

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Federal Transit Administration****Environmental Impact Statement:  
Pitkin, Eagle and Garfield Counties,  
Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Revised notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA and FTA are jointly issuing this revised notice to advise the public that the project limits have been extended from the Pitkin County Airport to the City of Aspen, a distance of 3.7 miles; and from Glenwood Springs to West Glenwood, a distance of 2 miles. These extensions are in response to comments received at the public scoping meetings held in February 1998 and subsequent public meetings.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA and FTA in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Roaring Fork Railroad Holding Authority (RFRHA) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and Section 4(f) evaluation on a proposal to make major transportation improvements in the Roaring Fork Valley from West Glenwood Springs to the City of Aspen, a distance of approximately 44.2 miles. The purpose of these improvements is to accommodate current and projected travel demands through the corridor. The proposed improvements will be identified in a Corridor Investment Study which will be combined with the EIS. The alternatives to be considered in detail in the EIS/4(f) evaluation include the following:

(1) The No Build Alternative—This alternative will include transportation improvements that are “committed” or currently approved transportation projects.

(2) An Improved Bus/Transportation System Management (TSM) Alternative—This alternative will include an optimal bus alternative on

the existing SH 82 alignment and improvements beyond the No Build Alternative that enhance the utility of the existing and committed transportation improvements. A valley wide trail is also included from Glenwood Springs to Aspen.

(3) The Build Alternative—This alternative consists of rail improvements in the corridor, a feeder bus service to the rail stations and TSM improvements. A valley wide trail is also included from Glenwood Springs to Aspen.

Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the CIS/EIS/4(f) evaluation should be directed to the Colorado Department of Transportation at the address provided above.

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Report to Congress**

The attached document, 23rd Annual Report to Congress on the Automotive Fuel Economy Program, 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.”

The 23rd Annual Report to Congress on the Automotive Fuel Economy Program summarizes the fuel economy performance of the vehicle fleet and the activities of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) during 1998. Included in this report is a section summarizing rulemaking activities during 1998. This report is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/fuelecon/index.html>. To obtain paper copies of this document, you may contact NHTSA’s Publications Ordering and Distribution Services on (202) 366-1566.

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**Section I: Introduction**

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