

during the development of the project. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. A Scoping Meeting was held on August 18 and 19, 1993, in Washington, Pennsylvania. Federal, state, regional, county, and municipal agencies attended and participated.

To insure 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 address provided above.

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

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Environmental Impact Statement; Elk County, Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared for a proposed highway project in Elk County, Pennsylvania.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David W. Cough, District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 228 Walnut Street, Room 558, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101-1720, Telephone: (717) 782-3461 or James R. Bathurst, P.E., Design Services Engineer, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, 1924-30 Daisy Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830, Telephone (814) 765-0437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), will now prepare an Environmental Assessment and Engineering Basis Reports for a section of U.S. Route 219 in Elk County, Pennsylvania. Located in Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, this two-mile project will improve the safety and relieve traffic congestion on this section of U.S. Route

219. The northern terminus and study area limits will be the existing two lanes of U.S. Route 219 just north of the Johnsonburg. The southern terminus and study area limits will be approximately one-half mile south of Pennsylvania Route 255.

Five alternatives are being evaluated during the course of the study. Based on existing and projected traffic volumes, all build alternatives will require a two-lane facility to accommodate the traffic volumes. The alternatives under consideration are upgrading the existing facility, transportation system management, two alternatives on new location west of existing U.S. Route 219, and the "NO BUILD" alternate. Mass transit and multi-modal design will not be considered on this project.

An active public participation program has been implemented on this project. A Citizens Advisory Committee has been actively involved throughout the design and environmental process. Public meetings have been held to ensure public input and participation.

The alternatives developed for this project have caused no public controversy on environmental grounds. Based upon the studies performed and consultation with both Federal and State Environmental Resource Agencies, an Environmental Assessment Evaluation will be performed to determine whether the subject project will have any significant impacts on the environment.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Decision that Certain Nonconforming Motor Vehicles are Eligible for Importation

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

ACTION: Notice of decision by NHTSA that certain nonconforming motor vehicles are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the decision by NHTSA that certain motor vehicles 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 vehicles originally manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturers as complying with the safety standards, and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: This decision is effective January 13, 1997.

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.

NHTSA received petitions from registered importers to decide whether the vehicles listed in Annex A to this notice are eligible for importation into the United States. To afford an opportunity for public comment, NHTSA published notice of these petitions as specified in Annex A. The reader is referred to those notices for a thorough description of the petitions. No comments were received in response to these notices. Based on its review of the information submitted by the