

included dynamic testing of the seat and occupant protection criteria.

The SAE SEAT Committee was tasked with developing a standard that would provide a basis for meeting the 16g rule. SAE published AS 8049, that was incorporated into TSO-C127 in 1992. TSO-C127a was issued in 1998 after AS 8049A was published to further refine the dynamic seat standard. AS 8049 and AS 8049A contained the criteria for dynamic seats and still included criteria for static strength and design requirements.

Although seats were still being produced to the static 9g-standard in TSO-C39, the seat industry began to increase its production of TSO-C127 and TSO-C127a seats. So there were then, and currently still are, two standards—NAS 809 and AS8049—that addressed static 9g requirements.

In 2000, the FAA and industry formed a team to investigate and implement ways to streamline seat certification. This group recognized that two different standards addressing static strength and design considerations for seats was making the certification process more complicated than it needed to be. Therefore it was proposed that a new revision to TSO-C39 be issued to standardize the static criteria portion of the two standards.

It was decided that this could be successfully accomplished by referencing the static portion of AS 8049A for the proposed revision to TSO-C39. This will bring TSO-C39 in alignment with TSO-C127 and reflect the way industry currently uses the two standards. Most seat manufacturers are already using the static portion of AS 8049A as a basis for meeting airworthiness requirements not covered by the criteria in TSO-C39. Including the assessment under the TSO program will improve certification schedules. Additionally, AS 8049A continues to be reviewed and updated, and changes to AS 8049 will cover TSO-C127 seats as well as TSO-C39 seats.

#### How To Obtain Copies

A copy of the proposed TSO may be obtained via the information contained in section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, or the Internet at <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/TSOA.htm>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Dubuque County, IA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent (Cancellation).

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement a9EIS) as it relates to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) for the proposed U.S. 20 Capacity Improvement Study in Dubuque County, Iowa is canceled. The NOI was originally published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 2001. The cancellation is based on budget considerations for this project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Manu M. Chacko, Transportation Engineer, FHWA, 105 6th Street, Ames, IA 50010-6337, (515) 233-7307. James P. Rost, Director, Office of Location and Environment, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010, (515) 239-1798.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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#### Background

The NOI was originally published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 2001. The cancelled EIS would have studied capacity improvements for U.S. 20 between the Peosta Interchange and Devon Drive in the City of Dubuque in Dubuque County, Iowa. Due to budget constraints, this project has been postponed.

Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the Iowa Department of Transportation or FHWA at the address provided in the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### U.S. 285 Notice of Intent

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent and public scoping meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for proposed transportation improvements to U.S. 285 from Foxton Road to Bailey in Jefferson and Park Counties, Colorado.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Scott Sands, FHWA Colorado Division, 555 Zang Street, Room 250, Denver, CO 80228, Telephone (303) 969-6730, extension 362.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for transportation improvements on U.S. 285 from Foxton Road in Conifer to just south of Bailey, Colorado. The EIS will evaluate the No-Action and Build alternative(s) and determine the estimated costs and potential impacts of each. CDOT will be the local lead agency for the EIS. The project is approximately 15 miles in length. Alternatives that may be evaluated include the No-Action Alternative and various 2, 3 and 4 lane alternatives. A public scoping meeting has been scheduled for July 30, 2002 at the Elk Creek Fire Protection District at 11993 Blackfoot Road in Conifer, CO. Scoping meetings are also planned with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife and various local agencies. This effort will build on the results of the U.S. 285 Feasibility Study which was completed in March of 2002.

Written comments on project scope should be sent to: Mr. Kim Patel, Project Manager, CDOT Region One, 18500 East Colfax Avenue, Aurora, CO 80111, Telephone: (303) 365-7373.

FHWA, CDOT and other local agencies invite interested individuals, organizations, and federal, state and