

upgrading the existing facility; and (3) constructing a highway on new alignment. The alternative on new alignment has sub-alternatives providing for various right-of-way locations and interchange options.

Letters 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 previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A public hearing will be held in late 1999 or early 2000. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

Based upon recent coordination with federal, state and local agencies and input received from public meetings in 1995, 1997 and 1999, no additional formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; King County and Snohomish County, Washington

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 a proposed program of highway, arterial, and high-capacity transit projects in King County and Snohomish County, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene Fong, Division Administrator,

Federal Highway Administration, 711 S. Capitol Way, Suite 501, Olympia, Washington 98501-1284, Telephone: (360) 753-9413; or Michael Cummings, WSDOT Office of Urban Mobility, 401 Second Avenue So., Ste. 300, Seattle, Washington 98104-2862, Telephone: (206) 464-6223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve Interstate 405 (I-405), adjacent arterials, and transit facilities in King County and Snohomish County, Washington. The proposed improvements potentially would include the construction of a range of highway, arterial, bus transit, high-capacity transit, and non-motorized transportation improvements within the I-405 corridor study area between its southern intersection with I-5 in the City of Tukwila and its northern intersection with Interstate 5 (I-5) in Snohomish County, a length of about 30 miles.

Improvements are considered necessary to improve movement of people and goods throughout the corridor and to reduce foreseeable traffic congestion. Alternatives are expected to include: (1) Taking no action; (2) implementing a range of transportation system management (TSM) and transportation demand management (TDM) measures; (3) expanding the capacity of the existing I-405; (4) expanding the capacity and improving the continuity of the adjacent arterial network; (5) expanding the capacity of the existing bus transit system; (6) implementing new high-capacity transit within the corridor; and/or (7) a combination of elements of the preceding alternatives. Also, a variety of land use and development controls by local agencies may be identified in the EIS, but these are not within the jurisdiction of the FHWA.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of agency and public scoping meetings will be held in the corridor during October 1999. 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.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-99-6340]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1991-1992 Toyota Previa Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1991-1992 Toyota Previa multi-purpose passenger vehicles (MPVs) are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1991-1992 Toyota Previa MPVs that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATE: The closing date for comments on the petition is November 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC