

and nature of truck travel at the national and regional levels. The information would be used by the FHWA and other DOT administrations to evaluate changes in truck travel in order to assess impacts on highway safety; the role of travel in economic productivity; impacts of changes in truck travel on infrastructure condition; and maintaining our mobility while protecting the human and natural environment. The increasing dependence on truck transport requires that data be available to better assess its overall contribution to the Nation's well-being. In conducting the data collection, the FHWA will be requesting that State Departments of Transportation provide periodic reporting of vehicle classification and weight data which they collect as part of their existing traffic data collection programs. The majority of States collect this vehicle weight data periodically throughout the year using weigh-in-motion devices and also collect vehicle classification data continuously. The data will allow transportation professionals at the Federal, state and metropolitan levels to make informed decisions about policies and plans.

Respondents: 51 State Transportation Departments, including the District of Columbia.

Frequency: It is proposed that continuous vehicle classification data be reported on a monthly basis to assure timely information that can be compared to monthly reports of economic activity. Based on data collection practices in common use by the State Transportation Departments, it is proposed that data collected using weigh-in-motion devices be submitted to FHWA annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The average State Transportation Department operates 40 continuous vehicle classification installations as well as 10 weigh-in-motion sites. It is estimated that the additional processing necessary to make 48 hours of weigh-in-motion data available to FHWA would be 6 minutes per site per year and that processing one month of vehicle classification data would take 5 minutes per site per month.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 41 per State; 2,091 total.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and

(4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Electronic Access: Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help. An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at telephone number 202-512-1661. Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** home page at <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's database at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Santa Rosa, Sonoma County; California

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 Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposal to construct a median widening to accommodate a high

occupancy vehicle lane (HOV) through the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California. State Route 101, completed in the 1960's, is a major link in the interregional road system, and the most important north-south route within Sonoma County. The level of service (LOS) on the 4.5 kilometer (2.7 mile) stretch of four lane freeway through downtown Santa Rosa between the Route 12/101 interchange and the Steele Lane Interchange has deteriorated, leading to traffic delays. This is caused by accidents, vehicle breakdowns, and principally by congestion. A recent study by Caltrans' Office of Highway Operations shows that LOS on this section is at the lowest level. This is indicated by traffic at roadway capacity, when speeds may drop to zero with high densities. Average speed is less than 25 miles per hour with considerable delays. The continued maintenance and operation of Route 101 as an efficiently operating mainline facility will be further impacted by increasing congestion if steps are not taken to improve its operation.

Alternatives currently under consideration are: (1) Widening into the median to accommodate HOV lanes in each direction, as well as auxiliary lanes, ramp widening, alteration or replacement of the bridge spanning Santa Rosa Creek and modification of intersection at ramp termini and (2) not constructing the project. If this project is approved, construction will begin in late 2004 and continue through 2007. The primary objective for this proposed project is to improve the travel times, increase safety, and reduce congestion on a major regional connector.

Because this project has been under consideration for several years, a previous scoping meeting was held on October 27, 1999, to present project proposals to the public. Since the decision to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was made, a new scoping meeting has been scheduled for November 29, 2000, as is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The new public meeting will be held at Santa Rosa Middle School, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m., so that the public may review the alternative under consideration and provide written comments if desired. A public hearing will be held later in the environmental process, after the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is completed.

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