

protection of investors or the public interest; (2) impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) become operative for 30 days from the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>11</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>12</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing.<sup>13</sup> However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)<sup>14</sup> permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and in the public interest because it will allow the Pilot Program to continue uninterrupted.<sup>15</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the Act.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

##### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File No. SR-Phlx-2007-10 on the subject line.

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires that a self-regulatory organization submit to the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. Phlx has satisfied the five-day pre-filing requirement.

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> For purposes only of waiving the operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

##### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2007-10. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of Phlx. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2007-10 and should be submitted on or before March 15, 2007.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>16</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 296]

##### **Delegation by the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs to the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Functions Relating to Emergency Import Restrictions on Iraqi Cultural Antiquities**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

and the Presidential Memorandum for the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security—Assignment of Functions Relating to Import Restrictions on Iraqi Antiquities, dated May 5, 2006 (71 FR 28,753), and delegated to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs pursuant to Delegation of Authority No. 294 (July 6, 2006), I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs the functions of the President under section 3002 of the Emergency Protection for Iraqi Cultural Antiquities Act of 2004 (title III of Public Law 108-429).

In performing such functions, the Assistant Secretary of State shall consult the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other departments and agencies or their designees, as appropriate.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs may at any time exercise any function or authority delegated by this delegation of authority.

Any act, executive order, regulation or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation or procedure as amended from time to time.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 22, 2007.

**R. Nicholas Burns,**

*Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs,  
Department of State.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### **Federal Highway Administration**

##### **Environmental Impact Statement: State Route 91 Improvements. The Project Begins on State Route 91/State Route 67/U.S. 321 West of State Route 362 and Extends to Just West of State Route-37 (U.S. 19E), Elizabethton, Carter County, TN**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Carter County, Tennessee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Karen M. Brunelle, Planning and Program Management Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration—Tennessee Division Office, 640 Grassmere Park Road, Suite 112, Nashville, TN 37211. 615-781-5772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared for the proposed project and completed on June 7, 2002. Since the June 7, 2002 EA approval, technical studies identified sensitive environmental features which warranted the consideration of additional alternatives beyond the ones studied for the western half of the original preferred alternative presented in the EA. The identified environmental issues could result in potential significant impacts. As a result, the FHWA in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to provide an improved corridor from west of State Route 362 to just west of State Route-37 (U.S. 19E), a distance of approximately four miles.

Alternatives to be considered include: (1) No-build; (2) a Transportation System Management (TSM) alternative; (3) a transit alternative; (4) one or more build alternatives that could include constructing a roadway on a new location, upgrading existing State Route-91, or a combination of both, and (5) other alternatives that may arise from public input. Public scoping meetings will be held for the project corridor. As part of the scoping process, federal, state, and local agencies and officials; private organizations; citizens; and interest groups will have an opportunity to identify issues of concern and provide input on the purpose and need for the project, range of alternatives, methodology, and the development of the Environmental Impact Statement. A Coordination Plan will be developed to include the public in the project development process. This plan will utilize the following outreach efforts to provide information and solicit input: newsletters, an internet Web site, e-mail and direct mail, informational meetings and briefings, public hearings, and other efforts as necessary and appropriate. A public hearing will be held upon completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are identified and taken into account,

comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the FHWA contact person identified above at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this proposed program).

Issued on: February 15, 2007.

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*Planning and Program Mgmt. Team Leader  
Nashville, TN.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highways in Washington

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by FHWA and other Federal agencies.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA and other Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, I-405 Renton Nickel Improvement Project between Tukwila and Renton in the State of Washington. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

**DATES:** By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on any of the listed highway projects will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before August 21, 2007. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Boch, Major Project Oversight Manager, Federal Highway Administration, Jackson Federal Building, 915 2nd Avenue, Room 3142, Seattle, Washington, 98174; telephone: (206) 220-7536; and e-mail: [Steve.Boch@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:Steve.Boch@fhwa.dot.gov). The FHWA Washington Division's Oversight Manager's regular office hours are between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Pacific Time). You may also contact Allison Ray, I-405 Environmental Manager,

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), 600-108th Avenue NE, Suite 405, Bellevue, Washington, 98004; telephone: (425) 456-8500; and e-mail: [rayalli@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:rayalli@wsdot.wa.gov). The I-405 Corridor Program's regular office hours are between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Pacific Time).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the FHWA and other Federal agencies have taken final agency actions by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of Washington: I-405 Renton Nickel Improvement Project. This project extends along I-405 from just east of the I-5/I-405 interchange in Tukwila north to the SR 169 interchange, and south on SR 167 to SW 41st Street. It consists of one new general-purpose lane in each direction along I-405 throughout most of the project limits. On SR 167, the project will extend the existing southbound HOV lane north to I-405 and add a southbound auxiliary lane from I-405 to the SW 41st Street off-ramp. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the October 2006 Environmental Assessment (EA) and the January 31, 2007 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and in other documents in the FHWA administrative record. The EA, FONSI and other documents in the FHWA administrative record are available by contacting the FHWA or WSDOT at the addresses provided above. The EA can be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i405/corridor/library/rentea.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i405/corridor/library/rentea.htm) or viewed at public libraries in the project area. Since Federal funding is not currently available for this project, an FHWA project number has not been established.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions on the listed projects as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].
2. *Air:* Clean Air Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].
3. *Land:* Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303]; Landscaping and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 319].
4. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544]; Anadromous Fish Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 757(a)-757(g)]; Fish and Wildlife