

- Empower participants in the Independent Choices demonstration project to demonstrate greater autonomy by allowing them to purchase their own personal assistance services.

The Secretary, DHHS and the State of Oregon will obtain measurements involving these objectives for the Social Security Administration.

The Commissioner's demonstration project will involve no or minimal new or additional program costs to the Federal government under title XVI of the Act or to the State of Oregon under section 1616 of the Act. SSI beneficiaries who choose to participate in this demonstration will purchase services which would ordinarily be provided by Medicaid and other Federal and State services programs at a potentially greater cost. If the Commissioner did not exercise his authority under section 1110(b) of the Act to waive certain resources rules for participants in the Independent Choices demonstration, SSI beneficiaries could choose not to participate in Oregon's demonstration and continue to receive services directly, rather than through the beneficiary's purchase. Continued SSI eligibility for beneficiaries who choose to participate in the demonstration project is not a new or additional cost related to the Commissioner's demonstration project.

SSI beneficiary participation in the Independent Choices demonstration should not affect SSI benefit amounts even if the beneficiary employs an ineligible spouse or ineligible parent as a provider of services, unless the beneficiary is an alien who employs the sponsor to provide these services. Generally, the income and resources of an eligible spouse or eligible child is deemed to include a portion of the income and resources of the ineligible spouse or parent under sections 1614(f)(1) and (2) of the Act. However, the Commissioner has exercised his discretion under those provisions. As a result, SSA does not deem the income of an ineligible spouse or ineligible parent paid under a Federal, State or local government program who provides an eligible spouse or eligible child with chore, attendant or homemaker services (described in regulations at 20 CFR 416.1161(a)(16)). The Commissioner has no similar discretionary authority for deeming from a sponsor to an alien.

If an SSI beneficiary employs his or her ineligible spouse or ineligible parent as a service provider, and the ineligible spouse or parent conserves all or part of those funds, the retained portion of those funds will become deemable resources the month after the month of receipt. (This is described in regulations

at 20 CFR 416.1202.) SSA routinely explains the SSI resources limits and the rules concerning the deeming of resources to affected SSI beneficiaries. Instructions to SSA field offices in Oregon will reinforce the need to explain how payment to the ineligible spouse or ineligible parent could lead to an increase in deemable resources.

The State of Oregon will experience no or minimal new or additional costs under section 1616 of the Act for SSI beneficiaries who participate in the Independent Choices demonstration project. The demonstration project will not add new beneficiaries to either the SSI or State supplementary payments rolls, or artificially extend the eligibility of beneficiaries, or increase payment amounts of SSI or State supplementary payments to participants.

**Statutory and Regulatory Provisions Waived:** The Commissioner waives certain SSI resources counting rules for the duration of an individual's participation in Oregon's Independent Choices demonstration project where application of those rules would otherwise affect the eligibility of an individual for SSI. The specific statutory and regulatory provisions waived are those described in the preceding section.

**Authority:** Section 1110(b) of the Social Security Act.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs No. 96.006—Supplemental Security Income)

Dated: January 18, 2001.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Notice of Document Availability; Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Cal Black Memorial Airport, Halls Crossing, Utah**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration has released, for public review and comment, the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) to address issues arising from the 1993 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Decision concerning the closure of Halls Crossing Airport and the development and operation of Cal Black Memorial Airport, Halls Crossing, Utah. The DSEIS identifies the

noise impacts associated with operation of Cal Black Memorial Airport, the probable impacts if Halls Crossing Airport had not been closed, and includes a survey of visitors to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and their reaction to aircraft overflight noise.

#### **DATE AND ADDRESS FOR COMMENTS:**

Comments concerning the DSEIS may be submitted by March 30, 2001, to Mr. Dennis Ossenkop, ANM-611, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056.

A public hearing may be requested by contacting Mr. Dennis Ossenkop at the address above. Persons desiring to review the DSEIS may do so during normal business hours at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,  
Airports Division Office, Suite 315,  
1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton,  
Washington

Federal Aviation Administration,  
Airports District Office, Suite 224,  
26805 East 68th Ave, Denver,  
Colorado

San Juan County Courthouse, County  
Executive Office, 117 S. Main,  
Monticello, Utah

If you desire additional information related to this project, please contact Mr. Dennis Ossenkop at the above address.

