

contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 107 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator which submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the noise exposure maps and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps, and copies of the record of approval and other evaluation materials and documents which comprised the submittal to the FAA are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,
Detroit Airports District Office,
Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck
Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.
Mr. Frederick J. Krum, Director of
Aviation, Akron-Canton Regional
Airport, 5400 Lauby Road, N.W., P.O.
Box 9, North Canton, OH 44720-1598.

Questions on either of these FAA determinations may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk, Suffolk, Portsmouth and Chesapeake, VA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is reissuing this notice to advise the public that an

environmental impact statement will be prepared to determine the impact of a proposed new crossing of Hampton Roads in southeastern Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Bruce Turner, Planning and Environmental Manager, Federal Highway Administration, The Dale Building Suite 205, 1504 Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, Virginia 23229, Telephone: (804) 281-5100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), is reestablishing its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to determine the impact of a proposed new crossing of Hampton Roads in southeastern Virginia. A previous Notice of Intent was published on May 27, 1994. A Major Investment Study (MIS), completed in accordance with 23 CFR 450 Subpart C, was published in October of 1997. The MIS initially investigated various alternatives developed to alleviate congestion and improve access and mobility across Hampton Roads. The various alternatives ranged from transportation demand management strategies to constructing a new crossing. After a screening of the initial alternatives, the MIS studied 11 multimodal transportation corridors and the no build alternative.

The EIS will examine reasonable alternatives, including the no-build alternative, in an area generally bounded by the interchange of I-64/I-664 on the north, I-64/I-564 on the east, I-264/I-64 on the south, and the I-664 alignment on the west.

The Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization selected a locally preferred corridor in July of 1997, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board endorsed the locally preferred corridor in September of 1997. Termini for the preferred corridor consists of the following: the intersection of I-64 and I-644 in Hampton; the intersection of I-264 and I-64 in Chesapeake; the intersection of I-64 and I-564 in Norfolk, and the intersection of VA 164 in Portsmouth. The proposed corridor consists of a new crossing, which connects Norfolk to southeastern Newport News. It also includes a connection to VA 164 in Portsmouth, and it includes the widening of existing I-664 and I-564. The proposed corridor includes a multimodal component, which could be used for reversible HOV lanes, an exclusive busway, exclusive truck lanes, and/or a passenger rail system.

Regularly scheduled meetings with Federal and State agencies will occur during the study. A set of public meetings, one on the Southside and one on the Peninsula, will be held to present the results of the Draft EIS. In addition, a set of formal public hearings will be held. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the hearings. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearings. Additional public outreach will occur through the issuance of project newsletters and a project home page, which will be accessible through VDOT's Internet site (www.vdot.state.va.us). A formal scoping meeting will be held.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this project 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 direct to the FHWA at the address 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 proposed action.)

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Form 8655

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8655, reporting Agent Authorization for Magnetic Tape/Electronic Filers.