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National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board located in the geographical area of Washington, DC, will hold a public meeting on Monday and Tuesday, March 3-4, 1997, from 8:15 AM to 5 PM, at the U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd St. SW, Washington, DC, 4th Floor Conference Room, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Mary Ann Holl, SBA, 409 3rd St. SW, 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20416, telephone 202/205-7302.

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Region I Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region I Advisory Council located in the geographical area of Providence, Rhode Island, will hold a public meeting on Friday, March 7, 1997 at 8:00 a.m., at the Providence Marriott, Charles at Orms Street, Providence, Rhode Island to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call the office of the District Director, Providence District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration, 380 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. (401) 528-4561.

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Washington, D.C. District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region III District Advisory Council located in the

geographical area of Washington, D.C., will hold a public meeting from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, February 19, 1997, at 733 15th Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C., to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Anita L. Irving, Public Information Officer, U.S. Small Business Administration, 1110 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 900, (P.O. Box 34500), Washington, D.C. 20045; telephone 202/606-4000, ext. 275.

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Region V Advisory Council Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region V Advisory Council located in the geographical area of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will hold a public meeting from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 18, 1997, at the Milwaukee Area Chamber (MMAC) Association of Commerce Building (Milwaukee & Mason) Fourth Floor—The Milwaukee Room, 756 North Milwaukee Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Gloria Holter at (414) 287-4100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Pierce County, Washington

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Revised Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the scope of a project in Pierce County, Washington for which a notice of intent had previously been issued has been changed and that additional scoping and public involvement meetings will be conducted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene Fong, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 711 South Capitol Way, Suite 501, Olympia WA 98501, telephone (360) 753-9413; or Gary Demich, Region Administrator, Olympic Region, Washington State Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 7440, Olympia WA 98504, telephone (360) 357-2659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation issued a Notice of Intent December 9, 1993, to prepare an environmental impact statement on a proposal to improve State Route 16 (SR 16) in Pierce County, Washington. Scoping comments to date have been in favor of operational improvements and/or capacity improvements with a strong preference for HOV treatments. A Major Investment Study currently being conducted in the SR 16 corridor has indicated the need to expand the scope of this EIS. The scope of the proposed action is being expanded to address congestion and improve safety and operational reliability in the SR 16 corridor from the Cedar Street overcrossing in Tacoma to the SR 302 interchange south of Purdy in Pierce County, a distance of 20.4 kilometers (12.7 miles). Reduced congestion in the SR 16 corridor would be provided by either added highway capacity, Transportation Demand Management, Transportation System Management, or other general approaches derived from the Major Investment Study.

The SR 16 corridor between Cedar Street in Tacoma and SR 302 near Purdy has experienced substantial increases in traffic volumes, congestion and accidents as a result of regional growth. Regional growth patterns have established this corridor as a major commute route. There are no alternate routes between Tacoma and Gig Harbor and those points north of Gig Harbor in Pierce and Kitsap Counties. Substantial delays in traffic caused by the high volumes are exacerbated by even minor accidents in the corridor. The proposed additional HOV lanes are consistent with, and a part of, WSDOT's overall Transportation System Plan for the SR 16 corridor.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) no action; (2) added capacity alternatives with either a parallel span or a retrofitted Tacoma Narrows Bridge; (3) Transportation Demand Management; and (4) Transportation System Management. Other alternatives will be considered, as appropriate, as a result of public scoping or the Major Investment Study. Incorporated into and