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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Lebanon County, PA

**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 highway project in the City of Lebanon, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David W. Cough P.E., Director of Operations, Federal Highway Administration, Pennsylvania Division Office, 228 Walnut Street, Room 536, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101-1720, Telephone: 717-221-3411,

or

Mark Malhenzie, Project Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Engineering District 8-0, 2140 Herr Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17103, Telephone: 717-783-5080.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), will conduct a project Needs Analysis and Design Location Studies and will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate alternatives which provide grade-separated access over a railroad corridor located in the City of Lebanon. The study area will extend from 12th Street to Lincoln Avenue. The railroad corridor is an active lien recently acquired by Norfolk Southern.

The railroad line is a high-density rail line with eight at-grade crossings through the City of Lebanon. There are no grade-separated crossings through the City causing long queues at the crossings which result in congestion and unacceptable delays for emergency service providers. The study offers the opportunity to provide grade-separated motorist, bicycle and pedestrian crossings and eliminate some at-grade crossings. Potential impacts to the environment include cultural resources

and residential and business displacements.

The initial stage of this process is for scoping, documentation of the project need, and development of conceptual alignment corridors. This stage of the study will culminate in a Needs Analysis Report.

A range of conceptual alignment corridors will be developed and examined within the context of the identified project needs, environmental and socioeconomic constraints, and public input, as well as their consistency with County and municipal plans and policies. Alternatives to be examined will include the No-Build Alternative. This analysis will be used to refine the alternatives or eliminate a particular alternative from further consideration due to the potential for socio-economic, environmental, or engineering impacts. This stage of the study will result in a Preliminary Alternatives Analysis Report.

Following the preliminary analysis, the alternatives which are recommended for further study will be developed in greater detail and the environmental impacts for each will be assessed and described in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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 express an interest in the proposal. Agency scoping and public meetings will be initiated in Fall 1999. Public involvement and inter-agency coordination will be maintained throughout the development of the study. Public notices of the time and place of the public meetings and any required public hearings will be provided.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and that all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or PennDOT at the addresses 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

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-99-6397]

#### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 27, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Mr. Walter Culbreath, NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 6132, NSC-01, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Culbreath's telephone number is (202) 366-1566. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in