

“significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 97

Air Traffic Control, Airports, Incorporation by reference, and Navigation (Air).

Issued in Washington, DC on October 10, 2003.

James J. Ballough,

Director, Flight Standards Service.

Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, part 97 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 97) is amended by establishing, amending, suspending, or revoking Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, effective at 0901 UTC on the dates specified, as follows:

PART 97—STANDARD INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 97 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44701, 44719, 44721–44722.

■ 2. Part 97 is amended to read as follows:

§§ 97.23, 97.25, 97.27, 97.29, 97.31, 97.33, 97.35 [Amended]

By amending: § 97.23 VOR, VOR/DME, VOR or TACAN, and VOR/DME or TACAN; § 97.25 LOC, LOC/DME, LDA, LDA/DME, SDF, SDF/DME; § 97.27 NDB, NDB/DME; § 97.29 ILS, ILS/DME, ISMLS, MLS/DME, MLS/RNAV; § 97.31 RADAR SIAPs; § 97.33 RNAV SIAPs; and § 97.35 COPTER SIAPs, Identified as follows:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 119, 121 and 135

[Docket No. FAA–2003–15571; Amendment Nos. 119–8, 121–290, and 135–83]

RIN 2120–AI00

DOD Commercial Air Carrier Evaluators

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document makes a correction to the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 2003 (68 FR 41214). That rule clarified existing regulations as they apply to Department of Defense (DOD) commercial air carrier evaluators.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This correction is effective on October 21, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lt. Col. Tom Barrale, USAF, Department of Defense Air Mobility Command Liaison Officer to FAA Flight Standards Service, (202) 267–7088.

Correction

In the final rule FR Doc. 03–17459 published on July 10, 2003, (68 FR 41214), make the following corrections:

On page 41214, in column 3, in the heading section of the rule at the bottom of the page, beginning on line 4 of the heading, correct “Amendment Nos. 119–8, 121–286, and 135–83” to read “Amendment Nos. 119–8, 121–290, and 135–83.”

Issued in Washington, DC on October 3, 2003.

Gary A. Michel,

Acting Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

23 CFR Part 630

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA–1997–2262; Formerly FHWA 95–10]

RIN 2125–AD59

Advance Construction of Federal-aid Projects

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FHWA amends its regulation for advance construction of Federal-aid projects by removing certain provisions that limit the approval of advance construction projects and that allow for the payment of bond interest cost. These provisions are no longer

consistent with section 115 of title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), due to technical amendments provided in the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (NHS Act) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA–21).

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Max Inman, Federal-aid Financial Management Division, (202) 366–2853, or Mr. Steve Rochlis, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366–1395, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL–401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service, (202) 512–1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register's home page at <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's database at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Background

The FHWA published an interim final rule on part 630, subpart G on July 19, 1995, at 60 FR 36991. Interested persons were invited to submit comments to FHWA Docket No. 95–10. (The FHWA rearranged its docket system to accord with the electronic system adopted by the Department of Transportation in 1997. The FHWA Docket No. 95–10 was transferred and scanned as FHWA Docket No. 1997–2262.) On May 1, 2003 (68 FR 23239), the FHWA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) proposing to remove certain provisions that limit the approval of advance construction projects and that allow for the payment of bond interest cost. Advance construction authority allows States to advance the construction of Federal-aid highway projects without obligating Federal funds apportioned or allocated to the States.

Section 115, title 23, U.S. Code, authorizes advance construction projects. After FHWA approval, States can initiate the construction of a Federal-aid highway project using State funds without obligating Federal funds. Later, the State can request that the project be converted to a regular Federal-aid project by obligating all or a portion of the Federal share, provided that Federal-aid funds and obligation authority are available. The Federal government is only committed to the State for the amount of Federal funds obligated.

Section 308 of the NHS Act (Pub. L. 104–59, 109 Stat. 568, November 28, 1995), which replaced section 115(d) of title 23, U.S.C., requires that advance construction projects be on the approved Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), instead of requiring that future year authorizations be in effect when the advance construction project is approved. The STIP is a financially constrained program that covers a period of at least three years. This change allows the States more flexibility in financing projects and developing financial plans, and provides an opportunity for States to begin construction earlier.

Pre-construction procedures are found at 23 CFR part 630. The limitations outlined in § 630.707 are no longer valid, and will be removed, due to the changes made to title 23, U.S.C., section 115(d) by the NHS Act.

Section 1226(a) of the TEA–21, Public Law 105–178, 112 Stat. 107 (1998), as amended by section 9003(a) of Public Law 105–206, 112 Stat. 838 (1998), revised 23 U.S.C. 115 by removing obsolete subsections relating to payment of bond interest on certain Interstate

construction projects. Based on changes in the law relating to payment of bond interest on certain Interstate construction projects, the FHWA removes §§ 630.705(c) and (d), and 630.711.

Discussion of Comments

We received one comment to the docket from a private individual. The comment welcomed changes in giving States more flexibility in financing projects and developing financial plans which will allow projects to begin construction earlier; and agreed that the FHWA should remove §§ 630.705(c) and (d), and 630.711. The comment also listed other benefits of the rule change including better use of taxpayers' dollars and stimulating the economy. While the FHWA agrees with the comment, the primary reason for the rule change is to conform to revisions in the authorizing statute.

