

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: San Bernardino.

Contiguous Counties:

Arizona: La Paz, Mohave.

California: Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside.

Nevada: Clark.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.875
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere: .....	2.937
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere: .....	7.763
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere: .....	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) with Credit Available Elsewhere: .....	5.000
Businesses And Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere: .....	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 10552 5 and for economic injury is 10553 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are California, Arizona, Nevada.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: July 27, 2006.

**Steven C. Preston,**  
Administrator.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Highway Administration**

**Notice of Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Transportation Projects in Ohio**

**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 proposed highway and transit projects within the area known as the Eastern Corridor, which is a 165 square mile area in the Cincinnati metropolitan area that extends from the Cincinnati Central Business District and riverfront redevelopment area in Hamilton County, easterly to east of the I-275 outerbelt corridor in Clermont County, near the communities of Milford, Batavia, and Amelia, in the State of Ohio. The Federal actions, taken as a result of a tiered environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4351 (NEPA), and implementing regulations on tiering, 40 CFR 1502.20, 40 CFR 1508.28, and 23 CFR Part 771, determined certain issues relating to the proposed projects. Those Tier 1 decisions will be used by Federal agencies in subsequent proceedings, including decisions whether to grant licenses, permits, and approvals for highway and transit projects. Tier 1 decisions also may be relied upon by State and local agencies in proceedings on the proposed projects.

**DATES:** By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public that it has made decisions that are subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) and are final within the meaning of that law. A claim seeking judicial review of the Tier 1 Federal agency decisions on the proposed highway and transit projects will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before January 30, 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:** For FHWA: Mr. Mark L. Vonder Embse, PE., Senior Transportation Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 200 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215; e-mail: [mark.vonderembse@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:mark.vonderembse@fhwa.dot.gov); telephone: (614) 280-6854; FHWA Ohio Division Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (eastern time). You also may contact Mr. Tim Hill, Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223; telephone: (614) 644-0377.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the FHWA has issued a Tier 1 Record of Decision (ROD) in connection with proposed highway and transit projects within the Eastern Corridor of the City of Cincinnati in the State of Ohio. Decisions in the Tier 1 ROD include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Purpose and need for the projects, including the need for actions to

increase highway capacity, reduce congestion and delay, improve safety and increase transportation connectivity in the region.

2. Reasonable alternatives that will be carried forward for further evaluation in the Tier 2 proceedings.

3. Alternatives that have been eliminated from further consideration and study, including but not limited to the no-build alternative; the Wasson Light Rail Transit alternative; the Beechmont Levee Corridor alternative; and individual or combined measures involving high occupancy vehicle lanes, bus rapid transit, ferry boats, and expanded Ohio River crossings on I-275 and I-471.

4. The Little Miami River will be clear spanned, thereby precluding the proposed highway and transit crossing from being designated as a water resources project within the meaning of Section 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 16 U.S.C. 1271-1287.

The Tier 1 actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), approved November 8, 2004, the FEIS approved September 30, 2005, the ROD approved June 2, 2006, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The DEIS, FEIS, ROD and other documents in the FHWA project file are available by contacting the FHWA or the Ohio Department of Transportation at the addresses provided above. The DEIS, FEIS, and ROD also are available online at <http://www.easterncorridor.org/default.asp>.

The scope and purpose of the Tier 1 FEIS are described in Sections 1.1 and 1.3 of the FEIS and referenced sections of the DEIS. The DEIS, FEIS, and ROD describe the issues that will be addressed in Tier 2, including further refinement and evaluation of the alternatives advanced to Tier 2 and identification of preferred alternatives for the various parts of the multimodal plan.

This notice applies to all Federal agency Tier 1 decisions that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) 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 U.S.C. 4321-4351; Federal-Aid Highway Act, 23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128.

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 and 23 U.S.C. 138.

4. Wetlands and Water Resources: Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300(f)–300(j)(6); Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 16 U.S.C. 1271–1287; Wetlands Mitigation, 23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(m), 133(b)(11).

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.*

6. Executive Orders: E.O. 11990 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. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality.

(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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**Dennis A. Decker,**

*Division Administrator, Columbus, Ohio.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in Ohio

**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, U.S. Route 823 (the Portsmouth Bypass), from Lucasville in Scioto county to near Scioto Dale in Scioto county in the State of Ohio. 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 the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before January 30, 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:** For FHWA: Mr. David Snyder, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 200 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215; telephone: (614) 280–6852; e-mail: *David.Snyder@fhwa.dot.gov*; FHWA Ohio Division Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (eastern time). For Ohio Department of Transportation: Mr. Tim Hill, Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223; telephone: (624) 644–0377.

**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 Ohio: U.S. Route 823 (the Portsmouth Bypass), from Lucasville in Scioto county to near Scioto Dale in Scioto county in the State of Ohio. The project will be a 16 mile long, four-lane divided limited access highway. It will begin at U.S. Route 23 in Lucasville. It will then proceed in a southeasterly direction staying north of Clarktown, south of Minford, west of Rigrish Addition, and just west of Scioto Dale. It will end near Scioto Dale by tying back into the existing 4-lane divided U.S. Route 52 just east of SR140. The proposed highway will be on new alignment. 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 August 10, 2005, in the FHWA Record of Decision (ROD) issued on June 9, 2006, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The FEIS, ROD, and other project records are available by contacting the FHWA or the Ohio Department of Transportation at the addresses provided above. The FEIS and ROD can be viewed at the Lucasville Public Library, the Scioto County Engineer's offices, the Scioto County Commissioner's office, the Portsmouth Public Library, the New Boston Public Library, the Wheelersburg Public Library, and the South Webster Public Library.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions 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 U.S.C. 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 Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers), [23 U.S.C. 319].

4. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and Section 1536], 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.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)–11]; Archeological 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)–2000(d)(1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201–4209].

7. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), [16 U.S.C. 4601–4604]; Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), [42 U.S.C. 300(f)–300(j)(6)]; Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, [33 U.S.C. 401–406]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, [16 U.S.C. 1271–1287]; Clean Water Act, [33 U.S.C. 1251–1377 (Section 401, 404, and 319)]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931; 133(b)(11)]; Flood Disaster Protection Act, [42 U.S.C. 4001–4128].

8. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11990 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.)

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