

Federal Aviation Administration
Aviation Rulemaking Advisory
Committee to discuss training and
qualification issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 4 at 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Regional Airlines Association, Second floor, 1200 19th St. NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Regina L. Jones, (202) 267-9822, Office of Rulemaking, (ARM-100) 800 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss training and qualification issues. This meeting will be held June 4, 1997, at 12:00 noon, at the Regional Airlines Association. The agenda for this meeting will include a progress report from the Air Carrier Pilot Pre-Employment Screening Standards and Criteria Working Group. The Air Carrier Pilot Pay for Training Working Group and the Air Carrier Minimum Flight Time Requirements Working Group will provide progress reports which will include their respective completed study recommendations. ARAC will review the Air Carrier Pilot Pay for Training Working Group and the Air Carrier Minimum Flight Time Requirements Working Group's study recommendations.

Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present statements to the committee at any time. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 19, 1997.

Jean Casciano,

Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

First Public Hearing of the National Civil Aviation Review Commission

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a hearing of the National Civil Aviation Review Commission. The Commission is soliciting comments and suggestions from the public regarding issues surrounding the future financing and budgeting of Federal Aviation Administration activities.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 28th at 9:30 a.m.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The hearing will be held in the U.S. Commerce Department Auditorium at 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20230. Those planning to attend should enter through the main entrance in the center section of the building on 14th Street.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margie Tower, (202) 366-6942, fax: (202) 493-2963 National Civil Aviation Review Commission, Room 8332, Nassif Bldg. 400 7th Street, S.W. Washington DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Civil Aviation Review Commission was created by Congress as part of the Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act of 1996. If you would like to testify at the public hearing, please contact Margie Tower at the phone number listed above. Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements as the hearing, and will be required to provide written statements to the Commission by close of business Monday, May 26th.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 14, 1997.

Margie Tower,

Hearing Officer, National Civil Aviation Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Rotorcraft, Transport Airplane, and Normal and Utility Airplane Seating Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed revision to the Technical Standard Order pertaining to aircraft seating systems. The proposed TSO prescribes the minimum performance standards that aircraft seating systems must meet to be identified with the marking "TSO-C127a."

DATES: Comments must identify the TSO file number and be received on or before August 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed Technical Standard Order to: Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service—File No. TSO-C127a, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bobbie J. Smith, Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-9546.

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed revision to TSO-C127 listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address. Comments received on the proposed technical standard order may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments specified above will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

Background

The FAA held two public meetings on 16-g dynamic testing seat compliance in March and November 1995. In consideration of comments received at these meetings regarding the difficulties associated with demonstrating compliance with the requirements of TSO-C127, the FAA decided that a revision to TSO-C127 would be

beneficial in eliminating some of the stated constraints and speed up TSO approvals.

TSO articles are considered "stand alone" items with broad application and are intended to be design and production approvals independent of installation. The existing TSO provided performance standards for aircraft seating systems and incorporated a number of installation requirements related to head impacts and emergency evacuation. The proposed revision to TSO-C127, which references Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Aerospace Standard (AS) 8049, includes the following: deletes the pass/fail criteria for permanent structural deformation, head injury criteria (HIC), and femur loads; expands the belt angle between applicability to general aviation by including additional requirements for compliance with 14 CFR § 23.562; includes a general design requirement specifying that seat the belt and the seat pan (horizontal), be 45-55 degrees; requires additional marking to include the seating system, safety belt and seat cushion part numbers, and minimum seat pitch; permits optional marking to allow aircraft-specific installation limitations; and requires additional data requirements for the manufacturer to report HIC, head strike path, permanent deformations, and femur loads results to the installer/user.

How To Obtain Copies

A copy of the proposed TSO-C127a may be obtained by contacting "For Further Information Contact."

Copies of SAE Aerospace Standard (AS) 8049, "Performance Standards for Seats in Civil Rotocraft and Transport Airplanes," dated July 1990, may be purchased from the Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., Department 331, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 16, 1997.

John K. McGrath,

*Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division,
Aircraft Certification Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Bellevue, King County, WA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a NEPA/SEPA environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed SR 520 Improved Access Project, located between I-405 and 148th Avenue NE in the City of Bellevue, King County, Washington. The EIS will evaluate alternatives and the associated environmental impacts to provide additional access to and from the east on SR 520 to service the commercial/light industrial area south of SR 520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gene K. Fong, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 South Capitol Way, Suite 501, Olympia, Washington, 98501, Telephone: (360) 753-9413; John Okamoto, Regional Administrator, Washington State Department of Transportation, Northwest Region, 15700 Dayton Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98133-9710, Telephone (206) 440-4691; Kim Becklund, Project Development Coordinator, City of Bellevue, PO Box 90012, Bellevue, Washington 98009-9012, Telephone (425) 637-6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the City of Bellevue and the Washington State Department of Transportation, proposes to improve access to and from the east on SR 520 between Interstate 405 and west of 148th Avenue NE while maintaining adequate freeway traffic operations and safety and minimizing adverse impacts to businesses and residential neighborhoods. The project would address the need for improved mobility for regional vehicle trips. Level of service, average vehicle delay, queue length, travel speed, and traffic redistribution will be used as measures of effectiveness.

The proposed project is consistent with the current City of Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan and the 1986 Bel-Red Overlake Transportation Study (BROTS) as adopted by the City of Bellevue in 1988. Growth along the SR 520 corridor has increased traffic congestion within the study area to exceed the traffic congestion forecast in the BROTS. Future development in the corridor is expected to create even greater congestion on the transportation network.

To address congestion and maintain an acceptable level of service, as much as practicable, the BROTS recommended providing additional access to and from SR 520 within two general areas: (1) Between I-405 and west of 148th Avenue NE, and (2) between east of 148th Avenue NE and NE 51st Street. For area 2 above, access

needs on SR 520 east of 148th Avenue NE are satisfied with the interchange soon to be constructed at NE 40th Street.

To meet the BROTS recommendation for area 1, in addition to the no action alternative, at least four alternatives relating to new access ramps to serve traffic to and from the east on SR 520 are under consideration in the vicinity of 124th Avenue NE, 130th Avenue NE, 136th Avenue NE, and 140th Avenue NE. Other alternatives identified during the scoping process would also be considered.

The EIS will evaluate alternatives based on their ability to (1) satisfy anticipated access needs between SR 520 and the commercial/light-industrial area south of SR 520 while maintaining adequate freeway operations, and (2) minimize impacts to nearby residential and business neighborhoods.

Environmental issues of concern identified to date include potential impacts to air quality, noise, and changes to community character.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, affected Native American tribes, and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Public pre-scoping open houses were held on December 3rd, 1996, and January 7, 1997. An agency scoping meeting will be held on June 24th, 1997, to solicit agency input. No other scoping meetings have been scheduled. Comments from the public and agencies regarding the scope and significance of issues to be addressed and alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS are requested by July 24th, 1997. Following the circulation of the draft EIS, an open house and public hearing will be held to receive comments on the draft EIS. The draft EIS will be available for agency and public review and comment at the public hearing and for at least 15 days prior to the public hearing. Public notice will be given regarding timing of the public scoping comments period, the public open houses, the EIS hearings, the availability of the draft and final EIS's and the issue of the Record of Decision.

To assure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS, or requests to be added to the mailing list, should be directed to the FHWA, the WSDOT, or the City of Bellevue at the corresponding address provided above.