

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Rule on Application (03-03-C-00-HLN) To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Helena Regional Airport, Submitted by the Helena Regional Airport Authority, Helena, MT**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use PFC revenue at Helena Regional Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: David S. Stelling, Manager; Helena Airports District Office, HLN-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 2725 Skyway Drive, Suite 2, Helena, MT 59602.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ronald S. Mercer, Airport Director, at the following address: 2850 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59602.

Air Carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided at Helena Regional Airport, under section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David S. Stelling, 406-449-5271, Airports District Office, 2725 Skyway Drive, Suite 2, Helena, MT 59602. 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 (03-03-C-00-HLN) to impose and use PFC revenue at Helena Regional Airport, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On May 13, 2003, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC, submitted by Helena Regional Airport, Helena, Montana, 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 August 22, 2003. The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Proposed charge-effective date: October 1, 2003.

Proposed charge-expiration date: June 1, 2010.

Total requested for use approval: \$2,350,897.

Brief description of proposed projects: Disabled Passenger Access Lift Acquisition; Southside Taxilane Construction—Phase I; Southside Taxilane Construction—Phase II; Loop Road and Parking Lot Improvements; Runway 9 perimeter Access Road; Terminal Building Expansion and Remodel; Snow Removal Equipment Acquisition; and Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Equipment Acquisition.

Class or classes of air carriers that the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFC's: On-demand, Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO).

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA Regional Airports Office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, ANM-600, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Suite 315, Renton, WA 98055-4056.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Helena Regional Airport.

Issued in Renton, Washington on May 13, 2003.

David A. Field,

Manager, Planning, Programming and Capacity Branch, Northwest Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Rail Corridor—Petersburg, Virginia (Collier Yard) to Raleigh, North Carolina (Boylan Wye)**

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Tier II Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a 138-mile portion of the Southeast High Speed Rail

(SEHSR) Corridor from Petersburg, Virginia (Collier Yard) to Raleigh, North Carolina (Boylan Wye).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Foster, Rail Environmental Programs Manager, North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division, 1553 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1553, telephone (919) 508-1917; or Mr. David Valenstein, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), 400 Seventh Street, SW., MS 20, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-6368.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FRA, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT), will prepare a Tier II Environmental Impact Statement for a 138-mile portion of the SEHSR Corridor from Petersburg, Virginia at Collier Yard to Raleigh, North Carolina at the Boylan Wye. This study will evaluate alternatives and environmental impacts within the preferred corridor (Alternative A) described in the Tier I Record of Decision for the SEHSR Corridor from Washington, DC to Charlotte, North Carolina. The study corridor generally follows the Burgess Connector rail line from Collier Yard to Burgess, Virginia and the former Seaboard Air Line (S-line) from Burgess to Raleigh, North Carolina.

Multiple options within the preferred corridor exist to connect the S-line from Burgess to Main Street Station in Richmond, Virginia, which is the destination for intercity rail service in this segment of the SEHSR Corridor. VDRPT and the FRA propose to address options in this area in separate environmental documentation to be prepared prior to construction of the SEHSR between Richmond, Virginia and Raleigh, North Carolina. Different routings are possible through Petersburg and capacity issues exist on the A-line particularly crossing the Appomattox River would be considered in the separate documentation.

This environmental process has four basic goals: (1) Reiterate the purpose and need as established in the Tier I EIS for the Washington DC to Charlotte NC portion of the SEHSR corridor; (2) develop alternatives within the study corridor; (3) conduct a detailed evaluation of environmental impacts for the alternatives; and (4) select a preferred alternative.

Scoping and Comments: FRA encourages broad participation in the EIS process during scoping and