

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Policy Statement No. ANM-03-117-58; Flight Data Recording Systems on Transport Category Airplanes**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed policy; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of proposed policy that provides clarification of policy and advisory material associated with certification of flight data recording systems on transport category airplanes.

DATES: Send your comments on or before January 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address your comments to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Forrest Keller, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Safety Management Branch, ANM-117, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2790; fax (425) 227-1320; e-mail: forrest.keller@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Comments Invited**

The proposed policy is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.airweb.faa.gov/rgl>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed policy. We will accept your commenters, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Mark your comments, "Comments to Policy Statement ANM-03-117-58."

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
- For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed policy.
- Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting. We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy. We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposed policy because of the comments received.

Background

This proposed policy:

- Establishes working definitions for the terms "filtered data" and "method of readily retrieving" and describes how these terms apply within a Flight Data Recorder (FDR) system certification program.
- Explains how FDR operational rules in 14 CFR parts 121, 125, and 135 affect certification of FDR systems, as well as the scope of findings to be made on such programs.
- Clarifies the guidance associated with AC 20-141, "Airworthiness and Operational Approval of Digital Flight Data Recorder Systems," particularly paragraph 7b(1) that deals with "filtered" data.
- Addresses how to document compliance findings associated with the "intended function" requirement of 14 CFR 25.1301 for FDR installations approved as part of type, amended type, or supplemental type certification programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Metrocenter Corridor in Phoenix, AZ**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Valley Metro Rail, Inc., intend to prepare an Alternatives Analysis (AA) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on a proposal by Valley Metro Rail, Inc. to provide additional transit service to the northwest portion of the City of Phoenix. The AA/EIS will consider the following alternatives: (1) A No-Build Alternative, consisting of improvements contained in the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Long Range Transportation Plan and the Phoenix Transit Plan and programmed improvements with the exception of connections to the planned Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Transit Project that is scheduled to begin operation in December 2006; (2)

Transportation System Management Alternative (TSM), consisting of all reasonable cost-effective transit service improvements within the Metrocenter Corridor short of a major investment in a New Starts project; (3) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternatives; (4) Light Rail Transit (LRT) At Grade Alternatives; and (5) LRT Aerial Alternatives. The type, location, and need for ancillary facilities, such as maintenance facilities, will also be considered for each alternative. In addition, alternatives that are identified from the scoping process will be evaluated in the AA. Scoping will be accomplished through correspondence and discussions with interested persons; organizations; and Federal, State, and local agencies; and through public and agency meetings. Depending on the outcome of the scoping process and the analysis of a wide range of transit alternatives, a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) will be selected and evaluated in the EIS. The EIS will evaluate the potential impacts of the selected investment strategy (the Build Alternative) and a No-Build Alternative.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* Written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered in the AA/EIS must be received no later than January 27, 2004, and must be sent to Valley Metro Rail, Inc. at the address indicated below.

Scoping Meetings: Valley Metro Rail, Inc. will conduct two identical scoping meetings for the public. These meetings will be held on January 13, 2004, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Westwind Preparatory Academy Charter High School, located at 2045 West Northern Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona; and January 15, 2004, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Orangewood Elementary School, located at 7337 North 19th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. In addition, a scoping meeting for governmental agencies will be held on January 20, 2004, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Valley Metro Rail, Inc. LRT Board Room, located at 411 North Central Avenue, Suite 200, Phoenix, Arizona.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Mr. Jim Mathien, Metrocenter Corridor Study Project Manager, Valley Metro Rail, Inc., 411 North Central Avenue, Suite 200, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. e-mail: jmathien@valleymetro.org. Phone: (602) 744-5598. To be added to the mailing list, contact Mr. Jim Mathien at the address listed above. Please specify the mailing list for the Metrocenter Corridor Study Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS). Persons with special needs such