

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, Mississippi Division Office will serve as the lead Federal agency for this project while the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) will serve as joint lead agency. The FHWA, in cooperation with MDOT, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to study potential improvements to the existing State Route 22 (SR 22) corridor. This 40-mile long corridor will be upgraded to Interstate standards. It has logical termini near Canton, MS in Madison County on Interstate 55 and near Edwards, MS on Interstate 20 in Hinds County.

The purpose of the EIS is to address the transportation, environmental, and safety issues of such a transportation corridor. The improved connection will improve mobility and access throughout the Jackson metropolitan area and support economic activity. The highway is proposed as a full control of access facility, and appropriate interchanges will be studied at various locations. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action and (2) build alternatives.

The FHWA and MDOT are seeking input as a part of the scoping process to assist in determining and clarifying issues relative to this project. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, Native American tribes, private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A formal scoping meeting with federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested parties will be held in the near future. Public involvement meetings will be held during the EIS process. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the official public hearing.

To ensure 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 should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

National Safe Routes to School Task Force to the Secretary of Transportation

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings of advisory committee.

SUMMARY: This document announces two meetings of the National Safe Routes to School Task Force to the Secretary of Transportation. These are the third and fourth meetings of the Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to advise the Secretary of Transportation, through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Safety, on strategies to advance Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programs nationwide and to encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school pursuant to section 1404(h) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-59, Aug. 10, 2005). These meetings are open to the public and will have time allocated for public testimony. The public is welcome to present written or oral comments to the Task Force.

DATES: The third meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., m.t., on September 25, and for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., m.t., on September 26, 2007. The fourth meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., on November 15, and for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., e.t., on November 16, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The third meeting will be held at the Warwick Hotel, 1776 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203. The fourth meeting will be held at The Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tim Arnade, the Designated Federal Official, Safe Routes to School Program Manager, FHWA Office of Safety Programs, (202) 366-2205 (*Tim.Arnade@dot.gov*); Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 1404 of SAFETEA-LU required the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program. The purpose of the program is to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school and to make bicycling and

walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative. Section 1404(h) requires the establishment of a National SRTS Task Force. These two meetings are the third and fourth meetings of the Task Force. The first two meetings were held in Washington, DC. The first was held on January 11, 2007, and the second was held on April 19, 2007. Complete minutes from these two meetings are posted on the Web site listed below.

The agenda for the third and fourth meetings will include discussion of strategies to advance SRTS programs nationwide and discussion of a draft report to the Secretary of Transportation.

For the third meeting (in Denver), public comments will be taken at approximately 2:45 p.m., m.t., on September 25. For the fourth meeting (in Washington, DC), public comments will be taken at approximately 2:45 p.m., e.t., on November 15. Further information about the Task Force can be found at http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/task_force/. Once a detailed agenda is developed, it will be posted on this Web site. Please note, agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Conclusion

The third meeting of the National Safe Routes to School Task Force will be held at the Warwick Hotel, 1776 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., m.t., on September 25 and from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., m.t., on September 26, 2007. The fourth meeting of the National Safe Routes to School Task Force will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., on November 15 and from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., e.t., on November 16, 2007.

(Authority: Section 1404(h), Pub. L. 109-59; 5 U.S.C., App. II § 1)

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Federal Highway Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Sunshine Act Meetings; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

TIME AND DATE: September 13, 2007, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time,