

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement:
Jackson County, Oregon**

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 a proposed transportation improvement in the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ivan Marrero, Liaison Engineer Region 3, Federal Highway Administration, Equitable Center, 530 Center Street, N.E., Suite 100, Salem, Oregon 97301, Telephone: (503) 399-5749, Ivan.Marrero@fhwa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to solve the long-term (year 2020) transportation demands and congestion in the Interstate 5/Barnett Road (South Medford) Interchange Area. Congestion on Barnett Road is impacting existing business and industry and has the potential to curtail future economic development in the area. Improvements are considered necessary to provide for existing and projected traffic demands and a safe and efficient transportation system meeting modern AASHTO design standards.

Alternatives will be developed as part of the project development process that will be incorporated into the EIS. Alternatives may include one or more of the following: taking no action (no build); improving the Interstate 5/Barnett Road Interchange; constructing new roadways to provide for additional local circulation and/or widening existing roadways to reduce congestion on the Interstate 5/Barnett Road Interchange; developing new access across Interstate 5; improved transit service to the area; using Transportation System Management and Transportation Demand Management measures to alleviate traffic congestion; and modifying land use to reduce congestion. Potential impacts and/or improvements to the Bear Creek Greenway regional bicycle and pedestrian facility will also be considered.

Information describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, and to private

organizations and citizens who have expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposed project. A local formal scoping meeting is scheduled on March 18, 1999, 4 pm to 7 pm at the Scottish Right Temple, 955 North Phoenix Road, Medford, Oregon.

Public informational meetings will be held by ODOT during project development and a public hearing will be scheduled. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comments prior to the public hearing.

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 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 program)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Aviation Rulemaking Advisory
Committee Meeting on Airport
Certification Issues**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the March 9 meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee, scheduled to discuss Airport Certification Issues (64 FR 8634; 2/22/99), has been cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marisa Mullen, (202) 267-7653, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-200), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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Robert E. David,

Assistant Executive Director for Airport Certification Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-99-5012]

**Notice of Availability of a Draft
Programmatic Environmental
Assessment for the Nationwide
Differential Global Positioning System
Service**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) has been authorized by Congress, pursuant to section 346 of the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998, Pub. L. 105-66 (October 27, 1997), to establish, operate, and manage a nationwide system to be known as the Nationwide Differential Global Positioning System (NDGPS) as soon as practicable, to integrate the NDGPS stations into the Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) system of the National Geodetic Survey of the Department of Commerce, and to investigate the use of the NDGPS reference stations for the Global Positioning System Integrated Precipitable Water Vapor System of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the Department of Commerce. A draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the NDGPS program is available for public review and comment. The FHWA seeks public comment on this draft from all interested parties.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Your signed, written comments must refer to the docket number appearing at the top of this document and you must submit the comments to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday and Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the FHWA program office: Written requests for a copy of the draft PEA should be submitted to: Mr. James A. Arnold, (703) 285-2974, Federal Highway Administration, Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center,