SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: SAFETEA–LU Section 6009 Phase 2 Implementation Study Survey.

Background: Section 6009 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU) amended existing Section 4(f) legislation to simplify the process and approval of projects that have only de minimis impacts on lands protected by Section 4(f). SAFETEA–LU also required the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) to promulgate regulations to clarify the factors to be considered and the standards to be applied in determining the prudence and feasibility of alternatives that avoid uses of Section 4(f) properties. As mandated in the legislation, U.S. DOT conducted a study on the implementation of new Section 4(f) provisions and its amendments (herein referred to as Phase I). During development of the Phase I study, U.S. DOT determined that sufficient information would not be available during Phase I to adequately evaluate the new prudent and feasible standards. Based on this fact, along with recommendations provided by the Transportation Research Board (TRB) on strengthening the Phase I findings, U.S. DOT is requesting approval to sponsor a one-time survey on implementation of Section 6009 and its amendments. The U.S. DOT and John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe Center) have designed the survey and will submit the survey plan and its associated information collection burden to OMB for approval.

The information collection supports the U.S. DOT’s Environmental Stewardship Strategic Goal. U.S. DOT will be better able to evaluate how SAFETEA–LU Section 6009 may improve environmental decision-making and expedite environmental reviews of transportation infrastructure projects. The survey will solicit information on: (1) The post-construction effectiveness of impact mitigation and avoidance commitments adopted as part of projects where a Section 4(f) de minimis impact finding or Section 4(f) finding under the revised Section 4(f) regulations was made; and, (2) the processes developed to address the Section 4(f) de minimis impacts and revise the feasible and prudent standards and the efficiencies that may result. U.S. DOT will use the results to evaluate the effectiveness and any resulting efficiencies of SAFETEA–LU Section 6009 and its amendments.

Respondents: The proposed survey will be a web-based survey located on the Survey Monkey Web site (http://www.surveymonkey.com). Staff members at state and local transportation agencies and transportation authorities, State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO), Federal, State and local agencies with jurisdiction over park, recreation areas, or wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and citizen/advocacy groups will be asked to complete the survey. U.S. DOT estimates that approximately 120 participants (30 state DOTs, 15 transit and other transportation agencies, 25 SHPOs, 25 park and recreation officials, and 25 citizen groups) will complete the survey.

Frequency: This is a one-time collection.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 20 minutes per participant for the one-time survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 40 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the U.S. DOT’s performance, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the U.S. DOT’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.


Issued On: May 27, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Record of Decision (ROD) on a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the Proposed Federal Action at the Macon County Airport, Franklin, NC

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the approval of a FONSI/ROD on an FEA for a proposed Federal action at the Macon County Airport, Franklin, NC. The FONSI/ROD states that the proposed projects are consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and will not significantly affect the quality of the environment.

The FEA evaluated Macon County Airport’s proposal to extend Runway 7/25 600 feet to a total length of 5,000 feet, extend the existing parallel taxiway, and construct a 300-foot runway safety area.

After reviewing the FEA, the FAA has determined that project would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

The FAA and the FONSI/ROD are available for review at:

FAA Southern Region, Atlanta Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2–260, College Park, GA 30337.

Macon County Courthouse, Tax Collector’s Office, 5 West Main Street, Annex Bldg., Franklin, NC 28734–3005.

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Issued in College Park, Georgia on May 19, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Fourth Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 223: Airport Surface Wireless Communications

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.