

Scoping and Public Involvement

In accordance with NEPA, the FRA and MDOT invite comments and suggestions regarding the scope of the EIS from all interested parties to ensure that all issues are addressed, all reasonable alternatives are considered, and any significant issues are identified. In particular, FRA is interested in identifying areas of environmental concern where there might be a potential for significant impacts. Public agencies with jurisdiction are requested to advise FRA and MDOT of the applicable permit and environmental review requirements of each agency, and the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to the agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project. Federal agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to potential environmental issues will be requested to act as a Cooperating Agency in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.16.

In coordination with FRA, MDOT will lead the outreach activities beginning with scoping meetings (dates to be determined). Public involvement initiatives including public meetings, access to a Web site, and outreach will continue throughout the EIS process. Opportunities for public participation will be announced through mailings, notices, advertisements, press releases, and a FRA-hosted EIS Web page, accessible at <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0214>. One or more public hearings will be held after the Draft EIS is released and made available for public and agency review. Public notice will be given for the time and place of public hearings.

Comments or questions concerning the Proposed Action and the scope of the EIS are invited from all interested parties and should be directed to the FRA at the address provided above.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2012-0087]

Advisory Committee for Aviation Consumer Protection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of eighth meeting of advisory committee.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the eighth meeting of the Advisory Committee for Aviation Consumer Protection.

DATES: The eighth meeting of the advisory committee is scheduled for June 23, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Media Center (located on the lobby level of the West Building) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC. Attendance is open to the public up to the room's capacity of 100 attendees. Since space is limited and access to the DOT headquarters building is controlled for security purposes, any member of the general public who plans to attend this meeting must notify the registration contact identified below no later than June 16, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register to attend the meeting, please contact Amy Przybyla, Research Analyst, CENTRA Technology, Inc., przybylaa@centratechnology.com; 703-894-6962. For other information please contact Kathleen Blank Riether, Senior Attorney, Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, kathleen.blankriether@dot.gov; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC, 20590; 202-366-9342 (phone), 202-366-5944 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On May 24, 2012, the Secretary, as mandated by section 411 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112-95, 126 Stat. 11 (2012)), established the Advisory Committee for Aviation Consumer Protection. The committee's charter, drafted in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, sets forth policies for the operation of the advisory committee and is available on the Department's Web site at <http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/charters.aspx?cid=2448&aid=47>.

The eighth meeting of the committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time in the Media Center at the DOT headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. The issues that will be discussed at the meeting are airline policies on change and cancellation fees, the disclosure of hotel resort fees, and airline policies and procedures for the transport of baggage.

This meeting will be open to the public and comments by members of the public are invited. Attendance will necessarily be limited by the size of the meeting room (maximum 100 attendees). We ask that any member of the general public who plans to attend the eighth meeting notify the registration contact noted above no later than June 16, 2015. Additionally, DOT will stream the event live on the Internet and provide a link to the recorded Web cast for future viewing at www.dot.gov/airconsumer/ACACP.

To the extent time is available, we plan to provide an opportunity for oral comments by interested individuals and/or representatives of organizations representing airlines, travel agents, airport operators, state and local governments, and consumer and other public interest groups. Any oral comments presented must be limited to the objectives of the committee and not exceed five (5) minutes per person. Not later than June 16, 2015, commenters should notify the registration contact person indicated above via email that they wish to present and provide that person a written summary of their presentation to help the committee members prepare for the meeting. Efforts will be made to accommodate each individual/organization that wishes to comment. However, given time constraints, there is no guarantee that all the individuals/organizations that make such a request will be able to address the committee at the June 23rd meeting. In order to provide for a balanced presentation of views and to facilitate the orderly conduct of the meeting, including time for questions from committee members, the Chairperson may impose rules or procedures, including the order of individuals/organizations that will be making presentations, as she deems necessary.

Members of the public may present written comments at any time. The docket number referenced above (DOT-OST-2012-0087, available at <https://www.regulations.gov>) has been established for committee documents including any written comments that may be filed.

Persons with a disability who plan to attend the meeting and require special accommodations, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should notify the registration contact noted above no later than June 16, 2015.

