

used to obtain input from citizens who may be affected by the proposal. All of the neighborhood meetings and the public hearing will be open to all citizens and advertised in the Baton Rouge media to solicit general public participation. An agency scoping meeting is planned; however, arrangements have not yet been completed.

To ensure that a 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Livingston County, MO

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 (EIS) will be prepared for proposed improvements to the transportation system in Livingston County, Missouri.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), will prepare an EIS for a proposed project to improve the transportation system in the vicinity of U.S. Routes 65 and 36 near Chillicothe in Livingston County, Missouri.

The proposed action is considered necessary to provide for a safe and

efficient transportation network. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action, (2) implementing transportation system management (TSM) options, (3) upgrading and improving the existing roadways, and (4) constructing a new four-lane roadway west and/or east of the existing Route 65 either on parallel alignment or on relocation. The location study conducted during preparation of the EIS will provide definitive alternatives for evaluation by the EIS. The proposed action will likely include transportation improvements in Livingston County from approximately 1.5 miles north of Missouri Route 190 south of Missouri Route H.

The scoping process will involve all appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, as well as private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Preliminary comments and information are currently being solicited from agencies. A series of public meetings will be held to engage the regional community in the decision-making process and to obtain public comment. In addition, a public hearing will be held to present the findings of the draft EIS (DEIS). The DEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and all significant issues are 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 MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Automotive Fuel Economy Program; Report to Congress

The attached document *Automotive Fuel Economy Program, Twenty-Second Annual Report to Congress*, was

prepared pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 32916 *et seq.* which requires that "the Secretary shall transmit to each House of Congress, and publish in the **Federal Register**, a review of the average fuel economy standards under this part."

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L. Robert Shelton,

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Automotive Fuel Economy Program

Twenty-Second Annual Report to Congress

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The Twenty-second Annual Report to Congress on the Automotive Fuel Economy Program summarizes the activities of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) during 1997, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 32916 *et seq.*, which requires the submission of a report each year. Included in this report is a section summarizing rulemaking activities during 1997.

The Secretary of Transportation is required to administer a program for regulating the fuel economy of new passenger cars and light trucks in the