

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement for Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, Phoenix, Maricopa County, AZ**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Final Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared for the proposed Airport Development Program at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX), Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. FAA is seeking comments on new information disclosed in section 4.2 of the Final EIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Mendelsohn, Environmental Protection Specialist, AWP-621.6, Airports Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, PO Box 92007, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007, Telephone: (310) 725-3637. Comments on Volume A of the Final EIS should be submitted to the address above and must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Monday, March 13, 2006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as lead agency has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Airport Development Program at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX). The need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is based on the procedures described in FAA Order 5050.4A, *Airport Environmental Handbook*. PHX is located in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. In June 2005, the FAA published the Draft EIS.

The FAA updated section 4.2, Air Quality to include an analysis of the air pollutant, particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) in order to comply with particular aspects of Federal law and regulation. Volume 1, section 4.2 of the Final EIS discloses this new information. The FAA is seeking comments from government agencies and the public on this new information. FAA will accept comments on the adequacy of information disclosed in Volume 1, section 4.2 and its associated appendices until 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Monday, March 13, 2006.

FAA will not make a decision on the Proposed Action for a minimum of 30 days following publishing the Notice of

Availability of the Final EIS (40 CFR § 1506.10) in the **Federal Register**. FAA will record the appropriate decision or decisions in a Record of Decision.

Copies of the Final EIS are available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours:

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, Office of the Airports Division, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Hawthorne, California 90261.

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, 3400 Sky Harbor Boulevard, Terminal 3, Level 3 East Mezzanine, Phoenix, AZ contact person is Ms. Margaret Gonzales (602) 273-3340.

An electronic copy of the FEIS will also be available on the Airport's Web site at: <http://phoenix.gov/AVIATION/index.html>.

The documents are also available at the following libraries:

Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004; Ocotillo Branch Library, 102 W. Southern Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85041; Harmon Branch Library, 411 W. Yavapai Street, Phoenix, AZ 85003; Saguaro Branch Library, 2808 N. 46th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008; Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282; City of Scottsdale Library, 3839 North Drinkwater Boulevard, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

The Final EIS will be available for public review for 30 days. Written comments on section 4.2 Air Quality of the Final EIS should be submitted to the address above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Monday, March 13, 2006.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement; Galveston County, TX**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent, Bolivar Bridges EIS.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed State Highway (SH) 87 bridge connecting Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula in Galveston County, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gary Johnson, P.E., Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division, 300 East 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone (512) 536-5960.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with TxDOT, will prepare an EIS on a proposal that includes transportation alternatives within the southern portion of Bolivar Peninsula from the Bolivar ferry landing to SH 124, the northern portion of Galveston Island from Interstate Highway (IH) 45 at the Galveston Causeway to the Galveston ferry landing, and Pelican Island. The project area crosses Galveston Bay and the Galveston, Texas City, and Houston ship channels.

TxDOT currently operates a free ferry system between Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula. Due to increased operations and maintenance costs, TxDOT is proposing to replace the existing ferry system with a permanent bridge. Increasing traffic along SH 87 (Ferry Road) has resulted in lengthy delays for residents and visitors. These delays have resulted in slow emergency vehicle response times and long commute times. Public meetings were held in 200 on Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island to solicit comments regarding the existing ferry system and potential long term improvements. Citizens expressed a desire for immediate improvements to the ferry system and favored a bridge for long-term improvements.

In 2001, a feasibility study was completed which evaluated the existing ferry system and identified and compared alternatives for a proposed bridge location. TxDOT is preparing an EIS to further evaluate viable build alternatives and a no build alternative. The implementation of tolling will be considered as a funding option.

The EIS will include a recommended bridge location, number of lanes, roadway configuration, and operational characteristics of the proposed bridge. It will also include a discussion of the effects on socioeconomics, travel patterns, hazardous materials, cultural resources, traffic noise, air quality, biological resources, water resources, floodplains, and wetlands.

