

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit EK Aviation to conduct sightseeing rides on June 12, 1999, at the Sidney, Ohio and on July 4, 1999, at Urbana, Ohio, for the purpose of carrying passengers on local non-stop flights for compensation or hire. *GRANT, 5/10/99, Exemption No. 6898.*

#### **Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* 28452.

*Petitioner:* Boeing Commercial Airplane Group.

*Regulations Affected:* 25.562(b)(2).

*Description of Petition:* To add Boeing Model 737-700C/-900 to Exemption No. 6425. This would permit exemption from the floor warpage testing requirements of § 25.562(b)(2), as amended by Amendment 25-64, for flight check seats.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Highway Administration**

#### **Environmental Impact Statement: Monterey County, California**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Monterey County, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert F. Tally, Team Leader, Program Delivery Team-North, Carolina Division, Federal Highway Administration, 980 9th Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2724, Telephone: (916) 498-5020.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve safety and reduce congestion on SR (State Route) 156 in Monterey County between Castroville Boulevard and SR 101. The existing two-lane conventional highway has an accident rate 35% higher than the average rate for comparable highways, and operates at LOS (Level of Service) E which is expected to decline to LOS F by 2020. A bottleneck condition at the SR 156/101 interchange contributes to safety problems in the corridor.

Four alternatives are being considered at this time: A No Action Alternative (Alternative 1) and three build alternatives. All build alternatives would convert the described section of SR 156 from a two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway and construct interchange improvements at SR 156/101. Alternative 2 would construct the additional two lanes directly south of, and on the same alignment as, existing SR 156. Alternative 3 would construct a portion of the additional two lanes on a split alignment south of existing SR 156. Alternative 4 would construct four new lanes south of the existing SR 156 alignment.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments were sent to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. The Public Participation Program for this study includes community information meetings expected to begin in the summer of 1999, and a formal Public Hearing in early 2001.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed, and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. If you have any information regarding historic resources, endangered species, or other sensitive issues, which could be affected by this project, please notify this office. 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 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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**Robert F. Tally,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Highway Administration**

#### **Environmental Impact Statement: Vernon County, Wisconsin**

**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 will be

prepared for capacity improvements to the USH 14/61 highway corridor between the cities of Viroqua and Westby in Vernon County, Wisconsin.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaclyn Lawton, Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 567 D'Onofrio Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, 53719-2814; Telephone: (608) 829-7517. You may also contact Carol Cutshall, Director, Bureau of Environment, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 7965, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707-7965; Telephone: (608) 266-9626.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to provide additional transportation capacity on USH 14/61 between the cities of Viroqua and Westby, including possible community bypasses. The approximate 16-mile project begins south of Viroqua at the STH 27/82 intersection with USH 14/61, and ends north of Westby at the CTH GG intersection with USH 14/61. The proposal is being considered to address future transportation demand on USH 14/61, and to preserve land for a future transportation corridor. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) No build, (2) improvements to the existing highway, and (3) possible bypass corridors around Viroqua and Westby.

A project advisory committee comprised of federal and state agencies, local officials, environmental, and other community interests, will provide input during data gathering, development and refinement of alternatives, and long range corridor preservation. A series of public meetings will be held to solicit comments from citizens and interest groups who have previously expressed, or are known to have interest in the proposal. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. Agencies having an interest in or jurisdiction regarding the proposed action will be contacted through interagency coordination meetings and mailings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed, and all substantive 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 FHWA or the Wisconsin