CONTACT section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Robert Zoldos,

FAA System Engineer, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 186: Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS–B)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 186 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAS is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 186: Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS–B).

DATES: The meeting will be held April 5–9, 2004, starting at 9 a.m. (unless stated otherwise).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; Web site *http://www.rtca.org*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 186 meeting. *Note: Specific working group sessions will be held on April 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9.* The plenary agenda will include:

- *April 8–9:*
- Opening Plenary Session (Chairman's Introductory Remarks, Review of Meeting Agenda, Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Summary)
- SC–186 Activity Reports
- WG–1, Operations and Implementation
- WG–2, Traffic Information Service—Broadcast (TIS–B)
- WG–3, 1090 MHz Minimum Operational Performance Standard (MOPS)
- WG–4, Application Technical Requirements
- WG–5, Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) MOPS
- WG–6, Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS–B) Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS)
- Review Status—Requirements Focus Group
- EUROCAE WG–51 Activity Report
- Briefing—Australian ADS–B air-ground
- Review/Approval Revised DO–282, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast, RTCA Paper No. 031–04/SC186–217.
- Review/Approve Change 1 to DO–260A, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for 1090 MHz Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS–B) and Traffic Information Services (TIS–B), RTCA Paper No. 032–04/SC186–218.
- Closing Plenary Session (Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting, Other Business, Review Actions Items/Work Program, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Robert Zoldos,

FAA System Engineer, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice To Rescind a Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS): Pulaski Coiunty, AK

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Rescind notice of intent to prepare a SDEIS.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent published on February 18, 1999, to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for a proposed highway project in Pulaski County, Arkansas, is being rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randal J. Looney, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, Arkansas Division, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3130, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201–3298, Telephone: (501) 324–6430.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, is rescinding the notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) on a proposal to construct the North Belt Freeway, a four-lane, divided, fully controlled access facility located on new alignment in northern Pulaski County.

In 1994, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and a Record of Decision (ROD) identified a selected alignment (1A). However, a portion of this alignment was not compatible with the City of Sherwood's Master Street Plan, and the project was not included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) developed by Metroplan, the responsible Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). On February 18, 1999, FHWA published a NOI to prepare a SDEIS as part of the development process for the construction of this proposed freeway project.

The proposed project will primarily serve central Arkansas including Little Rock, North Little Rock, Sherwood, Jacksonville, and northern Pulaski County, Arkansas. The SDEIS was to have addressed a new alignment alternative (1B) proposed by the City of Sherwood and three previously studied alternatives located between the Highway 107/Brockington Road interchange and the eastern boundary of Camp Robinson near Maryland Avenue and Batesville Pike. The three previously studied alternatives were evaluated in the project's Draft EIS in 1991 and in the project's Final EIS in 1994.

The SDEIS was to focus on a limited study area between Batesville Pike and Brockington Road in northern Pulaski County, since this is the portion of the proposed corridor where several alternative alignments were still being considered. The remaining portions of the selected and approved North Belt Freeway alignment to the east toward Highway 67 and to the west through Camp Robinson ending at the I–40/I–430 interchange were to be reviewed only to a level necessary to document if any substantial changes have taken place since the completion and approval of the project's FEIS and ROD.

A preliminary study of the project alignments completed in 2003 attempted to establish if the local community and MPO could support the originally selected project alternative. The public involvement process associated with this reevaluation indicated public opposition for the originally selected alignment alternative. The City of Sherwood and Metroplan, citing the project's incompatibility with local and regional plans, refused to endorse the originally selected alignment alternative as the locally preferred route. Therefore, an SDEIS will be conducted to evaluate all feasible alternatives, possibly including alignments not evaluated in the project's original DEIS and FEIS. The original NOI for the SDEIS is being rescinded because it limited the area of study. A notice of intent to announce an SDEIS with an expanded study area for this project will be published subsequent to this NOI.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties regarding this action to rescind the NOI published on February 18, 1999, for the proposed North Belt Freeway. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the FHWA Arkansas Division 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 of Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Sandra L. Otto,

Division Administrator, FHWA, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petitions for Waivers of Compliance

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 211.41, and 49 U.S.C. 20103, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal railroad safety regulations. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, and the nature of the relief being sought.

Mississippi Lime Company

FRA Waiver Petition No. FRA–2003–16130

Mississippi Lime Company located in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, is seeking a ''Wavier from all applicable provisions of 49 CFR Sec. 200, *et. seq,* and any and all other applicable statutes, rules, and regulations enforced by the Federal Railroad Administration.'' The Mississippi Lime Company anticipates entering into a nonexclusive agreement to operate on approximately two miles of trackage owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) from Milepost 87.0 to Milepost 89.0 on the Mosher Lead. The applicant states, ''The Mosher Lead is only used by the UP when (i) UP makes deliveries to the Company, (ii) UP's main line track that runs adjacent to the Mississippi River is inaccessible due to elevated water levels of the Mississippi River, and (iii) UP delivers one to three cars annually to MFA Co-Op Exchange, the only other industry located on the Mosher Lead.''

Since FRA has not yet completed its investigation of the Mississippi Lime Company petition, the agency takes no position at this time on the merits of stated justifications.

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proceeding by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with the request for a waiver of certain regulatory provisions. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, he or she should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for his or her request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (Docket Number FRA FRA–2003–16130) and must be submitted to the DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401 (Plaza level) 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket, including Mississippi Lime Company's detailed waiver request, are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at *http://dms.dot.gov.*

Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning this proceeding are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility.

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). The Statement may also be found at *http://dms.dot.gov.*

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Discretionary Cooperative Agreements To Assist in the Development of Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability—discretionary cooperative agreements to assist in the development and use of Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System.

SUMMARY: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announces a discretionary cooperative agreement program to assist states in the development and use of Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) and solicits applications for projects under this program from states that have not previously been funded to develop CODES. Under this program, states will link their existing statewide traffic records with injury outcome and charge data. The linked data will be used to support highway safety decision-making at the local, regional, and State levels to reduce deaths, non-fatal injuries, and health care costs resulting from motor vehicle crashes.

DATES: Applications must be received at the office designated below on or before April 26, 2004, at 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to DOT/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Contracts and Procurement (NPO–220), ATTN: Maxine D. Edwards, 400 7th Street, SW., Room 5301, Washington, DC 20590. All applications submitted must include a reference to NHTSA