

open for a limited timeframe after this date, however, comments received after October 13, 2015 will not be considered as part of the Report to Congress.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study may be submitted and viewed at Docket Number FHWA-2014-0035. The Web address is: <http://www.regulations.gov/>
#!docketDetail;D=FHWA-2014-0035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Email CTSWStudy@dot.gov, or contact; Edward Strocko, (202) 366-2997, ed.strocko@dot.gov; Office of Freight Management and Operations, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141) requires DOT to conduct a Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study (MAP-21 sec. 32801) addressing differences in safety risks, infrastructure impacts, and the effect on levels of enforcement between trucks operating at or within Federal truck size and weight limits and trucks legally operating in excess of Federal limits; comparing and contrasting the potential safety and infrastructure impacts of alternative configurations (including configurations that exceed current Federal truck size and weight limits) to the current Federal truck size and weight law and regulations; and, estimating the effects of freight diversion due to these alternative configurations. On June 5, 2015, DOT released for public comment and peer review the technical results of this comprehensive study. The DOT is now preparing a Report to Congress. Additional technical finding, presentations, and related documents can be found on FHWA's Truck Size and Weight Web site; at <http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/sw/map21tswstudy/index.htm>.

Public Comment

The DOT invites comments by all those interested in the MAP-21 Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study. Comments on the Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study may be submitted and viewed at Docket Number FHWA-2014-0035. The Web address is: <http://www.regulations.gov/>
#!docketDetail;D=FHWA-2014-0035. Comments must be received on or before October 13, 2015, to receive full consideration by DOT in preparing the MAP-21 Comprehensive Truck Size and

Weight Limits Study Report to Congress. The public docket will remain open for a limited period after this date. After October 13, 2015, comments will continue to be available for viewing by the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

**Environmental Impact Statement:
Cowlitz County, Washington**

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Cowlitz County, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with WSDOT and Cowlitz County, will prepare an EIS on the Industrial Way/Oregon Way Intersection Project to provide improvements at the intersection of State Route (SR) 432 and SR 433 to reduce congestion, increase freight mobility, and improve safety. Improvements to the intersection are considered necessary to meet forecasted long term vehicular traffic growth.

Preliminary alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; (2) raising the intersection to completely separate highway traffic from train traffic; and (3) making at-grade highway improvements; (4) a combination of raising the highway

intersection while retaining some roadway at-grade access.

The FHWA along with WSDOT and Cowlitz County are holding a public scoping meeting on September 17, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Cowlitz PUD Auditorium in Longview, Washington to solicit public comments regarding scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. The public were notified of these meetings on September 4, 2015 in a flyer mailed to interested parties and residents in the vicinity of the project as well as published in a legal notice in The Columbian and The Daily News. The meeting will use an open-house format and will begin with a presentation to provide an overview of the project. Exhibits, maps, and other pertinent information about this project will be displayed. Staff will be present to answer questions as appropriate and as time permits.

Agencies, Tribes, and the public are encouraged to submit comments on the purpose and need and preliminary range of alternatives during the scoping period. Comments must be received by October 12, 2015, to be included in the formal scoping record. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed, and all the significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from interested parties during the scoping period. Comments concerning this proposal will be accepted at the public meeting or can be sent by mail to: Claude Sakr, Project Manager, Cowlitz County Public Works, 1600 13th Avenue South, Kelso, WA 98626, or by email to: IndustrialOregonWay@co.cowlitz.wa.us.

(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.)

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