

commitment by the FAA to financially assist the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. Where Federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Airports District Office in College Park, Georgia.

The City of Atlanta submitted to the FAA on March 29, 2007, the Noise Exposure Maps, descriptions, and other documentation produced during the noise compatibility planning study conducted from February 6, 2003, through September 5, 2007. The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Noise Exposure Maps were determined by FAA to be in compliance with applicable requirements on April 10, 2007. Notice of this determination was published in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 2007.

The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport study contains a proposed Noise Compatibility Program comprised of actions designed for phased implementation by airport management and adjacent jurisdictions from September 5, 2007 beyond the year 2012. It was requested that FAA evaluate and approve this material as a Noise Compatibility Program as described in section 47504 of the Act. The FAA began its review of the Program on September 7, 2007, and was required by a provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180 days (other than the use of new or modified flight procedures for noise control). Failure to approve or disapprove such program within the 180-day period shall be deemed to be an approval of such program.

The submitted program contained seven (7) proposed actions for noise mitigation on and off the airport. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of the Act and 14 CFR part 150 have been satisfied. The overall program, therefore, was approved by the FAA effective January 24, 2008.

Outright approval was granted for all of the specific program elements. These determinations are set forth in detail in a Record of Approval signed by the FAA on January 24, 2008. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available for review at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative office of the City of Atlanta. The Record of Approval also will be available on-line at: [http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/airports/environmental/airport\\_noise/part\\_150/states/](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/environmental/airport_noise/part_150/states/).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee

Pursuant to section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the FAA Research, Engineering and Development (R, E & D) Advisory Committee.

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

*Name:* Research, Engineering & Development Advisory Committee.

*Time and Date:* March 5, 2008—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Place:* Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Round Room (10th Floor), Washington, DC 20591.

*Purpose:* The meeting agenda will include receiving from the Committee guidance for FAA's research and development investments in the areas of air traffic services, airports, aircraft safety, human factors and environment and energy. Attendance is open to the interested public but seating is limited. Persons wishing to attend the meeting or obtain information should contact Gloria Dunderman at (202) 267-8937 or [gloria.dunderman@faa.gov](mailto:gloria.dunderman@faa.gov). Attendees will have to present picture ID at the security desk and be escorted to the Round Room.

Members of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time.

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**Barry Scott,**

*Acting Director, Research & Technology Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Express Lanes Demonstration Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** Section 1604(b) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-59; Aug. 10, 2005), authorizes the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to carry out 15 demonstration projects to permit States, public authorities, or public or private entities designated by States, the authority to collect a toll from a motor vehicle on an eligible toll facility. This notice invites States, public authorities, or other entities as designated by States to apply to participate in the Express Lanes Demonstration Program. It also presents guidelines for program applications and participation.

**DATES:** Applications must be received no later than May 31, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice, contact Mr. Wayne Berman, Office of Operations, (202) 366-4069, ([Wayne.Berman@dot.gov](mailto:Wayne.Berman@dot.gov)); for legal questions contact Mr. Michael Harkins, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-4928, ([Michael.Harkins@dot.gov](mailto:Michael.Harkins@dot.gov)). The FHWA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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##### Background

There is a growing consensus among transportation policymakers and economists that existing financing mechanisms for highway and aviation infrastructure are unsustainable in the long-term and will be unable to keep pace with projected demands on the transportation network. In May 2006, the National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network was introduced by the U.S. Department of Transportation to set forth several initiatives to relieve congestion.<sup>1</sup> The Express Lanes

<sup>1</sup> Speaking before the National Retail Federation's annual conference on May 16, 2006, in Washington, DC, former U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta unveiled a new plan to reduce congestion plaguing America's roads, rails, and airports. The National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network includes a number of initiatives designed to reduce transportation congestion. The transcripts of these remarks is available at the following URL: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/minetasp051606.htm>.