

of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by March 22, 2021.

There will be a total of 15 minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each commenter may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, the Federal Aviation Administration may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to the YIATF members. All prepared remarks submitted on time will be accepted and considered as part of the record. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

The public may present written statements to YIATF by emailing the Designated Federal Officer's address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Angela O. Anderson,
Director, Regulatory Support Division, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0037]

Overview of FAA Aircraft Noise Policy and Research Efforts: Request for Input on Research Activities To Inform Aircraft Noise Policy; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This action extends the comment period on a summary review of FAA sponsored research programs on civil aircraft noise that could potentially inform future aircraft noise policy, which was published to the **Federal Register** on January 13, 2021. The FAA invites public comment on the scope

and applicability of these research initiatives to address aircraft noise.

DATES: The comment period for this review was opened on January 13, 2021, 86 FR 2722, and was scheduled to close on March 15, 2021. The comment period is extended for an additional 30 days or a total of 90 days from the original publication date in the **Federal Register** to April 14, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by docket number FAA-2021-0037 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- **Mail:** Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- **Fax:** Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Donald Scata, Office of Environment and Energy (AEE-100), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591. Telephone: (202) 267-0606. Email address: NoiseResearchFRN@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the "Additional Information" section for information on how to comment on this proposal and how the FAA will handle comments received. The "Additional Information" section also contains related information about the docket, privacy, the handling of proprietary or

confidential business information. In addition, there is information on obtaining copies of related rulemaking documents.

Background

On January 13, 2021, the FAA issued a **Federal Register** Notice (FAA-2021-0037), entitled "Overview of FAA Aircraft Noise Policy and Research Efforts: Request for Input on Research Activities To Inform Aircraft Noise Policy."

The FAA invites public comment on the scope and applicability of its aircraft noise research initiatives to address aircraft noise. Comments were to be received on or before March 15, 2021. Through discussions with stakeholders during public briefings on the materials presented in this notice, including discussions at Airport Community Roundtable groups, interest in extending the comment period were expressed. An extension of the comment period was requested in order to provide additional time for review of the material presented in the notice and allow for consensus comments to be submitted by community or airport roundtable organizations. To help facilitate the submission of these comments the FAA is adding an additional 30 days to the comment period until April 14, 2021.

Extension of Comment Period

The FAA has determined that extension of the comment period is consistent with the public interest, and that good cause exists for taking this action.

Accordingly, the comment period for FAA-2021-0037 is extended for an additional 30 days or a total of 90 days from the original publication date in the **Federal Register** to April 14, 2021.

Additional Information

Comments Invited

The FAA recognizes that a range of factors may be driving concerns due to aircraft noise. However, as outlined in this notice, a broad understanding of aircraft noise and its potential impacts is needed in order to better manage and reduce concerns from aviation noise.

The FAA is inviting comments on these concerns to assist the agency in assessing how resources should be directed to better understand and manage the factors underlying the concern from aircraft noise exposure.

Comments that focus on the questions listed below will be most helpful. The more specific the comments, the more useful they will be in the FAA's considerations.

(1) What, if any, additional investigation, analysis, or research should be undertaken in each of the following three categories as described in this notice:

- Effects of Aircraft Noise on Individuals and Communities;
- Noise Modeling, Noise Metrics, and Environmental Data Visualization; and
- Reduction, Abatement, and Mitigation of Aviation Noise?

(2) As outlined in this notice, the FAA recognizes that a range of factors may be driving the increase in annoyance shown in the Neighborhood Environmental Survey results compared to earlier transportation noise annoyance surveys—including survey methodology, changes in how commercial aircraft operate, population distribution, how people live and work, and societal response to noise. The FAA requests input on the factors that may be contributing to the increase in annoyance shown in the survey results.

(3) What, if any, additional categories of investigation, analysis, or research should be undertaken to inform FAA noise policy?

Authority: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et. seq.*, Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (ASNA) 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et. seq.*, Federal Aviation Act, 49 U.S.C. 44715.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Kevin Welsh,

Director, Office of Environment and Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee (SOCAC) meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the SOCAC.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 29, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Requests to attend the meeting must be received by March 22, 2021.

Requests for accommodations to a disability must be received by March 22, 2021.

Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than March 22, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public who wish to observe the meeting must RSVP by emailing 9-awa-arm-socac@faa.gov. Information on the committee and copies of the meeting minutes will be available on the FAA Committee website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thuy H. Cooper, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-4715; fax (202) 267-5075; email 9-awa-arm-socac@faa.gov. Any committee related request should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The SOCAC was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), in accordance with the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Public Law 115-254, to provide advice to the Secretary on policy-level issues facing the aviation community that are related to FAA safety oversight and certification programs and activities.

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- Review and Acceptance of December 1, 2020, Minutes
- Subcommittee Report
- Aviation Rulemaking Committee Activities
- FAA Updates

Additional information will be posted on the committee's website listed in the **ADDRESSES** section at least one week in advance of the meeting.

III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first served basis, as space is limited. Please confirm your attendance with the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Please provide the following information: Full legal name, country of citizenship, and name of your industry association or applicable affiliation. Anyone that has registered to attend the meeting will be notified in a timely manner prior to the meeting.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

The FAA is not accepting oral presentations at this meeting due to time constraints. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time by providing a copy to the Designated Federal Officer via the email listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 8, 2021.

Brandon Roberts,

Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket ID Number DOT-OST-2014-0031]

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Part 249 Preservation of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of BTS requiring certificated air carriers to preserve accounting records, consumer complaint letters, reservation reports and records, system reports of aircraft movements, etc. Also, public charter operators and overseas military personnel charter operators are required to retain certain contracts, invoices, receipts, bank records and reservation records.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by May 10, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number DOT-OST-2014-0031 OMB Approval No. 2138-0006 by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Docket Services: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140,