

other interested parties are invited to make comments and suggestions to ensure that the full range of issues related to these proposed actions are addressed and all significant issues identified. The FAA informational contact person identified above should receive these comments and suggestions by December 19, 2001.

Public Scoping Meeting: To facilitate receipt of comments, two public scoping meetings will be held on December 5, 2001 at the Gary/Chicago Airport, 6001 Industrial Highway, Gary, Indiana. The first meeting will be held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for Federal, State, and local agencies in the administrative offices. The second meeting will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for other interested parties in the passenger terminal facility.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Notice of a Public Hearing for the City of Chicago's Proposed World Gateway Program and Other Capital Improvement Projects at Chicago O'Hare International Airport

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Aviation for the proposed World Gateway Program at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, and that copies of the Draft EA are available for public review and comment. This Notice has been issued to provide for wide distribution of this information to the public, and to local, state, and federal agencies. Comments are being solicited by the City of Chicago on the environmental consequences of the proposed actions. In addition, FAA is advising that the City of Chicago will hold a public hearing on December 13, 2001, regarding the EA for the purpose of considering the economic, social, and environmental effects of the development and its consistency with applicable plans.

SUMMARY: The World Gateway Program would include terminal development and improvements, taxiway development, terminal access road improvements, utility system modification, cargo facility relocation, and other capital improvement projects. An environmental assessment has been prepared by the City of Chicago Department of Aviation to evaluate the proposed projects. The EA also evaluates other independent airport development projects that would occur in the same time frame as the World Gateway Program. The subsequent environment documentation will be used by the FAA to determine the appropriate level of environmental review necessary pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

Public Hearing: A public hearing and informational workshop will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2001 from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Foundation Blue Banquets, 2300 S. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the environmental effects of the proposed World Gateway Program and afford the public the opportunity to present oral and/or written comments. A transcript of the hearing will be made. Written comments will be accepted through the close of business on Tuesday, January 15, 2002. The first half-hour of each hour of the public hearing will be allocated to pre-reserved testimony. The second half of each hour will be allocated to walk-in testimony. All individuals will have five minutes to testify. Individuals may call Ms. Carol Wilinski at 773-894-6900 to reserve a time slot to testify at the public hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carol Wilinski, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, P.O. Box 66412, Chicago, IL 60666; 773-686-3541 (voice); 773-894-6900 (facsimile); or by email: wgp_environment@ohare.com. Please submit comments prior to close of business Tuesday, January 15, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed World Gateway Program includes the development of two new passenger terminals, Terminals 4 and 6, the redevelopment of Terminal 2, and Terminal 3 Concourse K extension. As a result of these projects, several facilities must be relocated. These relocations are referred to as Enabling Projects. The EA also evaluates other projects unrelated to the World Gateway Program but which are proposed for development during the same period of time and are referred to as Independent Utility Projects. Together, the World Gateway Program, the Enabling Projects, and the Independent Utility Projects are

referred to as the Proposed Projects in the EA. The Proposed Projects include the following:

The World Gateway Program

Terminal 2 Redevelopment

Reconfiguration of terminal interior; Widening passenger corridor linking Terminals 1 and 2; Demolition and reconstruction of Concourses E and F; Installation of Federal Inspection Service (FIS) facilities; and Reconfiguration of aircraft parking apron.

Terminal 3, Concourse K Extension

Extensions of Concourse K and Relocation of Taxiway A/B; Construction of new apron.

Terminal 4 Development

Construction of Terminal 4; Installation of FIS facilities; Enlargement and reconfiguration of apron.

Terminal 5 Reconfiguration

Modified to integrate with the proposed Terminal 6.

Terminal 6 Development

Construction of Terminal 6; Reconfiguration of apron; Extension of taxiway; Development of access road for Terminals 5 and 6; Construction of Terminal 6 parking garage; Realignment of Airport Transit System (ATS) line and construction of ATS station in Terminal 6.

Enabling Projects

- Delta Cargo Facility Relocation
- Lynxs Cargo Facility Relocation
- Sky Chefs Flight Kitchen Relocation
- Heating and Refrigeration (H&R) Plant Support Facility Relocations
- Commonwealth Edison Switchyard D179 Relocation

Independent Utility Projects

- Public Parking Improvements
- Development of Consolidated Rental Car Facility/ATS Station
- Development of Rental Car Storage and Maintenance Lot
- ATS Storage and Maintenance Facility Relocation/Track Extension
- Development of Long-Term Parking ATS Station and Intermodal Connection
- Additional Fuel Tank Farm Development in Northwest Airfield
- Development of City Warehouse and Trades Building
- Eastside Collateral Development
- O'Hare Roadway Improvements

Copies of the World Gateway Program Draft EA are available at the following locations:

