

Attendance is open to the interested public, but may be limited to the space available. 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 meeting coordinator listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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**Peter Hwoschinsky,**

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#### Federal Highway Administration

##### Environmental Impact Statement: Suffolk County, New York

**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 for a proposed highway project in Suffolk County, New York.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harold J. Brown, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 9th Floor, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone: (518) 431-4127, or Philip J. Clark, Director, Design Division, New York State Department of Transportation, State Campus, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12232, Telephone: (518) 457-6452.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve the Route 347 corridor in Suffolk County. The proposed improvement will involve the reconstruction of the existing route between its termini at the Northern State Parkway and Route 25A, a distance of approximately 15 miles, in the Towns of Smithtown, Islip and Brookhaven. Improvements to Route 347 are considered necessary to address the existing and projected traffic demand and traffic-related problems.

Alternatives being processed for detailed study in the Environmental Impact Statement include:

#### Section A—Northern State Parkway to Route 454 Diverge

1. No build;
2. Transportation Demand Management (TDM)/Transportation System Management (TSM);
3. Six lane (convert one existing General Use Lane [GUL] to one High Occupancy Vehicle [HOV] lane each direction) limited access expressway with two lane flanking service roads (includes TDM/TSM);
4. Six lane (GUL's) limited access expressway with two lane flanking service roads (includes TDM/TSM);
5. Eight lane (add one HOV lane each direction or GUL's) restricted access expressway (includes TDM/TSM).

#### Section B—Route 454 Diverge to Route 25A

1. No build;
2. TDM/TSM;
3. Four Lane (GUL's) arterial with restricted access by closing median openings and having grade separated interchanges (includes TDM/TSM);
4. Six lane (add one HOV lane each direction) arterial with some grade separations and jughandles (includes TDM/TSM);
5. Six lane (GUL's) arterial with some grade separations and jughandles (includes TDM/TSM).

One of the early opportunities for the public to be involved is in the scoping of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Scoping is the process by which the important issues to be considered in the environmental analyses are identified. The purpose of scoping is to ensure that the DEIS is a concise, accurate and complete document that covers all concerns and issues for public and agency review.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting scoping comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, public officials and various organizations that may have interest in this proposal. In addition to scoping discussions with these interested parties, the general public will have the opportunity to make scoping comments both in writing and at a Public Information/Scoping Meeting in Spring, 1995, exact time and location to be announced.

After the DEIS is prepared, it will be available for public and agency review and comment. This will be followed by a Public Hearing for which a public notice will be given of the time and place of the 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 or NYSDOT at the addresses 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 program.)

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**Harold J. Brown,**

*Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Albany, New York.*

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#### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 95-22 Notice 2]

##### Decision That Nonconforming 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision by NHTSA that nonconforming 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E passenger cars are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the decision by NHTSA that 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E passenger cars not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to a vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and certified by its manufacturer as complying with the safety standards (the U.S.-certified version of the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E), and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATES:** This decision is effective June 9, 1995.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

###### Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) (formerly section 108(c)(3)(A)(i) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (the Act)), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless

NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115 (formerly section 114 of the Act), and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the **Federal Register**.

Liphardt & Associates of Ronkonkoma, New York (Registered Importer R-93-016) petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. NHTSA published notice of the petition on April 7, 1995 (60 FR 17847) to afford an opportunity for public comment. The reader is referred to that notice for a thorough description of the petition. No comments were received in response to the notice. Based on its review of the information submitted by the petitioner, NHTSA has decided to grant the petition.

#### Vehicle Eligibility Number for Subject Vehicles

The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS-7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. VSP-114 is the vehicle eligibility number assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision.

#### Final Determination

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that a 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E (Model ID 124.031) not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards is substantially similar to a 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all

applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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**Marilynne Jacobs**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*  
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#### UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

##### Disability Exchanges Clearinghouse

**ACTION:** Notice—request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply for a single award to establish and manage a disability exchanges clearinghouse, the overall purpose of which is two-fold: (1) To provide information for the disability community about international exchange opportunities available to them; and (2) to assist exchange organizations in developing skills and understanding about how to incorporate people with disabilities into their exchange programs.

Overall grant-making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries \* \* \*: to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations \* \* \* and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program cited above is provided through the Fulbright-Hays Act.

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

**ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER:** All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the

Disability Exchanges Clearinghouse and reference number E/AE-95-01.

**DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS:** All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on Thursday, July 27, 1995. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked July 27, 1995 but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

**Award date:** The award should begin on September 30, 1995.

**Duration:** September 30, 1995—September 30, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchanges Division—E/AE, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone number: 202/619-4360, fax number: 202/401-5914, internet address: DLEVIN@USIAGOV to request a Solicitation Package, which includes all application forms and further guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget. Please specify USIA Program Officer David Levin on all inquiries and correspondence.

Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before addressing inquiries to the Academic Exchanges Division or submitting their proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, the Academic Exchange Division may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 15 copies of the complete application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/AE-95-01 (Disability Exchanges Clearinghouse), Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social, and cultural life. "Diversity" should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including but not limited to race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle.

Proposals obviously will relate directly to the disability community.