analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).
4. Identification of Alternative P as the Preferred Alternative in the DEIS.
5. Refinement to the Preferred Alternative P based on public input (Refined Preferred Alternative P).
6. Identification of Refined Preferred Alternative P as the Selected Alternative in the FEIS and ROD.

The Selected Alternative, Refined Preferred Alternative P, begins at the I–64/US 231 interchange and continues north and west to the I–69/US 231 Interchange, and includes local improvements along the existing US 231. The analysis showed that Refined Alternative P has the lowest impacts to environmental resources and the lowest cost of the three alternatives determined to meet the Purpose and Need. In response to public comments and in the interest of minimizing any potential economic impacts, Refined Alternative P contains three additional variations in the area near Loogootee, Indiana, which will be further evaluated in Tier 2 studies to determine a single alignment. Interested parties may consult the FEIS and ROD for details about each of the decisions described above and for information on other issues decided. The FEIS and ROD can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at https://midstatescorridor.com/. People unable to access the website may contact FHWA or INDOT at the addresses listed above.

This notice applies to all final Federal Agency decisions in the Mid-States Corridor Tier 1 FEIS and ROD as of the issuance date of this notice, and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:
7. Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(g).
15. Clean Water Act (Section 319, Section 401, Section 402, Section 404) [22 U.S.C. 1251 et seq].

Notice is hereby given that the USFWS has taken the final agency actions within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing the following:
1. A letter dated June 29, 2023, concerning with the effects determinations in the Biological Assessment (BA) and identifying that absent new information in Tier 2 studies or significant change to the project plans, no further coordination with the USFWS is needed for the gray bat, sheenpse mussel, rough pigtape mussel and lake sturgeon which received a “may effect, not likely to adversely affect” determination.
2. A Biological Opinion (BO) dated June 29, 2023, that the Mid-States Corridor Project would not jeopardize the continued existence of the Indiana bat, northern long eared bat, fanshell mussel, and fat pocketbook mussel.
3. A Conference Opinion (CO) dated June 29, 2023, that the Mid-States Corridor Project would not jeopardize the continued existence of the tricolored bat, little brown bat, salamander mussel and monarch butterfly.
4. The BO and CO also identified activities for Tier 2 studies. They included bat surveys, mussel surveys and anticipated mitigation activities.
5. In its June 29, 2023, letter USFWS also states that incidental take statements would be developed during Tier 2 studies, and are not made as part of this Tier 1 BO and CO.

The BA and BO/CO and other project records relating to the USFWS actions, taken pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531–1544, are available by contacting the FHWA, INDOT, or USFWS at the addresses provided above. The BA and BO/CO can be viewed in Appendices PP and QQ of the Mid-States Corridor Tier 1 FEIS, respectively.

(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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2023–0026]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA is withdrawing the notice published in the Federal Register on August 31, 2023 at 88 FR 60260 (FR Number 2023–18838).


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