

Federal Highway Administration**Environmental Impact Statement;
Public Scoping Meeting for Road
Reconstruction; Moran Junction to
Dubois, WY****ACTION:** Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed road reconstruction in the Moran Junction to Dubois vicinity of northwestern Wyoming will be prepared. The EIS will be prepared in cooperation with the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Galen Hesterberg, Statewide Operations Engineer, FHWA, 1916 Evans, Cheyenne, WY 82001, (307) 772-2012, extension 45, FAX (307) 772-2011, or Tim Stark, Environmental Services, WYDOT, P.O. Box 1708, Cheyenne, WY 82003-1708, (307) 777-4379.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed highway reconstruction project will consist of reconstruction of the existing U.S. Highway 26/287 beginning at Kp 4.8 (MP 3.0) and ends at Kp 65.7 (MP 40.7 and the east Forest Boundary) in Fremont and Teton Counties. The purpose of this proposal is to provide a modern two lane road with emergency parking shoulders. Line and grade will be adjusted to improve sight distance and safety of the roadway while minimizing impacts to the natural environment. All bridges will be replaced. Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) using alternate travel modes; and (3) various alignment and design alternatives. The development of these specific alternatives is an ongoing process that will incorporate features brought forth during public scoping in addition to those identified by project engineers as preliminary road design activities progress. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and to private organizations and citizens who express an interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held. In addition, the public will be given the opportunity to hold a Public Hearing. Public notice will be given of the time and place of any meetings or hearings. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to a public hearing. No formal scoping meetings or hearings have been

scheduled at this time. 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 above address.

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J. Michael Bowen,
Assistant Division Administrator.
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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration****[Docket No. 96-107; Notice 1]****Notice of Receipt of Petition for
Decision That Nonconforming 1992
Mercedes-Benz 300TE Passenger Cars
Are Eligible for Importation****AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE passenger cars are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that a 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE that was not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards is eligible for importation into the United States because: (1) It is substantially similar to a vehicle that was originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that was certified by its manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) it is capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is November 18, 1996.**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Section, Room 5109, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.]**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), 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, 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.

Pierre Enterprises, Southeast, Inc. of Ft. Pierce, Florida ("Pierre") (Registered Importer 93-016) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicle which Pierre believes is substantially similar is the 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE that was manufactured for importation into, and sale in, the United States and certified by its manufacturer, Daimler Benz A.G., as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared the non-U.S. certified 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE to its U.S. certified counterpart, and found the two vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Pierre submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that the non-U.S. certified 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE, as originally manufactured, conforms to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as its U.S. certified counterpart, or is capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that the non-U.S. certified 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300TE is identical to its U.S. certified counterpart with respect to compliance with Standards Nos. 102 *Transmission Shift Lever Sequence* * * *, 103 *Defrosting and Defogging Systems*, 104 *Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems*, 105 *Hydraulic Brake*