirely within the City of San Diego (City), the Mid-Coast Corridor centers on Interstate 5 (I–5) and extends from Downtown San Diego on the north; it is bound by the Pacific Ocean on the west and I–805 and State Route 163 (SR 163) on the east.

Dense population and employment centers currently anchor both the northern and southern ends of the Mid-Coast Corridor, with existing, planned, or potential smart growth centers in between. The SANDAG Regional Comprehensive Plan (July 2004) and the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) reference the regional growth forecast that estimates population, housing, land use, and economic growth. Increased density is forecast in Downtown San Diego and in the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and University Towne Centre (UTC) areas. Increased population and employment will lead to increased travel demand in the corridor.

The existing transit system in the Mid-Coast Corridor does not offer the level of service needed to meet the region’s goals for mobility, accessibility, reliability, and efficiency. The COASTER commuter rail service passes through the corridor, but its stations are widely spaced and it does not have a station in close proximity to UCSD or UTC. The existing San Diego Trolley Blue Line currently terminates at the Old Town Transit Center (OTTC). While transit mobility and accessibility are provided by express and local buses, the speed and reliability of bus service are hindered by roadway congestion. With congestion projected to increase in the future, the level of service, reliability, and efficiency of the transit system will all decrease. To meet regional goals, the study area needs a transit system that focuses on key destinations and has the frequency, speed, and reliability to attract new riders.

The purpose of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project is to improve public transit services between University City and Old Town and Downtown San Diego and connect corridor residents with other Trolley lines serving Mission Valley, South County communities to the U.S.-Mexico International Border, and East County communities to Santee, thereby enhancing direct public access to other regional activity centers. The project will improve travel options to employment, education, medical, and retail centers for corridor residents, commuters, and visitors.

II. Description of Study Area and Project Need

The study area is located entirely within the City of San Diego (City), centering on Interstate 5 (I–5) extending from Downtown San Diego on the south to University City on the north, bounded by the Pacific Ocean on the west and I–805 and State Route 163 (SR 163) on the east.

The 1995 AA/DEIS/DEIR and the 1999 AA/DEIS/DEIR focused on identifying any significant social, economic, or environmental issues related to the proposed alternatives that have not previously been identified.

III. Alternatives

The transportation alternatives proposed for consideration in this study area include:

• No-Build Alternative—the No Build Alternative would include all of the highway and transit facility improvements identified in the Revenue Constrained Scenario of the SANDAG 2030 RTP except for the extension of the Trolley System to University City.

• Build Alternative—the Build Alternative includes the extension of the Trolley Blue Line from the Santa Fe Depot in Downtown San Diego to UTC, which will provide continuous service on the Trolley Blue Line from San Ysidro Transit Center at the U.S.-Mexico International Border to University City. The Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) was approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors on July 23, 2010.

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project has been under study and in various phases of state and Federal environmental review since 1990. The project was originally to be developed in two sections. An EIS for the extension from the OTTC north to University City was completed in 2001, and FTA issued the Record of Decision in August 2001.

In April 2005, SANDAG recombed the Balboa Extension with the University City Extension into a single project, extending from the OTTC to University City. The FTA concurred with the SANDAG decision on July 24, 2006.

During 2009 and 2010, SANDAG updated the prior studies and reconsidered a broad range of transit alternatives through a public process. This analysis is documented in the Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report (SANDAG, 2010). SANDAG conducted scoping under CEQA. All comments received during the CEQA scoping process will be considered during the preparation of this SEIS/SEIR. Following the conclusion of the CEQA scoping process, the SANDAG Board reconfirmed the LPA as an extension of the Trolley system from the OTTC to UTC on July 23, 2010.

The 1995 AA/DEIS/DEIR and the 2010 Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report are available for public and agency review on the SANDAG Web site at http://www.sandag.org/midcoast. They are also available for inspection at the SANDAG office, or a CD may be requested by calling (619) 505–5620 or by e-mailing midcoast@sandag.org.
Advanced Scoping Alternatives—As a result of the Alternatives Analysis and updated alternatives evaluation, the LPA includes:

- New double-track alignment extending from a point just south of the San Diego River and north of the existing OTTC to a terminus at the UTC Transit Center in University City, with three alignment variations along Voigt Drive in University City;
- Eight new LRT stations, located at Tecolote Road, Clairemont Drive, Balboa Avenue, Nobel Drive, UCSD West, UCSD East, Executive Drive, and the UTC Transit Center, and a possible additional station at the VA Medical Center; and
- Upgrades to existing systems (including traction power, signaling system, and crossovers) to accommodate all-day 7.5-minute Trolley Blue Line service within the existing right-of-way.

