

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2012-0103]

**Agency Information Collection****Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection****AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of intent to collect information.

**SUMMARY:** FHWA is informing the public of their intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

James Dahlem, 202-366-9265 or *james.dahlem@dot.gov*, Office of Safety, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Study of High-Risk Rural Roads Best Practices.

*Background:* Section 1112 of the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" of 2012 (MAP-21) calls for a study of the best practices for implementing cost-effective roadway safety infrastructure improvements on high-risk rural roads. In carrying out the study, FHWA is required to conduct a nationwide survey of the current practices of various agencies. The results of the survey are to be used in conjunction with a research study to create a report to submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives by October 1, 2013. The report is required to include: (1) A summary of cost-effective roadway safety infrastructure improvements; (2) a summary of the latest research on the financial savings and reductions in fatalities and serious bodily injury crashes from the implementation of cost-effective roadway safety infrastructure improvements; and (3) and recommendations for State and local governments on best practice methods to install cost-effective roadway safety infrastructure on high-risk rural roads. The legislation also requires the results of the survey and the report to be used

to create a best-practices manual to support Federal, State, and local efforts to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on high-risk rural roads.

*Respondents:* The respondents will include all 50 State Departments of Transportation. In addition, a representative sampling of 100 local agencies, such as county highway departments and municipal public works agencies will be surveyed.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* Approximately 8 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* The total burden for this collection is approximately 1,200 hours.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties, CA****AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA, on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties, California.

**DATES:** The public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates:

- (1) Tuesday, November 13, 2012 from 5-7 p.m.
- (2) Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 5-7 p.m.

The final day to submit comments is Monday, November 26, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The two public scoping meetings will be held at the following locations.

- (1) Hilton San Bernardino, 285 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, California 92408
- (2) Sheraton Ontario Airport Hotel, 429 North Vineyard Avenue, Ontario, California 91764

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Aaron Burton, Branch Chief, California Department of Transportation, District

8—Environmental Studies 'B' Branch Chief, 464 West 4th Street, MS-829, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400; or call (909) 383-2841 *mailto:*. Comments on the proposed project can be submitted online at: *http://sanbag.ca.gov/projects/mi\_fwy\_I-10-Corridor.html*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Effective July 1, 2007, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Caltrans as the assigned National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) agency, in cooperation with San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) will prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement on a proposal for a highway improvement project in San Bernardino County, California. The proposed Interstate 10 (I-10) Corridor Project consists of improvements and widening along an existing 35-mile segment of the I-10 freeway mainline. The proposed project would also involve improvement of existing bridges and freeway ramps. The following alternatives are being considered:

Alternative 1: No Build (No Action)

Alternative 2: One High Occupancy

Vehicle Lane In Each Direction

Alternative 3: Two Express Lanes In Each Direction

The proposed project would widen the I-10 corridor from approximately 2 miles west of the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County line in the City of Pomona (Post Mile 46.12) to Ford Street in the City of Redlands (Post Mile 33.80). It is anticipated that the proposed project will require a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit, a Section 408 permit, a Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Finding, an Endangered Species Act Section 7 Incidental Take Authorization (Biological Opinion) and Section 106 Finding of Effect Determination.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, Participating Agencies, local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Interested tribal governments will be involved as determined by consultation with the Native American Heritage Commission.

Public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

- (1) Tuesday, November 13, 2012 from 5-7 p.m. at the Hilton San Bernardino, 285 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, California 92408
- (2) Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 5-7 p.m. at the Sheraton Ontario