

Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations at 40 CFR 1502.20. The Tier 1 document will be a detailed document with a comprehensive, in-depth analysis of alternative corridors. The Tier 1 document will involve extensive environmental studies, as well as transportation studies, economic impact studies, and cost analysis. This document will provide the basis for FHWA to grant corridor location approval for a specific corridor.

The Tier 2 documents will be a series of smaller studies for individual sections of the corridor. These sections of the corridor would have independent utility—*i.e.*, each section could serve a useful transportation purpose by itself. Within each section of the corridor, specific alignments would be identified and evaluated based upon their social, economic and environmental impacts. The Tier 2 documents would be more closely tailored to address the needs of the communities located within each project section.

A scoping meeting will be held for the regulatory agencies followed by several public scoping meetings held at various locations in the project area. Early Coordination letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies. As part of the process, public hearings will also be held. Public notice will be given as to the time and place of the meetings and hearings. The public hearings will be held after the draft EIS is available for review.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and any significant impacts are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and this Tier 1 EIS should be directed to the FHWA or the INDOT at the address provided above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Tippecanoe, Carroll and Cass Counties, Indiana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of scoping meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing an announcement to the public that a Scoping Meeting will take place in regards to the environmental document for a proposed transportation project in Tippecanoe, Carroll and Cass Counties, Indiana to improve and/or relocate SR 25 from Lafayette to Logansport, a distance of approximately 54 kilometers (34 miles). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. in the Radisson Inn Lafayette Meeting Room, located at 4343 State Road 26 East, Lafayette, Indiana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larry Heil, Planning and Program Development Manager, Federal Highway Administrator, Room 254, Federal Office Building, 575 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, Telephone (317) 226–7491.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the scoping meeting is to invite local, State, and Federal agencies to help identify issues that may impact the proposed project. Scoping is intended to ensure that problems are identified early and properly studied, that issues of little significance do not consume time and effort, that the draft EIS is thorough and balanced, and that delays occasioned by an inadequate draft EIS is avoided. The scoping process should identify the public and agency concerns; clearly define the environmental issues and alternatives to be examined in the EIS including the elimination of nonsignificant issues; identify related issues which originate from separate legislation, regulation, or Executive Order (*e.g.*, historic preservation or endangered species concerns); and identify state and local agency requirements which must be addressed.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning the proposed action and the environmental document should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

#### Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Part 249 Preservation of Air Carrier Records

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) invites the general public, industry and other Federal Agencies to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of DOT requiring certificated air carriers to preserve accounting records, consumer complaint letters, reservation reports and records, system reports of aircraft movements, etc.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by March 6, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be directed to: Office of Airline Information, K–25, Room 4125, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001, FAX NO. (202) 366–3383, or EMAIL [bernard.stankus@bts.gov](mailto:bernard.stankus@bts.gov).

**COMMENTS:** Comments should identify the OMB # 2138–0006 and submit a duplicate copy to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on OMB # 2138–0006. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, K–25, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4387.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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