Issued in Renton, Washington on January 29, 2001.

**Lowell H. Johnson,**

*Manager, Airports Division, Northwest Mountain Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meeting Cancellations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the February 8 and 9, 2001, meeting of the Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee (66 FR 8842, February 2, 2001) has been cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled and announced in a later **Federal Register** notice.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gerri Robinson, Office of Rulemaking,

ARM-24, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-9078, FAX (202) 267-5075, or e-mail at gerri.robinson@faa.gov.

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**Anthony F. Fazio,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No.'s FRA-2000-6923 and FRA-2000-6924]

#### Cancellation of Public Hearing; CSX Transportation, Inc.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has cancelled the public hearing on the captioned block signal applications, because docketed applications FRA-2000-6923 and FRA-2000-6924 have been withdrawn by the railroad.

The hearing had been scheduled for February 6, 2001, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The withdrawn CSX Transportation, Incorporated's applications were seeking approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the manual block systems (DCS Operating Rules), on the single secondary track, between Weir, milepost 13.3 and Dock, milepost 28.2, near New Bedford, Massachusetts, New Bedford Subdivision, and on the single secondary track, between Swamp, milepost 0.0 and Wharf, milepost 12.0, near Fall River, Massachusetts, Fall River Subdivision, Albany Service Lane, and re-designation of the secondary tracks to industrial tracks. (See the original hearing notice in **Federal Register** Vol. 66, No. 9, Friday, January 12, 2001, page 2951.)

The FRA regrets any inconvenience occasioned by the cancellation of this hearing.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 31, 2001.

**Michael J. Logue,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Federal Transit Administration National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects; Delay of Effective Date

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; delay of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** This action temporarily delays for 60 days the effective date of the policy titled, "Federal Transit Administration National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," published in the **FEDERAL REGISTER** on January 8, 2001, at 66 FR 1455, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) final rule titled, "Intelligent Transportation System Architecture and Standards," also published on January 8, 2001, at 66 FR 1446. The FTA policy concerns conformance with the National ITS Architecture and Standards. The policy encourages the effective deployment of ITS projects and coordination of local ITS strategies and projects to help meet the national and local goals for mobility, accessibility, safety, security, economic growth and trade, and the environment.

FHWA is delaying the effective date of its rule in accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, titled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the **FEDERAL REGISTER** on January 24, 2001. To avoid any inconsistency or confusion, FTA is choosing to delay the effective date of its policy by creating a new effective date that is the same as for the FHWA rule. This 60-day delay will allow FTA to further review, consider and coordinate the policy with FHWA.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the policy published at 66 FR 1455, January 8, 2001, is delayed until April 8, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical issues, Brian Cronin, Advanced Public Transportation Systems Division, (202) 366-8841. For legal issues, Richard Wong, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 266-1936.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The temporary 60-day delay in the effective date of the FTA policy is consistent with the effective date of the FHWA rule. In conjunction with FHWA's review of its rule, FTA will have the opportunity to further review, consider, and coordinate FTA's National ITS Architecture policy. We are making this change effective immediately because the original effective date of the FTA policy would have led to potential

confusion given the delay in the effective date of the FHWA rule.

Issued On: February 2, 2001.

**Hiram J. Walker,**

*Acting Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2001-8797]

#### Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Proposed information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation has submitted the following emergency processing public information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.) This notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. Comments should be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

**DATES:** OMB approval has been requested by January 29, 2001

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis Utter, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6125, NRD-31, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Utter's telephone number is (202) 366-5351.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

*Title:* National Automotive Sampling System Tire Pressure Special Study.

*OMB Control Number:* New.

*Frequency:* One-time only.

*Affected Public:* Passenger Motor Vehicle Operator Users of Gasoline Stations

*Abstract:* The National Automotive Sampling System Tire Pressure Special Study is being conducted to respond to Section 13 of the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and