

Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-95-822.

Date filed: November 13, 1995.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: December 11, 1995.

Description: Application of Allegheny Airlines, Inc. d/b/a USAir Express, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41101 and 41108, and Subpart Q of the Regulations applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to engage in scheduled and charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between points in the United States and points in Canada.

Docket Number: OST-95-827,

Date filed: November 13, 1995.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: December 11, 1995.

Description: Application of United Air Lines, Inc., pursuant 49 U.S.C. Section 41101, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for authority to offer scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the following U.S.-Canada city-pairs: 1) Chicago, Illinois-Montreal, Quebec; (2) Los Angeles, California-Montreal, Quebec; (3) Miami, Florida-Montreal, Quebec; and (4) Los Angeles, California-Florida-Montreal, Quebec; and (4) Los Angeles, California-Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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Acting Chief, Documentary Services Division.

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Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-95-859]

Grade Crossing Safety Task Force

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (USDOT) seeks to broaden the knowledge of the safety implications of the decisionmaking and

coordination processes associated with the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation, and inspection of highway-rail grade crossings. To do this, the Department has formed a USDOT Grade Crossing Safety Task Force. In addition, the Department intends to:

- Form a "Blue Ribbon" Working Group to support the task Force,
- Hold public meetings to provide input to the Task Force, and
- Prepare and publish a report documenting the findings of the Task Force.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 15, 1996, to be fully considered by the Department's Grade Crossing Safety Task Force.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of comments for the public docket on the Grade Crossing Safety task Force should be sent to: Office of the Secretary, Documentary Services Division, C-55, Attn: Grade Crossing Safety Task Force Public Docket No. OST-95-859, Room PL 401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Transportation Secretary Federico Peña recently announced that he has directed the formation of a Grade Crossing Safety task Force within the DOT to conduct a comprehensive national review of safety measures relating to highway-rail grade crossing planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation, and inspection.

Secretary Peña took this action in the aftermath of the tragic accident in Illinois involving a commuter train and school bus at a railroad crossing last October 25. The Secretary ordered the Department of Transportation to build upon its June 1994 Rail-Highway Crossing Safety Action Plan by forming a Task Force to conduct a comprehensive national review of the design, construction, and operation of highway-rail grade crossings.

The Secretary has directed the Task Force to report back to him by March 1, 1996, with its evaluation of the decisionmaking process related to the Nation's grade crossings, as well as recommendations for improvement. The Task Force will work with State, local, and private sector transportation officials to review existing standards and will develop a summary of national needs focusing on coordinated decisionmaking, inspection, and approval processes for highway-rail grade crossings.

The Task Force includes representatives from four agencies within the U.S. Department of Transportation: The Federal Railroad Administration, the Federal Highway

Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The Task Force is headed by Michael P. Huerta, Associate Deputy Transportation Secretary and Director of the Office of Intermodalism.

In addition to the Task Force activities, both the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Highway Administration will work with the States as they respond to the National Transportation Safety Board's recommendation that States conduct an assessment of physical characteristics and traffic associated with crossings having interconnected highway and rail signals, and their systems design.

To support the Task Force, the Department will also form a "Blue Ribbon" Working Group of approximately 20 people who can provide specialized information that will assist the Task Force in its work. This Working Group will reflect the diverse public and private sector entities involved in the processes which create or alter infrastructure at or near highway-rail grade crossings in order to create an expanded knowledge base for the Task Force. The participants for the Working Group will be selected on December 4 and the first meeting of the Working Group is currently scheduled for December 14.

To provide additional input to the Task Force during its work, the Department intends to hold three public meetings in the coming weeks. The prospective sites of these public meetings are Raleigh, NC, Chicago, IL, and Los Angeles, CA. The dates, times, and specific locations of these public meetings have not been determined, but will be announced in future press releases and/or Federal Register notices. Persons desiring more details on these meetings also can receive direct notification by addressing their requests to the individual identified at the end of this Federal Register notice under the section below entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions on the Grade Crossing Safety Task Force and its public meetings can also be directed to the Secretary of Transportation's Office of Intermodalism which has been designated as the lead for the Grade Crossing Safety Task Force. Questions can be mailed, faxed, or transmitted on the Internet to: Ms. Susan Ducan, Office of Intermodalism, Room 10126, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, Ph: (202) 366-8015, Fax: (202) 366-8999, Internet: <http://www.dot.gov/dotinfo/gen/xingtf>.

