

having received ground and flight training in accordance with a training program approved under subpart N of part 121. *GRANT, January 16, 1998, Exemption No. 6721.*

*Docket No.:* 137CE.

*Petitioner:* Air Tractor, Inc.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 23.3(a).

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit the petitioner, a normal category airplane, to exceed the 12,500 pound limitation for this category of airplane. *DENIAL, December 31, 1998, Exemption No. 6715.*

*Docket No.:* 29085.

*Petitioner:* ACM Aviation, Inc.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 135.263(a) and 135.267(b), (c), and (d).

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit the petitioner to assign its flight crewmembers and allow its flight crewmembers to accept a flight assignment of up to 16 hours of flight time during a 24-hour period, for the purpose of conducting international operations. *DENIAL, January 21, 1998, Exemption No. 6722.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Madison, Wayne and Butler Counties, Missouri

**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 (EIS) will be prepared for proposed improvements to the transportation system in Madison, Wayne, and Butler Counties, Missouri.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald Neumann, Programs Engineer, FHWA Division Office, PO Box 1787, Jefferson City, MO 65102, Telephone: (573) 636-7104 or Scott Meyer, District Engineer, Missouri Department of Transportation, PO Box 160, Sikeston, MO 63801, Telephone: (573) 472-5333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), will prepare an EIS for a proposed project to improve the transportation system in the vicinity of U.S. 67 in Madison, Wayne and Butler Counties, Missouri.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for a

safe and efficient transportation network. Alternatives under consideration include (1) Taking no action; (2) using alternate travel modes; (3) upgrading and improving the existing roadways; and (4) constructing a four-lane roadway on new or partially-new location. Design variations of grade and alignment will be incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives. The proposed action will likely include transportation improvements from south of Fredericktown to approximately three miles north of the Missouri/Arkansas state line, in the vicinity of Neeleyville, Missouri.

The scoping process will involve all appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held to engage the regional community in the decision making process and to obtain public comment. A public meeting is expected for early 1998. Subsequent public meetings will be conducted as the location study process progresses. In addition, a public hearing will be held to present the findings of the draft EIS (DEIS). The DEIS 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 or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12373 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION [4910-22-P]

### Federal Highway Administration

### Federal Transit Administration

### National ITS Architecture Consistency Meetings

**AGENCIES:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a series of regional meetings at which DOT will discuss national ITS architecture consistency as it relates to highway and transit improvements that incorporate Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). It is anticipated that the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization bill will require federally funded projects which contain ITS elements to be consistent with the National ITS Architecture and approved standards. In anticipation, DOT is initiating a series of outreach meetings to engage a broad range of stakeholders in discussions regarding consistency requirements. These meetings will be of interest to those involved in the planning, design and implementation of technology applications in transportation. The first meeting will be held in the Boston area. Regional meetings are also planned for March in Houston, TX and Los Angeles, CA; specific dates and locations will be published at a later date. Additional meetings are proposed for April and May.

**DATES:** The Boston area meeting will be held February 25-26, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on February 25th and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 26th.

**ADDRESSES:** The Boston area meeting will be held at the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, 55 Broadway, Kendall Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National ITS Architecture is a master blueprint for building an integrated, multimodal, intelligent transportation system. It provides a common framework that define key elements required for ITS functions. As such, it is an invaluable resource for planners, builders, designers, and operators of highway and transit systems to use in extending and integrating their systems operations.

A general introduction to ITS will be provided, but presentations will assume a basic awareness of technology applications in transportation. The