

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****TSO-C77b, Gas Turbine Auxiliary Power Units**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed Technical Standard Order and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of draft Technical Standard Order (TSO), C77b. This proposed TSO pertains to minimum performance standards that gas turbine auxiliary power units (APUs), commonly used in commercial aircraft, must meet in order to be identified with the proposed TSO marking.

**DATES:** Comments must identify the TSO file number and be received on or before May 4, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed TSO to the Federal Aviation Administration, Attn: Engine and Propeller Standards Staff, ANE-110, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA, 01803-5299. Comments must identify the TSO file number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark A. Rumizen, Engine and Propeller Standards Staff, ANE-110, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299, telephone (781) 238-7113, fax (781) 238-7199.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

A copy of the draft TSO may be obtained by contacting the person named under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO, and to submit such written data, views, or arguments as they desire. Commenters must identify the TSO file number, and submit comments to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, before issuance of the final TSO.

**Background**

The standards of this TSO would apply to all APUs used for any new application submitted after the effective date of this TSO. APUs currently approved under TSO-C77 or TSO-C77a authorization may continue to be manufactured under the provisions of

their original approval. However, under § 21.611(b) of the Federal Aviation Regulations, any major design change to an APU previously approved under TSO-C77 or TSO-C77a would require a new authorization under this TSO. The general layout of this document complies with the updated TSO format.

**How To Obtain Copies**

A copy of the proposed TSO-C77b may be obtained via Internet (<http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/air100/100home.htm>) or on request from the office listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Washington and Benton Counties, Arkansas**

**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 intermodal highway project in Washington and Benton Counties, Arkansas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Romero, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 3128 Federal Office Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3298, Telephone: (501) 324-5625; or Brenda Price, Environmental Scientist, Environmental Division, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, Post Office Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203, Telephone (501) 569-2281; or Uvalde Lindsey, Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority Staff Consultant, 100 West Center Street, Suite 300, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701, Telephone (501) 582-2100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Transportation and the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct a new intermodal access road to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport. It is

intended that the access road be a toll road. The proposed construction would involve a new intermodal toll road from either US 71 or US 412 on the existing Federal Highway System and connect to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport, for a distance of approximately eight to twelve miles (13 to 19 kilometers).

The new access road is considered necessary to provide for existing and projected traffic demand to the airport. Bridges and water crossings will be required, the number and location depending upon the exact route. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action, (2) improving the existing highways, and (3) constructing a new access road at a new location. Several location alternatives will be considered.

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 or are known to have interest in the proposal. A formal public Scoping meeting will be held on March 28, 2000, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, Elm Springs, Arkansas. A series of public meetings will be held in the project area during the course of the Study. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to 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.

(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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