

given of the time and place of the meeting.

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: 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, 49 CFR 1.48(d)(17), and 40 CFR 1501.7.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, Forsyth County, NC

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitations on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA and Other Federal Agencies.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA and other Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, from U.S. 158 southwest of Winston-Salem to U.S. 311 southeast of Winston-Salem in Forsyth County, North Carolina. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before August 27, 2008. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

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Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 310 New Bern Avenue, Ste 410, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27601-1418; Telephone: (919) 747-7014; e-mail: clarence.coleman@fhwa.dot.gov. FHWA North Carolina Division Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time). You may also contact Gregory J. Thorpe, PhD, Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch Manager, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), 1 South Wilmington Street (Delivery), 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548; Telephone (919) 733-3141, gthorpe@dot.state.nc.us. NCDOT—Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FHWA and other Federal agencies have taken final agency actions by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of North Carolina: the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, Forsyth County, North Carolina. The proposed action would be the construction of a 34.2-mile multi-lane divided, controlled access highway on new location from U.S. 158 southwest of Winston-Salem to U.S. 311 southeast of Winston-Salem in Forsyth County, North Carolina. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (Western Section)/Final Environmental Impact Statement (Eastern Section and Eastern Section Extension) (SFEIS/FEIS) for the project, approved on January 11, 2007, in the FHWA Record of Decision (ROD) issued on February 15, 2008, and in other documents in the FHWA administrative record. The SFEIS/FEIS, ROD, and other documents in the FHWA administrative record file are available by contacting the FHWA or NCDOT at the addresses provided above. The FHWA SFEIS/FEIS and ROD can be viewed at the NCDOT—Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch, 1 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina; NCDOT—Division 9 Office, 375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, North Carolina and the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation, City Hall South, 101 East First Street, Room 307, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].

2. *Air:* Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].

3. *Land:* Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303]; Landscaping and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 319].

4. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536], Marine Mammal Protection Act [16 U.S.C. 1361], Anadromous Fish Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 757(a)-757(g)], Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)], Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712], Magnuson-Stevenson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*].

5. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-11]; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001-3013].

6. *Social and Economic:* Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d)(1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209].

7. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [16 U.S.C. 4601-4604]; Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [42 U.S.C. 300(f)-300(j)(6)]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271-1287]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931]; TEA-21 Wetlands Mitigation [23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(m), 133(b)(11)]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001-4128].

8. *Hazardous Materials:* Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. 9601-9675]; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) [42 U.S.C. 6901-6992(k)].

9. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with

Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514
Protection and Enhancement of
Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112
Invasive Species.

(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 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Rural Safety Innovation Program

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

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for
applications to enter into agreements
with the U.S. Department of
Transportation (DOT or the
"Department") for funding to support
qualified Rural Safety Innovation
Program projects.

SUMMARY: The goal of the Rural Safety
Innovation Program is to improve rural
road safety by assisting rural
communities in addressing highway
safety problems and by providing rural
communities the opportunity to
compete for project funding to address
these problems. The program will
encourage States and rural communities
to develop creative, locally crafted
solutions to roadway safety problems,
document their efforts and outcomes,
and share the results with other
communities across the country.

Through the Rural Safety Innovation
Program, the Department aims to
heighten awareness and interest in rural
safety issues, and promote the benefits
of rural safety countermeasures which
can reduce rural crashes and fatalities
nationwide. By providing technical
assistance and best practice guidance
from the program we will give States
and rural road owners better tools to
improve road safety in their
communities.

The primary objectives of the Rural
Safety Innovation Program are to:

i. Improve safety on local and rural
roads with innovative approaches in
which rural communities develop and
design local solutions to their roadway
safety problems.

ii. Provide best practices and lessons
learned on innovative safety
technologies to assist local and rural
road owners and operators in the
development and implementation of
infrastructure-based rural safety
countermeasures that complement
behavioral safety efforts.

iii. Promote national awareness and
interest in addressing rural safety issues.

iv. Promote the use of Intelligent
Transportation Systems (ITS)
technologies to improve safety on rural
roads.

DATES: Applications must be received
on or before April 14, 2008. Proposals
for applications selected for potential
funding will be due in June 2008.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should
submit Applications to Mr. John E.
Dewar, State and Local Programs Team
Leader, Federal Highway
Administration (FHWA), Office of
Safety, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.,
Washington, DC 20590, electronically to
ruralsafetyinitiative@dot.gov.

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Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Federal Register's home page at: <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government
Printing Office's Web page at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>.

A. Background

Rural roads account for approximately
40 percent of the vehicle miles traveled
in the U.S., but almost 55 percent of
fatalities. According to the latest data,
23,339 people were killed in rural
crashes in 2006 and the fatality rate for
rural crashes is more than twice the
fatality rate in urban crashes. Over 75
percent of all U.S. road miles are rural,
and of the over 3 million miles of rural
roads, almost 80 percent are owned and
operated by local entities. Head-on
collisions are more frequent in rural
areas, occurring about twice as often as
in urban areas. Rural collector roads
account for 31 percent of all rural road
deaths, whereas urban collector roads
account for only 8 percent of urban road
deaths. Speeding is a common
contributor to rural road deaths. Over 70
percent of the fatal crashes on high
speed roadways (speed limit of 55 mph
or higher) occurred in rural areas. The
fatality rate per vehicle miles travel

(VMT) on local roads is more than twice
that of Interstates.

Getting infrastructure safety
information and more effective
countermeasure tools to State and local
officials is critical to improving national
rural road safety. There are over 3,000
counties and more than 16,000 towns
and township governments in the U.S.
that vary widely in the size of the
engineering staff and their ability to
design and implement infrastructure
safety countermeasures on rural roads.
Rural safety continues to be a significant
national problem in the effort to reduce
highway fatalities. Successful efforts to
combat the rural safety problem require
an interdisciplinary approach including
engineering, enforcement, education
and emergency medical services.

B. Funding

Currently, FHWA is proposing to use
FY 2008 funds, drawn from available
portions of the Delta Region
Transportation Development Program,
as well as the U.S. Department of
Transportation Intelligent
Transportation System (ITS) program for
the Rural Safety Innovation Program.
Each Federal funding source has unique
criteria for eligible activities, eligible
facilities/locations, and cost sharing that
must be met. Awards will be made to
rural projects that meet the eligibility
criteria under one or both of these
funding sources. Potential Applicants
should review the eligibility
requirements for each of the potential
Federal funding sources described
below before submitting an Application.

The FHWA's Delta Region
Transportation Development Program
supports and encourages multi-State
transportation planning and corridor
development, provides for
transportation project development,
facilitates transportation
decisionmaking, and supports
transportation construction on Federal-
aid highways in the portions of the eight
States comprising the Delta Regional
Authority's region (Alabama, Arkansas,
Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana,
Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee).
Eligible projects must have the
endorsement of the State Department of
Transportation. Detailed information on
Delta Region Transportation
Development Program requirements can
be found at [http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/
planning/1308drtdp.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/1308drtdp.htm).

The U.S. Department of
Transportation Intelligent
Transportation Systems Program focuses
on intelligent vehicles, intelligent
infrastructure and the creation of an
intelligent transportation system
through integration with and between