Notice of this meeting is being provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the General Services Administration regulations covering management of

Federal advisory committees. (41 CFR part 102–3.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[OST Docket No. 2012–0028]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (Department) intention to request the renewal of an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number for the collection of emergency contingency plans for tarmac delays from U.S. carriers and U.S. airports as required by the FAA Modernization and Reform Act (Act). On April 16, 2012, the Department of Transportation submitted to OMB for review and clearance utilizing emergency review procedures information collection requests related to the submission by U.S. carriers and U.S. airports of tarmac delay contingency plans for review and approval by the Department, as well as the public posting of those plans, as set forth in the Act. OMB issued the Department a control number authorizing these new collections of information until November 30, 2012 (OMB Control Number 2105–0566).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 3, 2015. Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means:

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

- Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., West Building Ground Floor Room W–12/140, Washington, DC 20590–0001;

- Hand delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W–12/140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kimberly Graber, Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings (C–70), Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590, 202–366–9342 (voice) 202–366–7152 (fax) or at Kimberly.Grabber@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA Modernization and Reform Act, which was signed into law on February 14, 2012, required U.S. carriers that operate scheduled passenger service or public charter service using any aircraft with a design capacity of 30 or more seats, and operators of large hub, medium hub, small hub, or non-hub U.S. airports, to submit emergency contingency plans for lengthy tarmac delays to the Secretary of Transportation for review and approval no later than May 14, 2012. The Act also required each covered carrier and airport to ensure public access to its plan after DOT approval by posting the plan on its Web site. In addition to requiring the initial submission of emergency contingency plans, the Act requires U.S. carriers to submit an updated plan every 3 years. Further, the Act requires airport operators to submit an updated plan every 5 years. The information collection requirements are specifically required by statute and are not being imposed as an exercise of the Department's discretion.

On April 16, 2012, the Department submitted to OMB for review and clearance information collection requests regarding submission of the plans and OMB approved this information collection. The Department then issued a notice in the **Federal Register** stating how covered U.S. carriers and airports should submit the required plans to the Department through an online system (77 FR 27267, May 9, 2012). The Department intends to ask for a renewal of the OMB control number for U.S. carriers and airport operators to submit plan updates.

A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to monetary penalty for failing to

comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

For each of these information collections, the title, a description of the respondents, and an estimate of the annual recordkeeping and periodic reporting burden are set forth below:

1. Requirement to submit tarmac delay plan to DOT for review and approval.

Title: Filing of Tarmac Delay Plan to DOT.

Respondents: Each large, medium, small and non-hub airport in the U.S.; U.S. carriers that operate scheduled passenger service or public charter service using any aircraft with a design capacity of 30 or more seats.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 420 U.S. airports and 65 U.S. airlines.

Frequency: Every 5 years for covered U.S. airports; every 3 years for covered U.S. airlines.

Estimated Total Burden on Respondents: For U.S. airports—247.5 hours (25 airports not covered in 2012 × 2 hours) + (395 existing airports × .5 hours) = 247.5 hours. This estimate is based on the following facts: Tarmac delay plans for submission are general in nature and do not consist of extensive airport-specific customization. Airport associations have prepared templates for use by U.S. airports which require very little additional information to be customized for individual airports. Airport associations' templates have been the template for most of the airport plans submitted. For an airport that had not prepared and submitted a plan to meet the requirement in 2012 (25 airports), we estimate 2 hours to review the templates, to prepare by entering the airport-specific information, and to submit the plan through the Department's electronic submission system. We estimate there are or will be approximately 25 airports that will be newly covered by the Act by the next submission deadline and that did not previously submit plans to meet the requirement in 2012.¹ For U.S. airports

¹ These estimates are based on currently available data. Our estimates assume that the number of covered airports will increase between 2012 and 2017 so that there will be a larger number of covered airports by the date of the next submission requirement for covered airports in 2017. There were approximately 395 airports that were covered in 2012. Based on current FAA data, it appears that approximately 416 airports now meet the threshold of the Act that requires them to submit plans. http://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/passenger_allcargo_stats/passenger/media/cy13-commercial-service-enplanements.pdf. Based on fluctuations in airport traffic combined with the recent trend of increasing air traffic, we anticipate that approximately 25 airports that were not