Conclusion

Since no comments were received opposing the language proposed in the NPRM, the FHWA is adopting the revisions proposed in the NPRM as final without change.

Rulemaking Analyses and Notices

Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) and DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures

The FHWA has considered the impact of this final action and has determined that it is not a significant rulemaking action within the meaning of Executive Order 12866 or significant within the meaning of Department of Transportation regulatory policies and procedures. It is anticipated that the economic impact of this rulemaking will be minimal; therefore, a full regulatory evaluation is not required. This action will not adversely affect, in a material way, any sector of the economy. In addition, this final rule will not interfere with any action taken or planned by another agency and would not materially alter the budgetary impact of any entitlements or grants. This action amends current regulations governing the advance construction of Federal-aid projects based on changes in law. It is not anticipated that this action will affect the Federal funding allocated to the States.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

In compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act [5 U.S.C. 601–612], the FHWA has evaluated the effects of this action rule on small entities. The FHWA believes that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

States are not included in the definition of small entity set forth in 5 U.S.C. 601. Therefore, the FHWA hereby certifies that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

This action has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132 dated August 4, 1999, and it has been determined that this final rule will not have a substantial direct effect or sufficient federalism implications on States that would limit the policymaking discretion of the States. Nothing in this final rule directly preempts any State law or regulation.

Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review)

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.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This final action will not impose a Federal mandate resulting in the expenditure by State, local, tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the sector, of \$100 million or more in any year. (2 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Executive Order 12630 (Taking of Private Property)

This action will not affect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interface with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Executive Order 12988 (Civil Justice Reform)

This action meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Executive Order 13045 (Protection of Children)

We have analyzed this final rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This action does not involve an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This action does not contain a collection of information requirement for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

National Environmental Policy Act

The FHWA has analyzed this action for the purpose of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and has determined that this action will not have any effect on the quality of the environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

Executive Order 13175 (Tribal Consultation)

The FHWA has analyzed this action under Executive Order 13175, and believes that the final rule will not have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes; will not impose substantial direct compliance costs on Indian tribal governments; and will not preempt tribal law. Therefore, a tribal summary impact statement is not required.

Executive Order 13211 (Energy Effects)

We have analyzed this action under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a significant energy action under that order because it is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. Therefore, a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211 is not required.

Regulation Identification Number

A regulation identification number (RIN) is assigned to each regulatory action listed in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulations. The Regulatory Information Service Center publishes the Unified Agenda in April and October of each year. The RIN number contained in the heading of this document can be used to cross-reference this action with the Unified Agenda.

List of Subjects in 23 CFR Part 630

Bonds, Government contracts, Grant programs, transportation, Highways and roads, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Issued on: October 15, 2003.

Mary E. Peters,

Federal Highway Administrator.

■ In consideration of the foregoing, the FHWA amends title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below:

PART 630—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 630 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 106, 109, 115, 315, 320, and 402(a); 23 CFR 1.32; and 49 CFR 1.48(b).

Subpart G—Advance Construction of Federal-Aid Projects [Amended]**§ 630.705 [Amended]**

■ 2. In § 630.705, remove paragraphs (c) and (d).

§ 630.707 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 3. Remove and reserve § 630.707.

§ 630.711 [Removed]

■ 4. Remove § 630.711.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117****[CGD08-03-041]****Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Lower Grand River (Alternate Route), Grosse Tete, LA**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Grosse Tete Swing Span Highway Bridge across Lower Grand River (Alternate Route), mile 47.0, at Grosse Tete, Iberville Parish, LA. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation at various times from November 3, 2003 through November 17, 2003. The deviation is necessary to perform rehabilitation and post-tensioning work on the drawbridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 9 a.m. on November 3, 2003 through 3 p.m. on November 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration

Branch, Hale Boggs Federal Building, room 1313, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3396 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (504) 589-2965. The Bridge Administration Branch of the Eighth Coast Guard District maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has requested a temporary deviation in order to perform rehabilitation and post-tensioning work on the swing span bridge across Lower Grand River (Alternate Route) at mile 47.0 at Grosse Tete, Iberville Parish, Louisiana. This maintenance is essential for the continued safe operation of the bridge. This temporary deviation will allow the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday from November 3, 2003 until November 17, 2003. The bridge will open for the passage of vessels from noon until 12:30 p.m. during the closure period. If the work is accomplished in a shorter period of time, the bridge will be returned to normal operation in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 117.478(b). Notice of return to normal operations prior to November 17, 2003 will be published by Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

The swing span bridge has a vertical clearance of 2.5 feet above mean high water, elevation 9.0 feet Mean Sea Level and 11.5 feet above mean low water, elevation 0.0 Mean Sea Level in the closed-to-navigation position. Navigation at the site of the bridge consists mainly of tows with barges and some recreational craft. There are no commercial fishermen that transit the waterway at the bridge site. Based on prior experience, as well as coordination with waterway users, it has been determined that this closure will not have a significant effect on these vessels. The bridge normally opens to pass navigation an average of 490 times per month. In accordance with 33 CFR 117.478(b), the draw of the LA 77 bridge, mile 47.0 (Alternate Route) at Grosse Tete, opens on signal; except that, from about August 15 to about June 5 (the school year), the draw need not be opened from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The draw opens on signal at any time for an emergency aboard a