

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket No. FRA-2000-7257; Notice No. 58]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Meeting.

SUMMARY: FRA announces the forty-first meeting of the RSAC, a Federal advisory committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The RSAC meeting topics will include opening remarks from the FRA Administrator, and status reports will be provided by the Locomotive Standards, Passenger Safety, Track Safety Standards, and Medical Standards Working Groups. Status updates will be provided on the following tasks arising out of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA): Positive Train Control, Passenger Hours of Service, Railroad Bridge Safety Management, and Conductor Certification. FRA may offer a new task on Minimum Training Standards for Safety-Related Railroad Employees, as required by the RSIA. This agenda is subject to change, including the possible addition of further proposed tasks.

DATES: The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010, and will adjourn by 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The RSAC meeting will be held at the Marriott Washington, Wardman Park Hotel, located at 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Woolverton, RSAC Administrative Officer/Coordinator, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212; or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the RSAC. The RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to FRA on railroad safety matters. The

RSAC is composed of 54 voting representatives from 31 member organizations, representing various rail industry perspectives. In addition, there are non-voting advisory representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Federal Transit Administration. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. See the RSAC Web site for details on pending tasks at: <http://rsac.fra.dot.gov>. Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740), for additional information about the RSAC.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 19, 2010.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Fifth Meeting—RTCA Special Committee 220: Automatic Flight Guidance and Control**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 220: Automatic Flight Guidance and Control meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 220: Automatic Flight Guidance and Control.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 23-25, 2010. February 23rd-24th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and February 25th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Tucson Airport, 6575 South Country Club Road, Tucson, Arizona, USA 85706, Tel. +1-520-741-0505, Fax: +1-520-741-0510.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (1) 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 220: Automatic Flight Guidance and Control meeting. The agenda will include:

- Welcome/Agenda Overview
- MOPS General Status
- MOPS Part 23 inputs status
- MOPS Part 25/27 inputs status
- Breakout into individual MOPS sections WGs
- All-hands to Merge the MOPS sections WGs
- Report out from each MOPS WG: status, schedule, issues
- Establish Dates, Location, Agenda for Next Meeting, Other Business

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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Francisco Estrada C.,
RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Noise Exposure Map Notice for Kona International Airport at Keahole, Keahole, North Kona, HI**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the State of Hawaii for Kona International Airport at Keahole under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et seq.* (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is January 12, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Ciesla, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Pacific Region, Airports Division, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007, *Telephone:* (310) 725-3612.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Kona International Airport at Keahole are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150,

effective January 12, 2010. Under 49 U.S.C. section 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport. An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation submitted by the State of Hawaii. The documentation that constitutes the "noise exposure maps" as defined in section 150.7 of Part 150 includes: Exhibit 1, Existing Conditions (2008) Noise Exposure Map and Exhibit, Future Condition (2013) Noise Exposure Map. The Noise Exposure Maps contain current and forecast information including the depiction of the airport and its boundaries, the runway configurations, land uses such as residential, noise sensitive institutions, a school, non noise-sensitive land uses, and growth risk areas, and also those areas within the noise contours. Estimates for the number of people within these contours, for the year 2008 is shown in Table 4C. Estimates of the future number of people within the 2013 noise contours is shown in Table 4F. Flight tracks for the existing and the five-year forecast Noise Exposure Maps are found in Exhibits 3E, 3F, 3G, and 3H. The type and frequency of aircraft operations (including nighttime operations) are found in Tables 3A and 3B for the existing conditions (2008) and the future conditions (2013). The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on January 12, 2010.

FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is

limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the full noise exposure map documentation and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,
Western-Pacific Region, Airports
Division, Room 3012, 15000 Aviation
Boulevard, Hawthorne, California
90261;

Federal Aviation Administration,
Honolulu Airports District Office, 300
Ala Moana Boulevard, 7-128,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850;

State of Hawaii, Department of
Transportation, Airports Division, 400
Rodgers Boulevard, Suite 700,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-1880;

Kona International Airport at Keahole,
73-200 Kupipi Street, Kailua-Kona,
Hawaii 96740-2645.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Issued in Hawthorne, California on January 12, 2010.

Mia Paredes Ratcliff,

*Acting Manager, Airports Division, AWP-600,
Western-Pacific Region.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board-Caltrain

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2009-0124]

The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) seeks a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of Title 49 CFR Part 238 *Passenger Equipment Safety Standards*. Specifically, JPB is considering purchasing non-FRA compliant high-efficiency electric multiple unit (EMU) vehicles, constructed to European safety standards for its Caltrain commuter rail service between San Francisco, CA, and Gilroy, CA. JPB seeks relief from the requirements of § 238.204 Static End Strength; § 238.205 Anti-Climbing Mechanism; § 238.207 Link Between Coupling Mechanism; § 238.211 Collision Posts; and § 238.213 Corner Posts.

JPB, which owns and operates the Caltrain commuter rail service between San Francisco, CA, and Gilroy, CA [MilePost (MP) 51.9], is currently considering a program that increases system capacity by removing constraints within the system. This program, referred to as "Caltrain 2025," will allow Caltrain to expand service and reduce costs while providing a measurably safer transportation network. Along with electrification of mainline tracks and implementation of an enhanced positive train control system, a key component of this program involves the operation of some non-FRA compliant high-efficiency EMU vehicles constructed to European safety standards that feature Crash Energy