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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 47501-47510; 14 CFR part 150.

This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport noise compatibility program, effective June 14, 2017.

Under Section 104(a) of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter the Act), an airport operator who has previously submitted a noise exposure map may submit to the FAA a noise compatibility program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing non-compatible land uses and prevention of additional non-compatible land uses within the area covered by the noise exposure maps.

The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport noise compatibility program developed in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR), Part 150 is a local program, not a federal program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in Part 150 and the Act, and is limited to the following determinations:

(a) The noise compatibility program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR Part 150;

(b) Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing non-compatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses;

(c) Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the federal government; and

(d) Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable airspace and air traffic control systems,

or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator as prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport noise compatibility program are delineated in FAR Part 150, Section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under Federal, state, or local law. Approval does not by itself constitute a FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required, and an FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action.

Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982. Where Federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Regional Office in Burlington, Massachusetts.

The City of Westfield previously submitted to the FAA noise exposure maps and associated documentation produced during the noise compatibility planning study. The Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport noise exposure maps were determined by FAA to be in compliance with applicable requirements on December 22, 2015. Notice of this determination was published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2016.

The Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport study contains a proposed noise compatibility program comprised of actions designed for implementation by airport. The City of Westfield requested that the FAA evaluate and approve this material as a noise compatibility program as described in Section 104(b) of the Act. The FAA began its review of the program on March 13, 2017, and was required by a provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180 days (other than the use of new flight procedures for noise control). Failure to approve or disapprove such a program within the 180-day period shall be deemed to be an approval of such a program.

The submitted program contained several changes to noise mitigation measures in the Noise Compatibility Program. Four measures were not recommended for approval and the FAA concurred. Three measures were recommended but the FAA disapproved those measures. One substantive change was recommended and approved by the FAA. This change allows for voluntary

acquisition of residential properties located in the 65DNL noise contour. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of the Act and FAR Part 150 have been satisfied. The New England Region Airports Division Manager therefore approved the overall program on June 14, 2017. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available for review at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative offices of Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on June 14, 2017.

**Mary T. Walsh,**

*Manager, Airports Division, FAA New England Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. 2017-42]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Ela Aviation USA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT)

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before July 31, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2017-0569 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in

Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

*Privacy:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

*Docket:* Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clarence Garden (202) 267-7489, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 20, 2017.

**Lirio Liu,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### **Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2017-0569.

*Petitioner:* Ela Aviation USA.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:* 21.181, 21.190.

#### *Description of Relief Sought:*

Petitioner seeks exemption from the requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§ 21.181 and 21.190 for the issuance of a special airworthiness certificate in the light-sport category to operate the ELA 10-Eclipse Gyroplane. The proposed exemption will permit the ELA 10-Eclipse Gyroplane to be certificated, operated, and maintained under the regulations applicable to aircraft issued a special airworthiness certificate in the light-sport category within the National Airspace System (NAS).

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

**[Summary Notice No. 2017-46]**

#### **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT)

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before July 31, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2017-0612 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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**Lirio Liu,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### **Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2017-0612.

*Petitioner:* Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:* 61.195 (h)(2)(iii).

#### *Description of Relief Sought:*

Petitioner seeks exemption from the requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 61.195(h)(3)(ii) which requires a person to hold a flight instructor certificate for two years before providing training to another initial flight instructor applicant. The proposed exemption will permit persons employed as Embry-Riddle Flight Instructors who have held a Flight Instructor certificate for less than 2 years to train flight instructor applicants.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Disposal of 4.9 Acres of Airport Land at Southbridge Municipal Airport in Southbridge, MA**

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is being given that the FAA is considering a request from the Town of Southbridge, MA, to dispose of a 4.9 acre parcel of airport land. The parcel, located on the southwest side of the airport, is segregated by Barefoot Road and not contiguous with the main airport parcel.

The 4.9 acre parcel is located adjacent to the Town owned landfill and is not suited for aeronautical use as a wetland and Barefoot Road lie between the airport proper and the 4.9 acre parcel. The disposal of this property will have