Correspondence describing the proposed project and soliciting comments has been sent to appropriate Federal, state, regional, and local agencies, and to organizations and

persons who have previously expressed an interest or are known to have an interest in this project.

TxDOT will conduct two public meetings in February 2006. The public meetings will be conducted in an open house format with no formal presentation. At least 30 days and 10 days prior to the public scoping meetings, notices will be published in newspapers generally circulated in the project area. These will be the first in a series of meetings to solicit public comments on the proposed action as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Persons interested in attending these meetings who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the local TxDOT Public Information Office at (713) 802-5072 at least two days prior to the meetings. Because the public meetings will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the public meetings. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

Public involvement will occur throughout the planning process. Public notice will be given stating the time and place of future public meetings and hearings. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to a public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed actions 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 TxDOT at the address provided. Additional project information may be obtained by visiting the project Web site at <http://www.bolivarbridge.com>.

(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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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Montgomery, Harris, Liberty, and Chambers Counties, TX

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent, Grand Parkway Segments H and I-1 EIS.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed State Highway (SH) 99 (Grand Parkway) Segments H and H-1 connecting US 59 (N) to IH 10 (E) in Montgomery, Harris, Liberty, and Chambers Counties, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gary Johnson, P.E., Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division, 300 East 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone (512) 536-5960.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with TxDOT and the Grand Parkway Association, will prepare an EIS for transportation alternatives included in Segments H and I-1 of the proposed Grand Parkway. Segments H and I-1 are located on the northeast side of the greater Houston metropolitan area and span the area from US 59 (N) to IH 10 (E) generally between FM 2100 and SH 146 in Montgomery, Harris, Liberty, and Chambers Counties, a distance of approximately 36 miles.

The proposed Grand Parkway is planned as a 182-mile circumferential highway facility around the greater Houston metropolitan area. It would provide access to radial freeways and would serve as a third loop around the City of Houston. The Grand Parkway has been divided into 11 segments of independent utility. Currently, Segment D (US 59 S to IH 10 W) of the Grand Parkway is open to the traveling public. Segment D is 19 miles long and is located on the southwest side of the greater Houston metropolitan area. The remaining Segments A (SH 146 to IH 45 S), B (IH 45 S to SH 288), C (US 59 S to SH 288), E (IH 10 W to US 290), F1 (US 290 to SH 249), F2 (SH 249 to IH 45 N), G (IH 45 N to US 59 N), and I-2 (IH 10 E to SH 146) are in various stages of project development. Segments H and I-1 are planned as a four-lane, limited access, toll facility within a 400-foot wide right-of-way.

The Grand Parkway (SH 99) is a key element of the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan, a transportation program developed by the Houston-

Galveston Area Council. The project is proposed as a toll facility in the 2025 regional plan.

The EIS will include a preferred alternative alignment, number of lanes, roadway configuration, and operational characteristics of the proposed roadway. Alternatives to be studied include "no-action" (the no-build alternative), Transportation System Management (TSM)/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) alternative; mass transit alternative and roadway build alternatives. 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 improvement), air, and noise impacts from construction equipment and operation of the facilities, 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 archeological resources, impacts of floodplains, and impacts and/or potential displacements to residents and businesses.

Correspondence describing the proposed project and soliciting comments has been sent to appropriate Federal, state, regional, and local agencies, and to organizations and persons who have previously expressed an interest or are known to have an interest in this project.

TxDOT and the Grand Parkway Association will conduct a series of public scoping meetings in March 2006 held in two separate locations. The public scoping meetings will be conducted in an open house format with no formal presentation and both meetings will present the same information. At least 30 days and 10 days prior to the public scoping meetings, notices will be published in newspapers having general circulation in the project area. These will be the first in a series of meetings to solicit public comments on the proposed action as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

Persons who have special communication, access, or accommodation needs should contact TxDOT's public information office at (713) 802-5072 at least two working days prior to the meeting. TxDOT offices are open Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding national holidays. The public meetings will be conducted in English. Requests for language interpreters should also be