DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Hartford County, Connecticut

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 will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Hartford County, Connecticut.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Amy D. Jackson-Grove, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 628–2 Hebron Avenue, Suite 303, Glastonbury, CT 06033, Telephone: (860) 659–6703. The toll free number is (800) 000–000.

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal for transportation improvements on I–84 between Flatbush Avenue (Interchange 45) and I–91 (Interchange 53) in Hartford, Connecticut. The approximate length of the proposed project area is 2.5 miles. The purpose of the proposed project, as currently defined, is to address structural deficiencies, improve traffic operations and safety, and improve mobility on and along the I–84 corridor within the project limits, while maintaining access for the City of Hartford and adjacent communities. The EIS will study a reasonable range of alternatives to address the proposed project’s purpose and need. Alternatives under consideration include (1) No Build Alternative; (2) Elevated Highway Alternative (3) Lowered Highway Alternative and (4) Tunneled Highway Alternative. An Internet Web site has been established to provide information on the proposed project and can be accessed at http://www.i84hartford.com.

Public scoping is underway. Agencies, Tribes, and the public are encouraged to submit written comments on the purpose and need, scope of alternatives and impacts. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to a public hearing. Public notice of the draft EIS and the date and time of the public hearing(s) will be posted on the project Web site and in local newspapers.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes Mellitus

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA confirms its decision to exempt 46 individuals from its rule prohibiting persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions were effective on September 10, 2016. The exemptions expire on September 10, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64–113, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Electronic Access
You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at: http://www.regulations.gov.

II. Background
On August 10, 2016, FMCSA published a notice of receipt of Federal diabetes exemption applications from 46 individuals and requested comments from the public (81 FR 52947). The public comment period closed on September 9, 2016, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of the 46 applicants and determined that granting the exemptions to these individuals would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3).

Diabetes Mellitus and Driving Experience of the Applicants

The Agency established the current requirement for diabetes in 1970 because several risk studies indicated that drivers with diabetes had a higher rate of crash involvement than the general population. The diabetes rule provides that “A person is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle if that person has an established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring