

produce and submit biennial reports to Congress required on April 1, beginning April 1, 2006; and, (c) description of at least 5 percent of the State's highway locations exhibiting the most severe safety needs, including an estimate of the potential remedies, their costs, and impediments to their implementation other than cost for each of the locations listed (i.e., the "5 percent report") [Section 148(c)(1)(D)]. To be able to produce these reports, State DOTs must have crash data and analysis systems capable of identifying and determining the relative severity of hazardous highway locations on all public roads, and determining the "before" and "after" crash experiences at HSIP project locations. This information provides FHWA with a means for monitoring the effectiveness of these programs and may be used by Congress for determining the future HSIP program structure and funding levels. Per SAFETEA-LU, State DOTs have a great deal of flexibility in the methodology they use to rank the relative severity of their public road locations in terms of fatalities and serious injuries. The list of 5 percent of these locations exhibiting the most severe safety needs will result from the ranking methodology used, and may include roadway segments and/or intersections. For example, a State may compare its roadway locations against statewide average rates of fatalities and serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled for similar type facilities and determine that those segments whose rates exceed the statewide rates are the locations with the "most severe" safety needs, and then at least 5 percent of those locations would be included in the required annual report.

Respondents: 51 State Transportation Departments, including the District of Columbia.

Frequency: This report must be submitted annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 500 hours (This is an increase of 300 burden hours from the current OMB approved 200 burden hours. The new report will take an additional 300 hours plus the 200 hours for the existing two reports).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,500 hours (51 states at an average of 500 hours each).

Electronic Access: Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>, 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Arlington County, VA, and Washington, DC

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, for potential transportation improvements in the 14th Street Bridge Corridor, from South Capitol Street in Washington, DC to Virginia Route 27 in Arlington, VA, including the 14th Street Bridge over the Potomac River.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Van Dop, Senior Technical Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166, Telephone 703-404-6282; or Lisa Thaxton, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166, Telephone 571-434-1552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's Web site at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Background

With this notice of intent, the FHWA is initiating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process including the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS), for the 14th Street Bridge Corridor to study potential alternatives to reduce congestion,

enhance safety, and improve traffic operations in the 14th Street Bridge Corridor.

A full range of transportation and demand management alternatives will be considered along with the No Build Alternative, including, but not limited to: Transportation systems management (TSM), transportation demand management (TDM), various modes of transit, build alternatives, facility expansion and/or renovation, evacuation routing, congestion mitigation (including but not limited to incident management, work zone operations, access management and partnering), and bicycle and pedestrian modes. These alternatives will be developed, screened, and subjected to detailed analysis in the draft environmental impact statement based on their ability to address the Purpose and Need, while attempting to avoid known and sensitive resources.

Letters describing the proposed NEPA study and soliciting input will be sent to the appropriate Federal, State and local agencies who have expressed or are known to have an interest or legal role in this proposal. A formal scoping meeting will be held as part of the NEPA process to facilitate local, state, and Federal agency involvement. Private organizations, citizens, and interest groups will also have an opportunity to provide input into the development of the EIS and identify issues that should be addressed. A comprehensive public participation program will be developed to involve the public in the project development process. Notices of public meetings or public hearings will be given through various forums providing the time and place of the meeting along with other relevant information. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public meetings/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 this notice of proposed action and when the draft EIS is made available should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Web site <http://www.14thStreetBridgeCorridorEIS.com>.

(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 action.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in Virginia

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(1)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, Interstate 495 (i.e., Capital Beltway), I-95/I-395/I-495 Interchange to the American Legion Bridge, in the County of Fairfax, State of Virginia. Those actions grant 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(1)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before January 16, 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: Mr. Edward S. Sundra, Senior Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 400 North 8th Street, Suite 750, Richmond, Virginia 23240-0249; telephone: (804) 775-3338; e-mail: Ed.Sundra@fhwa.dot.gov. The FHWA Virginia Division Office's normal business hours are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (eastern time). You may also contact Mr. Earl T. Robb, Environmental Administrator, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219; telephone: (804) 786-4559; e-mail: Earl.Robb@vdot.virginia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FHWA has taken final agency actions by issuing approvals for the following highway project in the State of Virginia: Interstate 495 (i.e., Capital Beltway), I-95/I-395/I-

495 Interchange to the American Legion Bridge, in the County of Fairfax. The project will be approximately 22.5 km (14 mi) long and consists of improvements to the mainline as well as improvements at nine interchanges located within the project limits. Specifically, two high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes will be added to the main line in each direction and be managed as high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the project, approved on April 18, 2006, in the FHWA Record of Decision (ROD) issued on June 29, 2006, and in other documents in the FHWA administrative record. The FEIS, ROD, and other documents in the FHWA administrative record file are available by contacting the FHWA or the Virginia Department of Transportation at the addresses provided above. The FHWA FEIS and ROD can be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at <http://project1.parsons.com/capitalbeltway/>.

This notice applies to all FHWA decisions and approvals 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 (NEPA) [42 USC 4321-4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].
2. Air: Clean Air Act, 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 Science Enhancement (Wildflowers), 23 U.S.C. 319.
4. Wildlife: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536], Marine Mammal Protection Act [16 U.S.C. 1361], Fish and wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)], Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712].
5. Historic and Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-11]; Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001-3013].
6. Social and Economic: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-200(d)(1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209].

7. Executive Orders: E.O. 1190 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(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 program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2005-23459]

Hours of Service of Drivers: National Ready Mixed Concrete Association Application for Exemption

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

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that it has received an application from the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) for a 2-year exemption from certain provisions of the hours-of-service (HOS) rules for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. Under the exemption, drivers of ready-mixed concrete vehicles in designated areas would be allowed to operate under the 100 air-mile radius exception from the requirement to prepare records of duty status (RODS) provided they are released from work within 14 hours following 10 consecutive hours off duty. Additionally, NRMCA requests an exemption from the requirement that a CMV driver record his or her duty status for each 24-hour period using the methods prescribed in the HOS rules. NRMCA is requesting the exemption on behalf of ready-mixed concrete