

prepared for a proposed transportation project in Dallas County, Texas.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Eastern Extension of the President George Bush Turnpike from SH 78 to IH 30 within northeast Dallas County. The corridor is approximately 10.5 miles in length and crosses Lake Ray Hubbard. From a regional and local perspective, there is a great demand for additional transportation capacity and access through the corridor. Over the last 30 years, the area has experienced tremendous growth and has nearly tripled in population.

As directed by TEA-21, the Major Investment Study (MIS) will be integrated with the EIS. Previous feasibility studies and Mobility 2025, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Dallas-Fort Worth region have examined a full range of alternatives and alignments within the corridor. The Eastern Extension is included in the MTP as a new location 4-lane tollway with controlled access. The environmental study will examine viable alternatives and potential transportation modes including the No-Build; Transportation Systems Management/Congestion Management Systems; controlled access freeway; and tollway options. It will also include extensive and continuous public involvement to address the long-term mobility needs of both the region and local community. The environmental study will include the determination of the number of lanes (four to six lanes are anticipated), roadway configuration, and operational characteristics. It will also include a discussion of the effects on the social, economic, and environment and of other known and reasonably foreseeable agency options proposed with the Eastern Extension Corridor.

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 an interest or are known to have an interest in this proposal. A public scoping meeting is planned to be held in the Fall of 2000. The date will be announced locally at a later time.

This will be the first in a series of meetings to solicit public comments on the proposed action during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment before the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant 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 the FHWA at the address provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Forsyth County, North Carolina

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a supplemental draft environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roy Shelton, Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, Telephone: (919) 856-4350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will prepare a supplemental draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on an extension of the proposed Northern Beltway (Eastern Section) of Winston-Salem in Forsyth County. The proposed action would be the construction of a multi-lane divided, controlled access highway on new location from US 421 east of Winston-Salem to US 311 southeast of Winston-Salem. A Draft Environmental Impact

Statement on the Eastern Section, the portion of the facility from US 52 northwest of Winston-Salem to US 421 east of Winston-Salem (FHWA-NC-EIS-95-04-D) was approved by FHWA on 14 September, 1995. The Eastern Section together with the Eastern Section Extension will carry proposed I-74 and will relieve congestion on US 52 and US 421. The proposed action is a part of the 1987 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Thoroughfare Plan.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) The "no-build", (2) improving existing facilities, and (3) a controlled access highway on new location.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies. A public meeting and meetings with local officials and neighborhood groups will be held in the study area. A public hearing will also be held. Information on the time and place of the public hearing will be provided in the local news media. The supplemental draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment at the time of the hearing. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

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 and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Jefferson Parish, LA

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