

ACTION: Cancellation of notice of intent, FR document 91-15994.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to rescind the previous Notice of Intent issued on June 21, 1991, to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed highway project in Skagit County, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gene K. Fong, Federal Highway Administration, Evergreen Plaza Building, Suite 501, 711 South Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington, 98501-1284, Telephone: (360) 753-9413; Brian Ziegler, State Design Engineer, Washington State Department of Transportation, Transportation Administration Building, Olympia, Washington, 98204, Telephone: (360) 705-7231; or, John Okamoto, WSDOT Northwest Region Administrator, 15700 Dayton Avenue North, PO Box 330310, Seattle, Washington 98133-9710, Telephone: (206) 440-4691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), issued a Notice of Intent on June 21, 1991 to prepare an EIS on a proposal to improve or construct a 4-1/2 mile section of SR 20 from two lanes to four lanes. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was originally circulated on May 30, 1995, and was followed by an EIS/Design Hearing on June 28, 1995. Since then, as the project elements have been refined, impacts have been more specifically identified, and public and agency comments have been evaluated, the FHWA and WSDOT have jointly decided that the project will not result in significant impacts to the environment and that an Environmental Assessment (EA) is the most appropriate environmental document under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rather than an EIS. The EA is available through the above contacts. Because a previous hearing was held for this project, another hearing is not planned for the current EA. However, any person with questions about the project or wishing to request a hearing may write to Bill James at 15700 Dayton Avenue North, MS 11, PO. Box 330310, Seattle, WA. 98133-9710, or call (206) 440-4139.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Will, DuPage, and Cook Counties, IL

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Supplement to a Final Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Cook, Will, and DuPage, Counties, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), will prepare a Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal for a new highway. The proposed highway facility would begin at the interchange of Interstate Routes 55 and 355 east of Bolingbrook, Illinois and extend southerly approximately 12 miles to Interstate Route 80 northwest of New Lenox, Illinois. The proposed highway generally follows the previously recorded centerline for the Lake-Will Freeway (FA Route 61) in Will, DuPage, and Cook Counties and is designated FAP Route 340. The original EIS for the proposed project (FHWA-IL-EIS-93-03-F/4(f)) was approved on February 21, 1996. The Record of Decision (ROD) was approved on April 15, 1996. The approved EIS and ROD indicate that the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority would construct and operate the new highway. The Supplement to the Final EIS will allow traffic projections to be updated to the current planning year horizon, 2020. No-Action Alternative land use forecasts will be modified based on revisions to the Year 2020 transportation network. Various transportation alternatives including No-Action, No-Action with

Transportation System Management, Mass Transit, and Build Alternates will be reexamined with regards to the new traffic. The Build Alternates include Further Improvements to the Existing Highway Network, Expressway, and Freeway/Tollway Alternates. Coordination meetings, three public meetings, and a public hearing were conducted as part of the previous EIS. Coordination with Federal, State, regional, county, and local agencies, community organizations, private industry, and the public was performed. Additional coordination will include coordination meetings and a public hearing. No formal scoping meeting will be held. If new information indicates a need to define issues attendant to the proposed action, scoping activities will be conducted with specific resource agencies. To ensure that the full range of issues related to the 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 Supplement to the Final EIS should be directed to FHWA or IDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, 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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Environmental Engineer, Springfield, Illinois.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

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Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co.; Petition for an Extension and Modification of a Waiver of Compliance with Certain Provisions of 49 CFR 213.113(a)(2), Notes C and D

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.41, notice is hereby given that The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) under date of December 2, 1998, for extension and modification of a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 213: Track Safety Standards. This proceeding