

An Environmental Assessment is being prepared in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1D, Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts. The FAA is now inviting the public, agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to provide comments, suggestions, and input regarding: (1) The scope, issues, and concerns related to the development of each ATMP; (2) the scope of issues and the identification of significant issues regarding commercial air tours and their potential impacts to be addressed in the environmental process; (3) the potential effects of commercial air tours on cultural and historic resources; (4) past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions which, when considered with ATMP alternatives, may result in significant cumulative impacts; (5) potential ATMP alternatives; and (6) the potential impacts on natural resources and visitor experiences. The FAA requests that comments be as specific as possible in response to actions that are being proposed under this notice.

A combined public scoping meeting has been scheduled for the Badlands National Park ATMP and the Mount Rushmore National Memorial ATMP. The purpose of this scoping meeting is to describe the ATMP development and environmental processes, obtain public input regarding the ATMP and potential environmental concerns that may be appropriate for consideration in the Environmental Assessment, and to identify alternatives to be considered. Both oral and written comments will be accepted during this meeting. Agency personnel will be available to record your spoken comments. All recorded and written comments become part of the official record. The public scoping meeting will consist of a presentation in which the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 is introduced, existing conditions at Badlands National Park and Mount Rushmore National Memorial will be described and the ATMP development process at each park unit will be explained. Following the presentation, the floor will be opened for public comments to be received.

Park-specific scoping documents that describe the project in greater detail are available at the following locations:

- Rapid City Public Library, 610 Quincy Street, Rapid City, South Dakota
- Oglala Lakota College Library, 3 Mile Creek Road, Kyle, South Dakota
- Keystone Town Library, 1101 Madill Street, Keystone, South Dakota
- E. Y. Berry Library, Black Hills State University, 1200 University, Spearfish, South Dakota

- South Dakota State Library, Mercedes MacKay Building, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota
- FAA Air Tour Management Plan Program Web site, <http://www.atmp.faa.gov/>
- FAA Docket Management System Web site, <http://dms.dot.gov>

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Program Manager, Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Fairbanks, AK

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF).

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposed transportation improvement project on University Avenue in Fairbanks, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edrie Vinson, Environmental Project Manager, Federal Highway Administration, Alaska Division Office, 709 W. 9th Street, Room 851, P.O. Box 21648, Juneau, Alaska 99802-1648. Telephone (907) 586-7464. Janet Brown, P.E., Project Manager, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Preliminary Design & Environmental, 2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-5399. Telephone (907) 451-2283.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to rehabilitate and widen University Avenue was prepared in July 1988, a Final EIS (FEIS) was approved June 30, 1991, and the FHWA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) in August of 1991.

The Selected Alternative in the ROD would reconstruct University Avenue in Fairbanks, Alaska between the Mitchell Expressway and Thomas Street, a distance of 21 miles. University Avenue was to be reconstructed with a two-way center turn lane (16-foot wide) over much of the alignment. A raised center meridian with left turn pockets was designed for 33% of the roadway. This alternative included 8-foot shoulders with a combined 10-foot wide

pedestrian/bike path on the west and a 5-foot wide sidewalk on the east of University Avenue. The Chena River Bridge widening was a rehabilitation of the existing structure. The Geraghty Avenue intersection was to be moved 150-feet north, to provide a greater separation from the intersection with Airport Way.

The project as approved was never built. Since that time the ADOT&PF has determined to maximize the use of existing right-of-way, and reduce environmental impacts by minimizing the total project footprint. Safety would be improved by reducing direct access to some locations along University. Such changes to the project require the preparation of a Supplemental EIS. These proposed changes include a continuous raised meridian over 89% of the roadway with left turn lanes only at the 12 intersections; narrowing the pedestrian/bike path to 8 feet in width; replacing the Chena River Bridge; and constructing a grade separated Alaska Railroad crossing over University Avenue. Elevating the railroad would require the closing of the Fairbanks Street entrance to the University of Alaska Fairbanks and replacement with a pedestrian/bike path and tunnel under the railroad. Additional improvements proposed include making Geraghty Avenue a right turn in and right turn out intersection in its current location and the Airport Avenue frontage road would end in a cul-de-sac. Halvorson Road would be extended 720 feet northward to Wolf Run and Indiana Avenue would be relocated 160 feet to the south. Intersection improvements would be added at Airport Way and Geist Road/Johansen Expressway.

The Supplemental EIS will update the analyses of all the reasonable alternatives evaluated in the FEIS, including the alternative previously identified as the Preferred Alternative.

Announcements describing the SEIS process and requesting 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. Public notices will also be published in local newspapers. Public and agency scoping meetings will be announced and held in Fairbanks, Alaska. A public hearing will be held after approval of the SEIS. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The SEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues

identified, written public input, comments and suggestions on environmental issues or concerns related to the proposed improvements are invited from all interested parties. Comments should be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration or the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities at the addresses provided above by May 30, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, 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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Karen A. Schmidt,

Assistant Division Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2004 17531]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before June 15, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Strassburg, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-4156; fax: (202) 366-7901; or e-mail: joe.strassburg@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: War Risk Insurance.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0011.

Form Numbers: MA-355; MA-528; MA-742; MA-828; and MA-942.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Summary of Collection of Information: As authorized by section 1202, Title XII, Merchant Marine Act,

1936, as amended, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation may provide war risk insurance adequate for the needs of the waterborne commerce of the United States if such insurance cannot be obtained on reasonable terms from qualified insurance companies operating in the United States. This collection is required for the program. The collection consists of forms MA-355; MA-528; MA-742; MA-828; and MA-942.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the vessel(s) for participation in the war risk insurance program.

Description of Respondents: Vessel owners or charterers interested in participating in MARAD's war risk insurance program.

Annual Responses: 1,431.

Annual Burden: 768 hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.d.t. (or e.s.t.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (volume 65, number 70, pages 19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: National Advisory Council public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration announces that the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC) will hold a meeting to discuss MTS needs and other relevant issues, regional MTS outreach initiatives, Council team assignments, and other issues. A public comment period is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2004. To provide time for as many people to speak as possible, speaking time for each individual will be limited to three minutes. Members of the public who would like to speak are asked to contact Raymond Barberesi by April 27, 2004. Commenters will be placed on the agenda in the order in which notifications are received. If time allows, additional comments will be permitted. Copies of oral comments must be submitted in writing at the meeting. Additional written comments are welcome and must be filed by May 11, 2004.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, May 4, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Radisson Hotel and Suites, 160 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. The hotel's phone number is (312) 787-2900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raymond Barberesi, (202) 366-4357; Maritime Administration, MAR-830, Room 7201, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590; Raymond.Barberesi@marad.dot.gov.

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