

adequate and appropriate to achieve the project's goals. The proposal should demonstrate responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Bureau grants as determined by Bureau's Grants Division.

3. **Support of Diversity:** Proposals should demonstrate substantive support of the Bureau's policy on diversity. The proposal should describe the process for ensuring diversity among the review panelists. In addition to knowledge of eligible regions and subjects, panelists should also have appropriate experience with or knowledge of the types of institutions represented in the proposals to be reviewed.

4. **Project Evaluation:** Proposals should include a plan to evaluate the success of each program component. Draft survey questionnaires for the use of panelists and workshop participants should be provided.

5. **Cost-effectiveness:** The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate. Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

Authority

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for portions of the program cited above is provided through the Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992 (FREEDOM Support Act) and through the Support for East European Democracies Act.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information

provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Dated: July 24, 2001.

Brian J. Sexton,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement, Riverside County, California

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as lead agency, in cooperation with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the California Department of Transportation intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The EIS will study alternatives to implement transportation corridor improvements in western Riverside County, specifically improvements for the Hemet to Corona/Lake Elsinore (East to West) transportation corridor.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.28, FHWA intends to tier the EIS for this project. The Tier 1 EIS to be prepared pursuant to this notice will be used to support a route location decision. A future Tier 2 EIS will be prepared to present the design features and construction level of detail for the evaluation of alternatives within the preferred route.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Ann Rondinella, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 980 Ninth Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2724. Telephone: (916) 498-5040. Fax: (916) 498-5008. Cathy Bechtel, RCTC, 3560

University Avenue, Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92501. Telephone: (909) 787-7141. Fax: (909) 787-7920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hemet to Corona/Lake Elsinore (East to West) transportation corridor is part of the Community and Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP) being undertaken jointly by the County of Riverside and the RCTC. CETAP is one component of the Riverside County Integrated Project (RCIP), which also includes a new Riverside County General Plan and a Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) for western Riverside County. According to current projections by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), population and employment are expected to more than double in western Riverside County within the next 20 years. Due to the fast pace of development, opportunities are being lost to preserve land for habitat conservation and regional transportation facilities. These facilities are intended to address the mobility needs for both people and goods, with the potential for incorporating the needs for highways, transit, and utilities, where appropriate.

In July, 2000, the RCTC Board of Directors and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors directed the initiation of engineering and environmental studies for two corridors: Winchester to Temecula (North to South) and Hemet to Corona/Lake Elsinore (East to West), which will move forward in parallel. A separate Notice of Intent is being issued for the Winchester to Temecula Corridor.

The objective of the proposed EIS is to provide environmental analysis of a multimodal transportation facility within the Hemet to Corona/Lake Elsinore Corridor to allow agencies to proceed with the preservation of right-of-way for a preferred alternative. One goal of the RCIP process is to preserve the rights-of-way needed for the transportation facilities while minimizing potential impacts on habitat, aquatic resources, communities, landowners, and other elements of the environment.

Additional information regarding the Riverside County Integrated Project is also available on the Internet at www.rcip.org.

Public scoping meetings will be held. The public will be notified through local newspapers, postings in public places, and through other public notification methods. The notices will identify the place, dates, and time of the meetings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed improvements

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 FHWA and/or RCTC at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal 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.)

Issued on: July 23, 2001.

Jeffrey W. Kolb,

Team Leader, Program Delivery Team-South Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement, Riverside County, California

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ACTION: Notice of Intent.

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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.28, FHWA intends to tier the EIS for this project. The Tier 1 EIS to be prepared pursuant to this notice will be used to support a route location decision. A future Tier 2 EIS will be prepared to present the design features and construction level of detail for the evaluation of alternatives within the preferred route.

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To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed improvements are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this

tiered EIS should be directed to the FHWA and/or RCTC at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal 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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Jeffrey W. Kolb,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC-F-20983]

Tedesco Family ESB Trust- Continuance in Control and Acquisition of Properties-Academy Bus, L.L.C., et al.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving Finance Application.

SUMMARY: Tedesco Family ESB Trust, Francis Tedesco and Mark Tedesco, settlers, of Hoboken, NJ (Tedesco Family Trust or applicant), a noncarrier, has filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 to continue in control of Academy Express, L.L.C., Academy Lines, L.L.C., and No. 22 Hillside, L.L.C., upon their becoming motor carriers of passengers, and upon applicant's acquisition of the properties of certain motor carriers of passengers already directly or indirectly controlled by applicant. Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules at 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8. The Board has tentatively approved the transaction and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

DATES: Comments must be filed by September 17, 2001. Applicant may file a reply by October 1, 2001. If no comments are filed by September 17, 2001, the approval is effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-20983 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of any comments to applicant's representative: Fritz R. Kahn, 1920 N. Street, N.W. (8th floor), Washington, DC 20036-1601.