

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA Program Management Committee**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Program Management Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the RTCA Program Management Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held August 27, 2002 starting at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Program Management Committee meeting. The agenda will include:

- Opening Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/Approve Summary of Previous Meeting)
- Publication Consideration/Approval:

- Final Draft, *Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B)*, RTCA Paper No. 182-02/PMC-224, prepared by SC-186.

- Final Draft, Change 2 to DO-224A, *Signal-in-Space Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) for Advanced VHF Digital Data Communications Including Compatibility with Digital Voice Techniques*, RTCA Paper No. 180-02/PMC-223, prepared by SC-172.

- Final Draft, DO-271A, *Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) for Aircraft VDL Mode 3 Transceiver Operating in the Frequency Range 117.975-137.000MHz*, prepared by SC-172, RTCA Paper No. 178-02/PMC-222.

- Discussion:
- Special Committee Chairman's Reports

- Action Item Review:
- Review/Status—All Open Action Items

- Other Business:
- Eurocontrol 8.33 kHz Vertical Expansion Study Report
- AOC Messages, Hazards and Procedural Mitigation

- Closing Session (Other Business, Document Production, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Dallas and Ellis Counties, Texas**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed transportation project in Dallas and Ellis Counties, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Patrick Bauer, P.E., District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 300 East 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone 512-536-5950.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Dallas County Department of Public Works, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposal to build Loop 9, a new location highway, from S.H. 360 to I.H. 20 in Southern Dallas and Northern Ellis Counties.

The study corridor is approximately 40 miles in length. From a regional and local perspective, there is a demand for additional east-west transportation capacity and access throughout the limits of the corridor. Over the last 30 years, this area has experienced tremendous growth and has more than quadrupled in population.

As directed by the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), the Major Investment Study (MIS) will be integrated with the EIS. The Loop 9 facility is included in the

Mobility 2025 Update: the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Dallas-Fort Worth region, as a new location staged parkway calling for the preservation of right-of-way through this corridor. The environmental study will examine viable alternatives and potential transportation modes including the No-Build; Transportation Systems Management/Congestion Management Systems; controlled access freeway; and other potential options. It will also include extensive and continuous public involvement to address the long-term mobility needs of both the region and local communities. The environmental study will include the determination of the number of lanes (four to six are anticipated), roadway configuration, and operational characteristics. It will also include a discussion of the effects on the social, economic, and natural environments and of other known and reasonably foreseeable agency actions proposed within the Loop 9 study corridor.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed an interest or are known to have an interest in this proposal. A public scoping meeting is planned for the summer of 2002. The date will be announced locally at a later time. This will be the first in a series of meetings to solicit public comments on the proposed action during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment before the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalogue 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.)

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