

communication with an FAA private, recreational, or sport licensed pilot, who acts as a visual observer. The petitioner is also seeking relief to permit the following operations: Over non-participating persons for breaking news flights with a UAS weighing no more than 4.4 pounds; above private, or controlled access property, without permission from the owner/controller or authorized representative; contemporaneous issuance of notice to airmen for breaking news instead of the current requirement for 24 hour advanced notification; night flight operations for closed set filmmaking; and the pilot in command to operate the UAS from a moving platform for closed set filmmaking. In addition, the petitioner requests approval for the UAS Aero X12, which, including payload, exceeds the FAA's max weight limit of 55lbs for a small UAS.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Release Certain Properties From All Terms, Conditions, Reservations and Restrictions of a Quitclaim Deed Agreement Between the City of Orlando and the Federal Aviation Administration for the Orlando Executive Airport, Orlando, FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The FAA hereby provides notice of intent to release approximately 20.05 acres at the Orlando Executive Airport, Orlando, FL from the conditions, reservations, and restrictions as contained in a Quitclaim Deed agreement between the FAA and the City of Orlando, dated August 9, 1961. The release of property will allow the City of Orlando to dispose of the property for other than aeronautical purposes. The property is located within the Southeast quadrant of the airport. The parcel is currently designated as non-aeronautical use. The property will be released of its federal obligations for municipal purposes. The fair market value of this parcel has been determined to be \$3,880,000.

Documents reflecting the Sponsor's request are available, by appointment only, for inspection at the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority at Orlando International Airport and the FAA Airports District Office.

DATES: Comments are due on or before January 19, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Documents are available for review at the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority at Orlando International Airport, and the FAA Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822. Written comments on the Sponsor's request must be delivered or mailed to: Marisol C. Elliott, Program Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822-5024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marisol C. Elliott, Program Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32822-5024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 125 of The Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR-21) requires the FAA to provide an opportunity for public notice and comment prior to the "waiver" or "modification" of a sponsor's Federal obligation to use certain airport land for non-aeronautical purposes.

Issued in Orlando, Florida, on December 11, 2015.

Rebecca R. Freeman,

Acting Manager, Orlando Airports District Office Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Pennington County, SD; Pennington County, Maine

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice to rescind Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are rescinding the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for roadway improvements proposed for South Rochford Road in Pennington County, South Dakota. The NOI was published in the **Federal Register** on January 30, 2012. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was not released. This rescission is based on changes to the design standards that have brought the proposed action below the threshold of an EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marion Barber, Environmental Specialist, FHWA, 116 East Dakota

Avenue, Suite A, Pierre, SD 57501, (605) 224-8033. Further information can be found and comments can be submitted via the project Web site at: <http://www.southrochfordroad.com/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and Pennington County, is rescinding the NOI for a proposal to make improvements to the South Rochford Road in Pennington County, South Dakota. The previous proposed action provided for reconstruction of approximately 10 miles of roadway between the Town of Rochford and the intersection with Deerfield Road in accordance with the SDDOT Road Design Manual. The NOI is being rescinded due to modifications to the design standards that will provide for historic preservation, reduced wetland impacts, and preservation of sensitive plant species currently protected by the United States Forest Service.

The current proposed action would reconstruct the same 10 miles of roadway using the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guidelines for Geometric Design of Very Low-Volume Local Roads. These guidelines provide for a reduced roadway width that is more consistent with similar low volume surfaced roadways in Pennington County. The proposed action would maintain the intended purpose of this action to improve year-round access to the Town of Rochford from the Deerfield Lake area by reconstructing the two-lane roadway, providing an all-weather surface, and improving drainage and drainage structures. SDDOT will offer an opportunity for a public meeting on the proposal to rescind the EIS which will be advertised through the local media along with a notification on the to the project Web site. Given the reduction in scope and the associated potential impacts of the proposed action, FHWA intends to prepare a lower-level NEPA document to determine if the project has the potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. If, at a future time, FHWA determines that the proposed action is likely to have a significant impact on the environment, a new NOI to prepare an EIS will be published.

Comments or questions concerning this rescission or the proposed action should be submitted through the project Web site at <http://www.southrochfordroad.com> or directed to the address provided above under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: December 10, 2015.

Mark J. Clausen,

*Engineering and Operations Supervisor,
Federal Highway Administration, Pierre,
South Dakota.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0125]

**Columbia Body Manufacturing Co.;
Receipt of Petition for Temporary
Exemption From FMVSS No. 224**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for temporary exemption from FMVSS No. 224, *Rear Impact Protection*; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 49 CFR part 555, NHTSA seeks comments on a petition for exemption from Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 224, *Rear impact protection* by Columbia Body Manufacturing Co. (“Columbia Body” or “petitioner”) of Clackamas, Oregon. Columbia Body is seeking a three year exemption from the standard, asserting that compliance with the standard would cause substantial economic hardship to a manufacturer that has tried in good faith to comply with the standard. We are publishing this notice of receipt of the application in accordance with our exemption regulations. This action does not mean that we have made a judgment about the merits of the application.

DATES: Comments on this petition must be submitted by January 4, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For legal questions, contact Mr. Ryan Hagen, Office of the Chief Counsel, NCC-112, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-2992; Fax: (202) 366-3820. For technical questions, contact Mr. Robert Mazurowski, Office of Crashworthiness Standards, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-1012; Fax: (202) 493-2990.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comment, identified by the docket number in the heading of this

document, by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the electronic docket site by clicking on “Help and Information” or “Help/Info.”
- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.
- Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act discussion below. We will consider all comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above. To the extent possible, we will also consider comments filed after the closing date.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. Telephone: (202) 366-9826.

Privacy Act: 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) or you may visit <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

Confidential Business Information: If you wish to submit any information under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Chief Counsel, NHTSA, at the address given under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, you should

submit a copy, from which you have deleted the claimed confidential business information, to the Docket at the address given above. When you send a comment containing information claimed to be confidential business information, you should include a cover letter setting forth the information specified in our confidential business information regulation (49 CFR part 512).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Statutory Authority for Temporary Exemptions

The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Safety Act), codified at 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301, provides the Secretary of Transportation authority to exempt, on a temporary basis and under specified circumstances, motor vehicles from a motor vehicle safety standard or bumper standard. This authority is set forth at 49 U.S.C. 30113. The Secretary of Transportation has delegated the authority for implementing this section to NHTSA.

In recognition of the more limited resources and capabilities of small manufacturers, authority to grant exemptions based on substantial economic hardship and good faith efforts is provided in the Safety Act to enable the agency to give those manufacturers additional time to comply with the Federal safety standards. The Safety Act authorizes the Secretary to grant a temporary exemption to a manufacturer whose total motor vehicle production in the most recent year of production is not more than 10,000 motor vehicles, on such terms as the Secretary deems appropriate, if the exemption would be consistent with the public interest and the Safety Act and “compliance with the standard would cause substantial economic hardship to a manufacturer that has tried to comply with the standard in good faith.” (49 U.S.C. § 30113(b)(3)(B)(i)).

NHTSA established 49 CFR part 555, *Temporary Exemption from Motor Vehicle Safety and Bumper Standards*, to implement the statutory provisions concerning temporary exemptions. Under Part 555, a petitioner must provide specified information in submitting a petition for exemption. These requirements are specified in 49 CFR 555.5, and include a number of items. Foremost among them are that the petitioner must set forth the basis of the application under § 555.6, and the reasons why the exemption would be in the public interest and consistent with the objectives of the Safety Act (49