

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, Washington**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Request to Release Airport Property.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21), now 49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Carol Suomi, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, Seattle Airports District Office, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Suite 250, Renton, Washington 98057-3356.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Allan Royal, Port of Seattle Real Estate Development, at the following address: Mr. Allan Royal, Port of Seattle Real Estate Development, P.O. Box 68727, Seattle, Washington 98168.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Doyle, Project Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Seattle Airports District Office, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Suite 250, Renton, Washington 98057-3356.

The request to release property may be reviewed, by appointment, in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport under the provisions of the AIR 21 (49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2)).

On February 22, 2013, the FAA determined that the request to release property at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport submitted by the airport meets the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no later than April 8, 2013.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is proposing the release of

approximately 15,628 square feet of airport property to the City of SeaTac. This property is located on International Blvd. and 160th Street in the City of SeaTac, and is required for road improvements to mitigate traffic generated by the Rental Car Facility constructed on airport property. This mitigation measure is required by the environmental analysis to reduce the likely significant adverse environmental traffic impacts to a nonsignificant level. The value of the property is a component of the overall cost of the Rental Car Facility project.

Any person may inspect, by appointment, the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, any person may, upon appointment and request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, 17801 International Blvd., Seattle, Washington 98158.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on February 22, 2013.

Carol Suomi,

Manager, Seattle Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration Aviation****Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Transport Airplane Performance and Handling Characteristics—New Task**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: The FAA assigned ARAC a new task to prioritize potential topic areas for development of new or revised requirements and guidance material for airplane performance and handling characteristics in new transport category airplanes. The output of this task is intended to support FAA planning for subsequent ARAC taskings in these topic areas. This notice is to inform the public of this ARAC activity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Jacobsen, Airplane & Flight Crew Interface Branch, ANM-111, Transport Airplane Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Ave. SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-2011, facsimile (425) 227-1149; email joe.jacobsen@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The FAA established ARAC to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator on the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitments to harmonize FAA regulations with its partners in Europe, Canada, and Brazil; in this instance, on airplane performance and handling characteristics standards. ARAC will address this task under the Transport Airplane and Engine (TAE) Subcommittee, and will reestablish the Flight Test Harmonization Working Group (FTHWG) to assist in completion of this task.

The FAA has established regulations and policy in the areas of airplane performance and handling characteristics. However, existing standards do not adequately address airplane designs using fly-by-wire technology. Additionally, there are a number of issues, such as several items in the areas of takeoff and landing performance and flying qualities that may not be adequately addressed by the existing airworthiness requirements and guidance material. Finally, there are cases where guidance information provided by the airworthiness authorities is not harmonized, sometimes leading to different compliance findings.

The Task

The FAA tasked ARAC to consider several areas within the airplane performance and handling qualities requirements of the 14 CFR part 25 airworthiness standards and guidance for possible revision. The task includes prioritizing the list of topic areas provided in this notice based on prioritization criteria established by the FTHWG. The prioritization criteria should consider harmonization of regulatory requirements and associated guidance material for airworthiness certification of airplane designs. Recommendations may result in subsequent ARAC taskings for standards recommendations in follow-on phases. ARAC may also recommend additional topics in the general area of airplane performance and handling qualities that are not on the list provided in this notice.

The working group will provide a draft report to ARAC recommending focus areas and work plans to address those areas the FTHWG identified as high priorities for airworthiness standards development relative to new