

alternative implemented, including East Main Street (CR 67) and Crystal Run Road. This project is being progressed to address identified operational and safety problems, non-standard and non-conforming geometrics, and bridge structural needs.

Alternatives under consideration include a Null or No-Build Alternative (Alternative 1A) and two (2) build alternatives. The build alternatives have been identified as Exit 122

Reconfiguration with an East Main Street Extension (Alternative 2C) and Exit 122 Reconfiguration with Crystal Run Road Realigned but no Main Street Extension (Alternative 2E). Alternative Transportation Measures, including enhancing public transportation and implementing intelligent transportation systems and demand management strategies (Alternative 1B) will be considered as an integrated element of the feasible build alternatives. Also included with the feasible build alternatives, there will be further consideration and evaluation of the benefits and costs of adding an auxiliary lane on Route 17 westbound between Exit 121 and Exit 120 and/or improving the geometry of the I-84 westbound to Route 17 westbound ramp. Isolated improvements to nearby intersections may be included to improve operations on roadways within the project area. Incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives will be design variations of grade and alignment.

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 interest in this proposal. A series of public information meetings will be held in the Town of Wallkill between February 2002 and June 2003. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearings. The draft EIS, when prepared, will be available for public and agency review and comment. A formal NEPA scoping meeting will be held at the Town of Wallkill Court Room, Town Hall 600 Route 211 East, Wallkill, New York 10940 on Monday February 11, 2002. At 3:30 PM a meeting will be held for Federal, State, and Local officials and at 7:00 PM a meeting for the general public and all interested parties. Each meeting will be preceded by a 30-minute open house during which attendees can view concept plans and interact with project team members.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action 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 the NYSDOT or FHWA at the addresses provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Sacramento, CA

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 Sacramento, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maiser Khaled, Federal Highway Administration, 980 Ninth Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2724.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to analyze the effect of constructing the Interstate 5 (I-5)/Cosumnes River Boulevard interchange and extension of Cosumnes River Boulevard to Franklin Boulevard. The project is located in the southwest portion of the City of Sacramento.

The project is to extend Cosumnes River Boulevard from its current westerly terminus at Franklin Boulevard to an interchange with I-5 and potentially further west to Freeport Boulevard (State Route 160). Alternative under consideration include (1) taking no action, (2) constructing Cosumnes River Boulevard from Franklin Boulevard west to I-5 with an interchange at I-5, and (3) constructing Cosumnes River Boulevard from Franklin Boulevard west across I-5 toward the Sacramento River to Freeport Boulevard with an interchange at I-5. Two alternative alignments are

proposed for the Cosumnes River Boulevard connection between Franklin Boulevard and the proposed I-5 interchange.

Based on preliminary design information, the two build alternatives would have identical impacts on wetlands and special-status species. Mitigation would be required for both build alternatives. Mitigation opportunities are available within the study area and in the region.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and to private organization and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A public scoping meeting will be held in Sacramento from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2002, to obtain comments on environmental issues of concern. The meeting will take place in Conference Room A of the Pannell Meadowview Center, which is located at 2450 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, California.

Representatives from Caltrans, the City of Sacramento, the Design Engineer, and the Environmental Consultant will be present to discuss the proposed action and environmental concerns. Additionally, a public hearing will be held when the draft EIS is released. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

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

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