Comments by all parties on these highway-rail crossing issues are welcome.

To give the public a better sense of the scope of this USDOT initiative, the Grade Crossing Safety Task Force Charter is presented in the paragraphs below.

Charter of the Grade Crossing Safety Task Force

Mission and Purpose: The Department recognizes its role to ensure safe transportation and to develop a "seamless" national intermodal transportation system. In June 1994, Secretary of Transportation Federico Peña released a DOT Rail-Highway Crossing Safety Action Plan that presented a multi-faceted, multi-modal approach for improving safety at our Nation's highway-rail crossings. The 55 individual proposals taken together represent a comprehensive Departmental effort that has elevated highway-rail crossing safety across the Modal Administrations to deal with this important issue.

The Department's Grade Crossing Safety Task Force, designed to complement the ongoing work of the Action Plan and to further the Department's goals, will address issues beyond the scope of the Action Plan. Through the Grade Crossing Safety Task Force, the Department will investigate and assess the decisionmaking and coordination processes, and safety aspects pertaining to the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation, and inspection of highway-rail grade crossings. Following this assessment, the Task Force will develop recommendations and submit them to the Secretary.

Participants: From the Department of Transportation, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will be members of the Task Force. The Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation will serve as its Chairman. Each member agency will select one representative and one alternate to serve as delegates to the Task Force on grade crossing issues. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), an independent Federal agency, also will participate as a Task Force member. Representative will attend regular meetings and participate in necessary assignments. A "Blue Ribbon" Working Group consisting of people with expertise in the use or design of railroad grade crossings will

be established to assist the Task Force by providing additional information.

Key Issues: The accidents and deaths at highway-rail grade crossings continue to be a problem nationwide. The Rail-Highway Crossing Safety Action Plan addresses some aspects of these issues, however, questions remain concerning the level of planning coordination and review of safety considerations associated with grade crossings. The Task Force will examine these questions as they relate to five potential problem areas:

1. Interconnected (Pre-empted) signals. Highway traffic signals along roadways in close proximity to rail crossings which are triggered by oncoming trains.
2. Storage. The roadway space allotted for vehicles stopped between a road intersection and nearby railroad tracks.
3. High-profile crossings. Junctions at which railroad tracks are elevated above the crossing roadway surface, thus requiring vehicular traffic to pass over a "hump" and exposing the vehicles to the risk of getting "hung-up" on the tracks.
4. Light rail transit crossings. This most prevalent type of newly constructed highway-rail grade crossing also lacks standards for crossing design, warning devices, and traffic control measures.
5. Inclusion of grade crossing information in the permit process for slow, low, and other special vehicles including oversized and overweight vehicles whose route crosses a railroad right-of-way.

The NTSB recently issued a Class I Urgent Recommendation requesting the States to identify all highway/railroad grade crossings where control of a highway traffic signal is preempted by train movements and to take corrective action where sufficient time is not provided to clear vehicles stopped on the tracks before the train arrives at the crossing. As a result, an inventory of highway-rail crossings which have interconnected signals will be compiled by the FRA using input from the NTSB, the States and the railroads.

Technology shows promise for enhancing safety in these areas. However, technology alone will not solve the problem. Therefore, the focus of the Task Force will not be on the various technologies which could serve as solutions to prevent accidents at the highway-rail crossings. Rather, the Task Force will concentrate on the decisionmaking processes which result in the construction and maintenance of the grade crossing infrastructure. In order to accomplish this, the Task Force will specifically address the following:

1. Federal, State, local, and industry standards, criteria and guidelines governing the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation and use of highway-rail grade crossings and the effectiveness of these regulations and standards.

2. Planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation, and inspection decisionmaking processes for grade crossings.

3. The construction and reconstruction/alteration approval and periodic review processes, including coordination among the various levels of government and with the private sector.

4. The decisionmaking and procedural processes for defining acceptable crossing design and warning device design.

Task Force Activities: The Task Force will hold regularly scheduled meetings. In order to keep a timely work flow and to meet any schedules and deadlines, ad hoc meetings may be called to address issued and problems that need immediate discussion and resolution.