Arlington Heights Memorial Library,
500 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington
Heights, IL 60004
Bensenville Public Library, 200 S.
Church Rd., Bensenville, IL 60106
College of DuPage Library, 425 Fawell,
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Des Plaines Public Library, 1501
Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, IL 60016
Eisenhower Public Library, 4652 N.
Olcott Ave., Harwood Heights, IL
60706
Elk Grove Village Public Library, 1001
Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL
60007
Elmhurst Public Library, 211 Prospect
Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126
Franklin Park Public Library, 10311
Grand Ave., Franklin Park, IL 60131
Harold Washington Library, 400 South
State St., 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605
Itasca Community Library, 500 W.
Irving Park Rd., Itasca, IL 60143
Melrose Park Public Library, 801
Broadway St., Melrose Park, IL 60160
Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S.
Emerson St., Mount Prospect, IL
60056
Northlake Public Library, 231 N. Wolf
Rd., Northlake, IL 60164
Oakton Community College Library, Des
Plaines, IL 60016
Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S.
Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068
River Grove Public Library, 8638 Grand
Ave., River Grove, IL 60171
Roselle Public Library, 40 S. Park St.,
Roselle, IL 60172
Schiller Park Public Library, 4200 Old
River Rd., Schiller Park, IL 60176
Wood Dale Public Library, 520 N. Wood
Dale Rd., Wood Dale, IL 60191

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment; Panama City-Bay County International Airport; Panama City, FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA) is issuing this
notice to advertise to the public that an
Environmental Assessment (EA) will be
prepared to consider alternatives to
meet forecast growth in aviation

demand in the Panama City-Bay County
region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms.
Virginia Lane, Federal Aviation
Administration, Orlando Airports
District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National
Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822-
5024, 407/812-6331, Extension 29.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA
intends to prepare an Environmental
Assessment (EA) to address
environmental and related impacts
expected to be associated with meeting
forecast growth in aviation demand in
the Panama City-Bay County region.

The EA will be developed, prepared,
and processed such that it can be
converted to an Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS) in a timely fashion,
should the EA indicate that the project
will likely result in significant
environmental impacts and that a
Finding of No Significant Impact
(FONSI) is not appropriate.

The Panama City-Bay County
International Airport (PFN), owned and
operated by the Panama City-Bay
County Airport and Industrial District,
is located approximately five miles
northwest of the central business district
of Panama City, Florida. PFN has two
150-foot wide runways, Runway 5-23
and Runway 14-32. Runway 5-23
measures 4,888 feet in length and is
primarily used by general aviation
aircraft. Runway 14-32, with a length of
6,304 feet, serves as the primary runway
for commercial airline service at PFN.

During the 1990's, an Environmental
Assessment was initiated to consider
alternatives to provide an 8,000-foot
runway at PFN. This study
recommended an extension of Runway
14-32 to the northwest into Goose
Bayou to provide additional runway
length. However, the proposed runway
extension would have environmental
impacts to Class II waters that are
protected under state law. Due to
opposition to the runway extension, the
Environmental Assessment was deferred
in 1998.

With support from the Federal
Aviation Administration (FAA) and the
Florida Department of Transportation
(FDOT), the Panama City-Bay County
International Airport Authority initiated
an effort to study the feasibility of
relocating or expanding the airport
facilities in 1999. The Airport
Feasibility Study resulted in a
determination that relocation of the
airport was technically feasible.

This Environmental Assessment (EA)
will include evaluation of a no action
alternative and other reasonable
alternatives that may be identified

during the agency and public scoping
meetings.

Public Scoping: Although formal
scoping is not required for an EA, public
and agency scoping sessions will be
conducted at the initiation of the EA.
This action is being conducted to help
to identify the scope of issues to be
addressed, assist in the identification of
alternatives, and aid in the
identification of any potentially
significant issues related to the
proposed action.

The FAA will hold a scoping meeting
to solicit input from Federal, State, and
local agencies which have jurisdiction
by law or have a specific expertise with
respect to any environmental impacts
associated with the project. In addition,
a public scoping meeting will be held
and the public may submit written
comments on the scope of the
environmental study to the address
identified in the **FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION CONTACT** paragraph. A
separate Public Notice will be issued to
provide the date, time and place of the
scoping meetings and the period for
written comments.

Questions may be directed to the
individual named above under the
heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT**.

Issued in Orlando, Florida, October 30,
2001.

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Office.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application (01-03-C-00-LYH) To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Lynchburg Regional Airport, Lynchburg, Virginia

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to rule on
application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and
invites public comment on the
application to impose and use the
revenue from a PFC at Lynchburg
Regional Airport under the provisions of
the Aviation Safety and Capacity
Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the
Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of
1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of
the Federal Aviation Regulations (14
CFR part 158).