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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document; Dorothy Beard, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-5149, for questions on the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has already published [67 FR 22158 (May 2, 2002)] the 60-day notice required by OIRA. That notice elicited no comments.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine whether the collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, to DMS or OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 2002-12146. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

Information Collection Request

1. *Title:* Bridge Permit Application Guide.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0050.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Public and private owners of bridges over navigable waters of the United States.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out

forms, but does require the respondent to submit a letter of application, along with letter-size drawings (plans) and a map showing the proposed bridge project and its location.

Abstract: The collection of information is the application and documentation required to support approval by the Coast Guard of the location and plans of any proposed bridge project across navigable waters of the United States. An applicant must submit to the Coast Guard a letter of application for a bridge permit, including letter-size drawings (plans) and a map showing the proposed bridge project and its location with respect to the navigable waterway. Full details of the Coast Guard Bridge Permit Application process and required information in support of it, appear at (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-o/g-opt/g-opt.htm>) and 33 CFR part 115.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 4000 hours a year.

Dated: August 5, 2002.

N.S. Heiner,

Acting Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Brazoria and Galveston Counties, TX

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 transportation project in Brazoria and Galveston Counties, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Mack, P.E., Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division, 826 Federal Bldg., 300 East 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone 512-536-5960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and The Grand Parkway Association, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposal to upgrade the existing road network in Brazoria and Galveston Counties. The proposed improvement being considered, as shown in the Region's Long-Range Transportation Plan, is a multilane controlled access facility in northern Brazoria and Galveston

counties which would be part of a third circumferential loop (State Highway 99) around Houston. The project length will be approximately 25 miles, depending on the alignment selected.

Improvements in this area would alleviate congestion, improve traffic flow in the south and southeast Houston metropolitan area, and serve as an emergency (hurricane) evacuation route. The EIS will evaluate various transportation alternatives between State Highway 288 and Interstate Highway 45 (South). The majority of this corridor crosses relatively undeveloped properties in Brazoria and Galveston Counties. Alternatives to be studied include "No action" (the no-build alternative), Transportation System Management (TSM) alternative, mass transit alternative, and roadway build alternatives. Cities and towns in this region include Alvin, Manvel, Dickinson, Texas City, Friendswood, Iowa Colony, Santa Fe, League City, Liverpool, Pearland, and Houston. This study is authorized pursuant to the Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order No. 108543 issued June 28, 2001.

A public scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2002, at Alvin Community College, Nolan Ryan Center Community Room (R109), 2925 South Bypass 35, Alvin, Texas 77511, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Large-scale maps of the project area will be displayed at the meeting. This will be the first in a series of meetings to solicit public comments on the proposed action.

The EIS will evaluate potential impacts from construction and operation of the proposed roadway including, but not limited to, the following: transportation impacts (construction detours, construction traffic, mobility improvement and evacuation route improvement), air and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the facility, water quality impacts from construction area and roadway storm water runoff, impacts to waters of the United States including wetlands from right of way encroachment, impacts to historic and archaeological resources, impacts to floodplains, and impacts to residents and businesses.

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 or are known to have interest in this proposal. 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 FHWA at the address provided above.

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

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John R. Mack,

District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Middlesex County, CT

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (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 proposed transportation improvements in Middlesex County, Connecticut.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bradley D. Keazer, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 628-2 Hebron Avenue, Suite 303, Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033, telephone (860) 659-6703; or Edgar T. Hurle, Director of Environmental Planning, Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111, telephone: (860) 594-2920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal for transportation improvements in the Route 9 corridor, in the city of Middletown, located between the Washington Street intersection and the bridge over the Mattabesset River for a distance of approximately 6000 feet (1800 meters).

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; (2) using alternate travel modes; and (3) construction of a new interchange to provide improved access to the Arrigoni Bridge and Main Street (Route 66) and

elimination of the existing traffic signals on Route 9 at the Hartford Avenue and Washington Street intersections.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, the Middletown Route 9 Corridor Advisory Committee, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. Public scoping meetings and a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and 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 this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic 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.)

Authority: 23 CFR Part 771.

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Bradley D. Keazer,

Division Administrator, Hartford, Connecticut.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-02-13020]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and

reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB Control Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Marcia Tarbet, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5208, NPP-22, Washington, DC 20590. Mrs. Tarbet's telephone number is (202) 366-2570. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.