To determine where decisionmaking and coordination can be improved, the Task Force will review technical reports on planning, engineering, operations, maintenance, and inspection practices associated with highway-rail crossings. The objective of this Task Force effort is not to summarize the considerable body of literature that already exists on highway-rail crossing safety, but to identify gaps that might exist in standard-setting, system engineering and multidisciplinary reviews. The Task Force may create subgroups of Federal employees which would be asked to draft issue-specific working papers that can serve as the basis for the final report to the Secretary on March 1, 1996.

The Task Force will be involved in outreach to the transportation community through:

1. Publication of this Federal Register notice which outlines the Task Force activities and seeks written public comments and suggestions.

2. Creation of a dedicated FAX number and Internet address to allow the general public to submit comments to the task force.

3. Holding public meetings with State transportation officials, local community representatives, and others (such as the general public, industry groups, and safety organizations) to gain stake-holder input on grade crossing issues. Three public outreach meetings will be scheduled nationwide at locations representative of the potential problem areas listed above.

4. Create a "Blue Ribbon" Working Group comprised of diverse public and private sector entities that has relevant experience and expertise to provide specialized information that will assist the Task Force in its efforts to investigate and improve the safety of highway-rail grade crossings.

Final Product and Timeframe: The Task Force will submit a report to the Secretary that gives an overview of the

highway-rail grade crossing issues and problems along with any recommendations on how to solve any construction decision-making and safety problems that may be identified. The report must be submitted by March 1, 1996.

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Michael P. Huerta,

Associate Deputy Secretary and Director, Office of Intermodalism.

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Coast Guard

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Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), CTAC Subcommittee on Hazardous Substances Response Plan (HSRP); Meetings

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: CTAC and its HSRP Subcommittee will meet to discuss various issues relating to the marine transportation of hazardous materials in bulk. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The CTAC meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 1996, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The HSRP Subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 1996, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify the Executive Director, listed below under **ADDRESSES**, on or before January 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The CTAC meeting will be held in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. Written material should be sent to Commander Kevin S. Cook, Executive Director, Commandant (G-MOS-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Kevin S. Cook Executive Director, or Lieutenant Rick J. Raksnis, Assistant to the Executive Director, Commandant (G-MOS-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone (202) 267-1217.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, section 1 *et. seq.* The agenda for the CTAC meeting will comprise the following topics:

(1) Introduction and swearing-in of new Executive Director and new members;

(2) Progress report from the *ad hoc* subcommittee on recommended 46 CFR part 152;

(3) Progress report from the subcommittee on Hazardous Substances Response Plans;

(4) Presentation of task statement, and formation of subcommittee on Prevention through People;

(5) Status Report on the Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NCIV) on tank barge cleaning;

(6) Status Report on policy guidance for Marine Vapor Control Systems; and

(7) Status Report on the implementation of the International Safety Management Code (ISM), SOLAS Chapter IX.

The HSRP Subcommittee will review and discuss the work completed by each of the four work groups. Each work group will present its major accomplishments, and its plans for the future.

Attendance at all the meetings is open to the public. With advance notice, and at the Chairman's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify the Executive Director, listed above under **ADDRESSES**, no later than January 4, 1996. Written material may be submitted at any time for presentation to CTAC or the HSRP Subcommittee.

Dated: November 13, 1995.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting Director of Standards Directorate, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc.; "Technical Management Committee"; Notice of RTCA Technical Management Committee Meeting To Be Held December 1, 1995; Meeting Cancellation

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Cancellation.

SUMMARY: The RTCA Technical Management Committee meeting scheduled to be held on December 1, 1995, as announced in a notice published in the Federal Register for November 13, 1995 (60 FR 57053), has been canceled. A new date has not been determined at this time.

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Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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RTCA, Inc., Special Committee 182; Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) for an Avionics Computer Resource (ACR)

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 Special Committee 182 meeting to be held January 10-12, 1996, starting at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda; (3) Review and Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting; (4) Assemble Draft 0.1 of MOPS Document: Section 1 Purpose and Scope' Section 2.1.2 General Requirements, Intended Function; (5) Recertification of Post-Type Certification Changes: Answer from FAA Software NRS; (6) Proposed DO-178B Objectives Satisfied Independent of Target; (7) Update Glossary (RTCA Paper No. 280-94/SC182-10): Application, Channel, Data Base, Fault, Operating System, Partition, Process, Platform; (8) Other Business; (9) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone) or (202) 833-9434 (fax). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Designated Official.

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RTCA, Inc., Special Committee 183; Standards for Airport Security Access Control Systems

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public