No new maintenance facilities or expansion of existing maintenance facilities would be required to accommodate the new service.

IV. The SEIS Process and the Role of Participating Agencies and the Public

The purpose of the SEIS process is to explore in a public setting potentially significant effects of implementing the proposed action and alternatives on the physical, human, and natural environment. Areas of investigation include, but are not limited to, land use, residential and business displacements, parklands, economic development, community disruptions, environmental justice, aesthetics, noise, wildlife, vegetation, endangered species, air and water quality, energy, electromagnetic fields, wetlands, waterways, floodplains, hazardous waste and materials, and cultural, historic, and archaeological resources. The Draft SEIS will also consider practicable alternatives to proposed fill of Federal waters in accordance with the Clean Water Act and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations. At the conclusion of scoping, SANDAG and FTA will work together to prepare an annotated outline for the SEIS, based on information obtained during the scoping process.

Measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any significant adverse impacts will be identified. Regulations implementing NEPA, as well as provisions of the recently enacted Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU), call for public involvement in the EIS process. Section 6002 of SAFETEA–LU requires that FTA and SANDAG do the following: (1) Extend an invitation to other Federal and non-Federal agencies and Indian tribes that may have an interest in the proposed project to become “participating agencies.” (2) Provide an opportunity for involvement by participating agencies and the public in helping to define the purpose and need for a proposed project, as well as the range of alternatives for consideration in the impact statement, and (3) Establish a plan for coordinating public and agency participation in and comment on the environmental review process. An invitation to become a participating agency, with the scoping information packet appended, will be extended to other Federal and non-Federal agencies and Indian tribes that may have an interest in the proposed project. It is possible that we may not be able to identify all Federal and non-Federal agencies and Indian tribes that may have such an interest. Any Federal or non-Federal agency or Indian tribe interested in the proposed project that does not receive an invitation to become a participating agency should notify at the earliest opportunity the Project Manager identified above under ADDRESSES.

A comprehensive public involvement program has been developed and a public and agency involvement Coordination Plan will be created. The program includes a project Web site (http://www.sandag.org/midcoast); establishment of a project working group and organizing periodic meetings with that committee; a public hearing on release of the Draft SEIS; and development and distribution of project newsletters. In 2010, SANDAG conducted scoping under CEQA to solicit public and agency comments on the project alternatives to be carried forward. All comments received during the CEQA scoping process will be considered during the preparation of the SEIS and do not need to be resubmitted.

The purposes of and need for the proposed project have been preliminarily identified in this notice. We invite the public and participating agencies to consider the preliminary statement of purposes of and need for the proposed project, as well as the alternatives proposed for consideration. Suggestions for modifications to the statement of purposes of and need for the proposed project are welcomed and will be given serious consideration. Comments on potentially significant environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed project and alternatives that have not previously been identified are also welcomed.

SANDAG is seeking New Starts Funding for the proposed project under 49 U.S.C. 5309 and will therefore be subject to New Starts regulations (49 CFR Part 611). The New Starts regulation requires the submission of specific information in support of a request to initiate preliminary engineering, and this information is normally developed in conjunction with the NEPA process. Pertinent New Start evaluation criteria will be included in the Final SEIS.

V. FTA Procedures

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.105 (a) and 771.133, FTA will comply with all Federal environmental laws, regulations and executive orders applicable to the proposed project during the environmental review process to the maximum extent practicable. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and FTA implementing NEPA(40 CFR Parts 1500–1508, and 23 CFR Part 771), the project-level air quality conformity regulation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (40 CFR part 93), the Section 404(b)(1) of EPA (40 CFR part 230), the regulation implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800); the regulation implementing Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (50 CFR Part 402); Section 4(f) of the DOT Act (23 CFR 771.135); and the Executive Orders 12898 on environmental justice, 11988 on floodplain management, and 11990 on wetlands.

