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*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### **Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2002-12590.

*Petitioner:* United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR 91.309 and 103.1(b).

*Description of Relief Sought:* To amend United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (USHPA) current Exemption No. 4144, which allows USHPA members to tow unpowered ultralight vehicles (hang gliders) using powered ultralight vehicles. The requested amendment would allow USHPA members who are licensed sport pilots, with light sport aircraft, to tow aloft unpowered ultralight vehicles (hang gliders) for recreational and/or instructional purposes, as well.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Highway Administration**

#### **Environmental Impact Statement; St. Lucie County, FL**

**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 (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed new river crossing project in the City of Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, Florida.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. George Hadley, Federal Highway Administration, 545 John Knox Road, Suite 200, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, Telephone: (850) 942-9650 ext. 3011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation, will prepare an EIS for a third east-west bridge crossing over the North Fork of the St. Lucie River in the City of Port St. Lucie, in St. Lucie County, Florida. The proposed improvement would link the Crosstown Parkway on the west to U.S. 1 (SR 5) on the east. The proposed action is known as the Crosstown Parkway Corridor Extension Study and was formerly known as the Third East-West River Crossing Study. The proposed action would provide needed relief to the two existing river crossings which are over capacity. Alternatives under consideration include a No Build

Alternative and multiple alternatives that provide a river crossing on a new alignment. Expansion of the two existing river crossings was previously considered and determined to be infeasible.

Coordination with appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and private organizations and citizens who have expressed interest in this proposal has been ongoing and will continue. A series of public meetings and workshops have been held in Port St. Lucie as part of the planning efforts for this project and will continue throughout the EIS process. A formal scoping meeting is planned for this project and is anticipated to occur in August of 2008. In addition, public workshops and a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing and for future meetings. The Draft EIS will be made available for public and agency review and comment before the public hearing date.

Related to the full range of issues related to the proposed action is 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 Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Highway Administration**

**[Project Number STP-0022-01 (059)]**

#### **Environmental Impact Statement: Stone, Perry, George, and Greene Counties, MS**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Highway Administration is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared to study improvements to State Route 15 to

provide a four-lane facility beginning in the vicinity of Ramsey Springs, Mississippi and terminating on U.S. Highway 98 near Beaumont, Mississippi, a distance of approximately 35 miles.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Cecil Vick, Project Development Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 666 North Street, Suite 105, Jackson, MS 39202-3199, *Telephone:* (601) 965-4217. Contacts at the State and local level, respectively are: Mr. Claiborne Barnwell, Environmental/Location Division Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS 39215-1850, telephone: (601) 359-7920; and Mr. Steven Twedt, District 6 Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, 6356 Highway 49 North, Hattiesburg, MS 39403-0551, telephone (601) 544-6511.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, Mississippi Division Office will serve as the lead Federal agency for this project while the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) will serve as joint lead agency. The FHWA, in cooperation with MDOT, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to study potential improvements to State Route 15 (SR 15) in order to provide a four-lane facility. This approximately 35-mile long corridor has logical termini near Ramsey Springs in Stone County and on U. S. Highway 98 near Beaumont, MS in Perry County.

The purpose of the EIS is to address the transportation, environmental, and safety issues of such a transportation corridor. The Transportation facility will greatly enhance Hurricane evacuation from the Mississippi Gulf, provide a new four-lane facility, and meet legislative intent. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action and (2) build alternatives.

The FHWA and MDOT are seeking input as a part of the scoping process to assist in determining and clarifying issues relative to this project. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, Native American tribes, private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A formal scoping meeting with federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested parties will be held in the near future. Public involvement meetings will be held during the EIS process. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and