DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Jackson County, NC

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

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 highway project from NC 107 to US 23–74 east of Sylva, Jackson County, North Carolina. (TIP Project R–4745).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mitch Batuzich, Preconstruction and Environment Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601–1418, Telephone: (919) 747–7033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed NC 107 Connector from NC 107 to US 23–74 east of Sylva. A notice of intent was previously published in the Federal Register on October 1, 2008 (Volume 73, Number 191) with the following purpose description:

"The purpose of this project is to relieve traffic congestion in the Sylva area. The proposed action is consistent with the Sylva Thoroughfare Plan adopted in 1994 and the Jackson County Comprehensive Transportation Plan that is anticipated for adoption in 2009."

NC 107 is the major north/south transportation corridor in Jackson County and several municipalities. It is a link in NCDOT’s Strategic Highway Corridors Vision Plan as part of the 70-mile long Corridor 05 between Anderson, SC and Knoxville, TN. It is an important route for regional mobility. There are no major parallel routes within 4 miles of NC 107 that could serve as an alternative for north/south through traffic. During current peak hours, portions of NC 107 between US 23 Business and NC 116 in the Sylva area have reached their traffic carrying capacity.

The purpose of the project is being revised. Traffic studies show that substantial upgrades to existing NC 107/US 23 Business are needed to provide acceptable levels of traffic service in the future. The purpose of the proposed action is to develop a transportation solution that improves the NC 107 north/south vehicular mobility by increasing average speeds for through traffic between US 23–74 and NC 107 south of Sylva. Alternatives to be studied may include: (1) The ‘no-build’ alternative, (2) improve existing facilities, and (3) a highway on new location.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies. Citizens Informational Workshops and meetings with local officials and neighborhood groups will be held in the study area. Public hearings will also be held. Information on the time and place of the workshops and hearings will be provided in the local news media. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment at the time of the hearing.

An interagency project team is being assembled to obtain input on major milestones during the project’s development. These include the purpose and need, detailed study alternatives, bridge lengths, alignment reviews, the preferred alternative, and avoidance and minimization of environmental impacts.

The purpose and need statement for the project is being developed. To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action is addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action 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 12872 regarding intergovernmental consultation on
Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in California

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327.

SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is issuing this notice to announce actions taken by Caltrans that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, Interstate 15 at Base Line Road (post mile [PM] 6.3 to 7.1) in the City of Rancho Cucamonga (west of I–15) and the City of Fontana (east of I–15) in San Bernardino County, California. The proposed I–15/Base Line Road Interchange Project includes widening Base Line Road from 4–6 lanes by adding right and left turn lanes at East Avenue; widening East Avenue from 2–4 lanes by adding right and left turn lanes at Base Line Road; realigning and widening the southbound and the northbound diamond ramps from 1–2 lanes; adding a southbound loop On-Ramp; and adding I–15 acceleration/ deceleration lanes.

The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project, approved on September 30, 2011, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The EA/FONSI and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the address provided above. The EA/FONSI is also available for viewing at California Department of Transportation, District 8, 464 West Fourth Street, San Bernardino, California 92401–1400.

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:

9. Executive Orders: 11990, Protection of Wetlands; 11988, Floodplain Management; 12088, Federal Compliance with Pollution Control; 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations; 13112, Invasive Species.


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Transit Administration

Amended Notice of Limitation on Claims Against Proposed Public Transportation Project

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Amended Notice of Limitation on Claims.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of final environmental actions taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the project in the following location: King County, WA. The purpose of this amended notice is to correct a prior notice of limitation of claims for this project and provide notice of a finding of Section 106 adverse impacts by the project. This amended notice will act to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge these final environmental actions.

DATES: By this notice, FTA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to Section 139(l) of Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.). A claim seeking judicial review of the FTA actions announced in the listed public transportation project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before June 13, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy-Ellen Zusman, Assistant Chief

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