

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at the Kearney Municipal Airport, Kearney, NE**

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

ACTION: Notice of request to release airport property.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the release of land at the Kearney Municipal Airport under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 10, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Central Region, Airports Division, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2325. In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Michael J. Tye, City Attorney, City of Kearney, 1419 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 636, Kearney, NE, 68848-0636.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicoletta Oliver, Airports Compliance Specialist, FAA, Central Region, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106-2325, (816) 329-2642.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the request to release property at the Kearney Municipal Airport under the provisions of AIR21.

On November 4, 2010, the FAA determined that the request to release property at the Kearney Municipal Airport, submitted by the City of Kearney, met the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA will approve or disapprove the request, in whole or in part, no later than January 7, 2011.

The following is a brief overview of the request.

The City of Kearney requests the release of approximately 170 acres of airport property.

The land is currently not being used for aeronautical purposes. The purpose of this release is to sell the land to Delux Manufacturing Co. Inc. for use as farm land and generate revenue for the airport.

Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents that are relevant to the request, in person at the City of Kearney, Kearney, Nebraska.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 16, 2010.

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Manager, Airports Division, Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Environmental Impact Statement for the Milwaukee, WI (Milwaukee Intermodal Station) to Minneapolis, MN (Minneapolis Transportation Interchange) Rail Corridor**

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Tier I Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the Milwaukee, WI to Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN (Milwaukee-Twin Cities) High-Speed Rail Corridor Program. The project includes passenger stations, maintenance facilities, and the construction of a high-speed rail line between Milwaukee and the Twin Cities. This corridor is part of a larger network of high-speed passenger rail corridors in the Midwest, with a hub in Chicago, IL. The effort to develop these high-speed rail corridors and expand the passenger rail system in the Midwest is known as the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative (MWRRI). FRA is issuing this notice to solicit public and agency input into the development of the scope of the EIS and to advise the public that outreach activities conducted by FRA will be considered in the preparation of the EIS. Alternatives under consideration include taking no action (No Build), as well as several build alternatives along a variety of corridors between Milwaukee and the Twin Cities.

DATES: Locations, dates, and start and end times for public meetings involving the EIS are listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel Krom, Director, Passenger Rail

Office, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, MS 480, St. Paul, MN 55155, telephone (651)-366-3193; or Ms. Colleen Vaughn, Office of Railroad Policy and Development, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., MS-20/W38-303, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-6096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FRA, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), will prepare a Tier 1 EIS for the Milwaukee-Twin Cities High-Speed Rail Corridor Program from the Milwaukee Intermodal Station in Milwaukee, WI to the Minneapolis Transportation Interchange in Minneapolis, MN. The objective of the tiered EIS is to evaluate potential intercity passenger rail route alternatives at the corridor level and will result in the creation of a Service Development Plan for the corridor.

Objectives: The objectives of this MWRRI project are to meet current and future regional travel needs through significant improvements to the level and quality of passenger rail service and provide a stimulus for joint development in communities served by the system by:

- Using existing rail rights-of-way to connect rural, small urban, and major metropolitan areas;
- Improving safety, reliability and on-time performance;
- Providing a transportation choice for smaller communities which do not have or are under-served by commercial air service;
- Providing improved travel times that are competitive with the automobile mode; and
- Using modern train equipment operating at speeds up to 110 mph.

Environmental Review Process: The EIS will be developed in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR part 1500 *et seq.*) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), FRA's Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts (64 FR 28545; May 26, 1999). FRA, with Mn/DOT and WisDOT, will use a tiered process, as provided for in 40 CFR 1508.28 and in accordance with FRA guidance, in the completion of the environmental review of the Project. The Tier 1 EIS will address broad corridor-level issues and proposals. Subsequent phases or tiers will analyze, at a greater level of detail, narrower site-specific proposals based on the decisions made in Tier 1.

Tier 1: The Tier 1 EIS will result in a NEPA document with the appropriate