

Dated: February 23, 2010.

**Maura M. Pally,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2010 0015]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before April 27, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas M.P. Christensen, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5909 or E-Mail: [Thomas.christensen@dot.gov](mailto:Thomas.christensen@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maritime Administration (MARAD).

*Title of Collection:* Voluntary Tanker Agreement.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0505.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The collection consists of a request from the Maritime Administration (MARAD) that each participant in the Voluntary Tanker Agreement submit a list of the names of ships owned, chartered or contracted for by the participant, their size and flags of registry and other pertinent information. There is a recommended format for this information included as part of the application.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The collection of information is necessary to evaluate tanker capability and make plans for use of this capability to meet national emergency requirements. This

information will be used by both MARAD and Department of Defense to establish overall contingency plans.

*Description of Respondents:* Tanker companies that operate in international trade and who have agreed to participate in this agreement.

*Annual Responses:* 15 responses.

*Annual Burden:* 15 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.66.

Dated: February 2, 2010.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Murray Bloom,**

*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for a Proposed Airport Traffic Control Tower and Base Building, Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport, Portage City, MI

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for a Proposed Airport Traffic Control Tower and Base Building, Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport, Portage City, Michigan.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to fund, construct, and operate a new Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) and Base Building at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport (AZO), Portage City, Michigan. The FAA's preferred alternative is to construct the ATCT at a location on the northeast portion of AZO. The purpose and need of the proposed project is to improve visibility of airport surfaces, have the capability to meet future operational and administrative expansion requirements, and increase the efficient functionality of the facility because the current ATCT and collocated Terminal Radar Approach Control facility are outdated and outmoded.

The FAA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) in conformance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*. The DEA analyzes the potential environmental impacts that may result from construction and operation of the proposed new ATCT and Base Building at the proposed site, as well as the no action alternative (*i.e.*, not constructing and operating the ATCT). As part of the proposed project, the DEA also analyzes the potential environmental impacts that may result from construction and operation of an ATCT access road and consequent relocation of a portion of the existing airport perimeter road. The DEA is available for public review during a 30-day public comment period at the following libraries:

Kalamazoo Public Library, Washington Square Branch, 1244 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001.  
Kalamazoo Public Library, Central Library, 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Portage District Library, 300 Library Lane, Portage, MI 49002.

**ADDRESSES:** The FAA will accept written comments on the DEA until close of business on March 31, 2010. Comments on the DEA may be sent to: Ms. Virginia Marcks, FAA, AJW-C14D, 2300 East Devon Ave., Des Plaines, IL 60018, fax 847-294-7698, e-mail [virginia.marcks@faa.gov](mailto:virginia.marcks@faa.gov). Copies of the Draft EA on compact disk may be obtained by contacting Ms. Virginia Marcks. Comments received on the DEA during the public comment period will be addressed in a Final Environmental Assessment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Virginia Marcks, Manager, Infrastructure Engineering Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. Telephone number: 847-294-7494. E-mail: [virginia.marcks@faa.gov](mailto:virginia.marcks@faa.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Cook County, IL

**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 Cook County, Illinois.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Norman R. Stoner, P.E., Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 3250 Executive Park Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 492-4600. Diane O'Keefe, P.E., Deputy Director of Highways, Region One Engineer, District 1, Illinois Department of Transportation, 201 W. Center Court, Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096, Phone: (847) 705-4110.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve Interstate 290 (I-290) located in the Illinois county of Cook. The proposed improvement would involve the reconstruction of the existing 7.5 mile roadway facility from US 12/20/45 (Mannheim Road) to east of IL 50

(Cicero Avenue). Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary due to safety concerns, operational issues, traffic congestion, and age of facility. Alternatives that may be considered include (1) taking no action; (2) a full range of multi-modal build alternatives that involve the reconstruction of I-290.

Improvements to I-290 have the potential to affect environmental features in the project area. The corridor is located in a highly developed mature urban setting with limited biological and natural resources. The built environment has the potential to be affected. Some resources within the proposed area include: cemeteries, parks, special waste sites, nearby historic districts, possible residential and commercial displacements, air quality, sensitive noise receptors, the Des Plaines River, and related indirect and cumulative impact considerations.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies. As part of the EIS process a scoping meeting for obtaining input from Resource Agencies was held on September 9, 2009.

The Illinois Department of Transportation's Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process will be used for public involvement. A Stakeholder Involvement Plan (SIP) has been developed to ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed project are identified and addressed. The SIP provides meaningful opportunities for all stakeholders to participate in defining transportation issues and solutions for the study area. One public meeting will be held in Cook County at each project milestone. In addition to the public meetings, a public hearing and comment period will be held following the release of the Draft EIS. Public notice will be given for the time and place of the public meetings and hearing. A project website has been established (<http://www.eisenhowerexpressway.com>) as one element of the project public involvement process.

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.

(Catalog 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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**Norman R. Stoner,**

Division Administrator, Springfield, Illinois.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)/Record of Decision (ROD) for the New Airport Traffic Control Tower and Base Building at Cherry Capital Airport, Traverse City, MI

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)/Record of Decision (ROD) for the New Airport Traffic Control Tower and Base Building at Cherry Capital Airport, Traverse City, Michigan.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that the FAA has prepared, and approved on February 8, 2010, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)/Record of Decision (ROD) based on the Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) for a New Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) and Base Building at Cherry Capital Airport (TVC) in Traverse City, Michigan. The FAA prepared the Final EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the FAA's regulations and guidelines for environmental documents. It was accepted on November 2, 2009 by the FAA's Responsible Federal Official.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Virginia Marcks, Manager, Infrastructure Engineering Center, AJW-C14D, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. Telephone number: (847) 294-7494.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final EA evaluated the construction and operation of a new ATCT at TVC. The replacement ATCT will be a Low Activity Level facility with a 395 square foot cab accommodating two operational positions and two support positions. The ATCT will be constructed on 1.64 acres of land owned by the airport, 520 feet northeast of the existing ATCT and will have a cab floor height of 752 feet above mean sea level, located within the footprint of Airport Access Road. The