

removing the icing-related guidance from AC 25-7A because that material is addressed by the NPRM Notice No. 05-10, "Airplane Performance and Handling Qualities In Icing Conditions" and proposed AC 25.21-1X, "Performance And Handling Characteristics In The Icing Conditions Specified In part 25, Appendix C."

Since publication of that notice, the FAA has received a request that the comment period for the notice be extended past its original closing date of January 3, 2006, to allow more time in which to study the proposal and to prepare comments on this very important issue.

#### Extension of Comment Period

The FAA has reviewed the request for consideration of an additional amount of time to comment on proposed AC 25.21-1X, and has determined that extending the comment period would be in the public interest and that good cause exists for taking this action. Accordingly, the comment period of Notice of availability of proposed AC 25.21-1X, and request for comments, is extended until February 2, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed project to construct a fourth bore to the Caldecott Tunnel between State Route 24/Broadway interchange in the City of Oakland in Alameda County and the State Route 24/Camino Pablo interchange in the City of Orinda in Contra Costa County, California is being withdrawn; and an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of an EIS is being prepared for this proposed highway project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Leland W. Dong, Project Development Engineer, Federal Highway

Administration, California Division, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100, Sacramento, California 95814, Telephone: (916) 498-5860 or to Ms. Cristina Ferraz, Regional Project Manager, California Department of Transportation, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland CA 94623-0660, Telephone: (510) 286-3890.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), conducted studies of the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed highway project to construct a fourth bore to the Caldecott Tunnel between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, California. A NOI was published in the Federal Register/Volume 67/No. 225/November 21, 2002. Subsequently, during the course of conducting studies and coordinating with regulatory and resource agencies for this proposed project, it was determined that the potential environmental issues that led to issuing the Notice of Intent were not significant. In addition, it was determined that changes to avoid or minimize potential impacts identified in early scoping can be incorporated into the proposed project. Changes to minimizing impacts were achieved by eliminating alternative alignments that had higher impacts, by reducing the number of lanes to either two or three lanes in lieu of four lanes thereby reducing the tunnel footprint, and by evaluating alignments that will not require the acquisition of additional right-of-way or acquisition of recreational or historic properties protected by section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

The FHWA has determined that the proposed project is not anticipated to result in significant impacts to the environment; that an EA would be an appropriate environmental document for the project; and that the Notice of Intent for this project is being withdrawn.

The EA will be available for public inspection prior to the public meeting for the proposed project. Comments or questions concerning this proposed project and the determination that an EA is the appropriate environmental document should be directed to the FHWA or Caltrans at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research 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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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2005-22905]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemption from the diabetes standard; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from six individuals for exemptions from the prohibition against persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals with ITDM to operate as drivers of commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 18, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods. Please label your comments with DOT DMS Docket Number FMCSA-2005-22905.

- *Web Site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading under Regulatory Notices. To read background documents