VI. Paperwork Reduction

The Paperwork Reduction Act seeks, in part, to minimize the cost to the taxpayer of the creation, collection, maintenance, use, dissemination, and disposition of information. Consistent with this goal and with principles of economy and efficiency in government, it is FTA policy to limit insofar as possible the submission of complete printed sets of environmental documents. Accordingly, unless a specific request for a complete printed set of environmental documents is received (preferably at the conclusion of scoping), FTA and its grantees will distribute only the executive summary of the environmental document together with a Compact Disc of the complete environmental document. A complete printed set of the environmental document will be available for review at SANDAG’s offices and elsewhere; an
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Renewal of the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association

ACTION: Notice of Renewal of Committee’s Charter.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (Pub. L. 92–463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that renewal of the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (the “Committee”) is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Treasury by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colin Kim, Director, Office of Debt Management (202) 622–7087.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee is to provide informed advice as representatives of the financial community to the Secretary of the Treasury and Treasury staff, upon the Secretary of the Treasury’s request, in carrying out Treasury responsibilities for Federal financing and public debt management. The Committee meets to consider special items on which its advice is sought pertaining to immediate Treasury funding requirements and pertaining to longer term approaches to manage the national debt in a cost effective manner. The Committee usually meets immediately before the Treasury announces each mid-calendar quarter funding operation, although special meetings also may be held. Membership consists of up to 20 representative members, appointed by Treasury. The members are senior level officials who are employed by primary dealers, institutional investors, and other major participants in the government securities and financial markets.

The Designated Federal Official for the Advisory Committee is the Director of the Office of Debt Management. The Treasury Department has filed copies of the Committee’s renewal charter with appropriate committees in Congress and also furnished a copy of the renewal charter to the Library of Congress.

Dated: July 5, 2011.

Colin Kim,
Director of the Office of Debt Management.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Privacy Act of 1974; Amended System of Records


ACTION: Notice of amendment to system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Financial Management Service gives notice of a proposed amendment to its Privacy Act system of records entitled “Treasury/FMS .006—Direct Deposit Enrollment Records—Treasury/Financial Management Service.”

DATES: Comments must be received no later than August 18, 2011. The proposed new system of records will become effective August 29, 2011 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You should send your comments to Peter Genova, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Financial Management Service, 401 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20227. Comments received will be available for inspection at the same address between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may send your comments by electronic mail to peter.genova@fms.treas.gov or http://www.regulations.gov. All comments, including attachments and other supporting materials, received are subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Genova, Deputy Chief Information Officer, (202) 874–1736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, notice is given that the Financial Management Service (FMS), a bureau of the Department of the Treasury (Treasury), proposes to amend its system of records entitled “Direct Deposit Enrollment Records—Treasury/Financial Management Service” (Treasury/FMS .006). FMS is adding additional categories of records in the system and is amending its routine uses to allow for the processing of waivers related to the requirement that all Federal payments, other than tax payments, be made electronically. On December 22, 2010, FMS published an amendment to its regulation at 31 CFR part 208 (Part 208) (see, 75 FR 80315), which implements 31 U.S.C. 3332 (Section 3332). Section 3332 generally requires that all Federal payments, other than tax payments, be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT), unless waived by the Secretary of the Treasury. Direct deposit is the primary method used to make EFT Federal payments to individuals.

Part 208 requires recipients of Federal payments, other than tax payments, to receive payment by EFT, effective May 1, 2011. The effective date is delayed until March 1, 2013, for individuals receiving Federal payments by check on May 1, 2011; and for individuals who file claims for Federal benefits before May 1, 2011 and request check payments when they file. Individuals who do not choose direct deposit of their payments to an account at a financial institution will be enrolled in the Direct Express® Debit MasterCard® card 1 program, a prepaid card program established pursuant to terms and conditions approved by FMS. Treasury waives the EFT requirement for recipients born prior to May 1, 1921, who are receiving payments by paper check on March 1, 2013; for payments not eligible for deposit to a Direct Express® prepaid card account; and for recipients whose Direct Express® card has been suspended or cancelled. In addition, payment recipients may request a waiver if the EFT requirement creates a hardship due to his or her mental impairment or remote geographic location.

The proposed amendments to this system are necessary to process waivers of the EFT requirement. In some cases, FMS automatically applies the waivers based on information FMS will receive into its system of records from its own existing payment records, direct deposit enrollment records of its fiscal or financial agents and their contractors, or from Federal agencies. For example, FMS will receive information about a check payment recipient’s date of birth from the Social Security Administration.

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