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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Greene, Christian and Lawrence Counties, Missouri

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for improvements to the U.S. 60 highway corridor in Greene, Christian, and Lawrence Counties, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Peggy Casey, Environmental Projects Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 209 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101; Telephone: (573) 638-2601 or Mr. Henry Hungerbeeler, Director, Missouri Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102; Telephone (573) 721-2551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), will prepare an EIS on a proposed project to improve the transportation system in Greene, Christian and Lawrence Counties, Missouri.

This proposal is being considered to address existing and future transportation demand on U.S. 60, to address safety issues along existing U.S. 60, and to preserve land for future transportation improvements.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) no build; (2) improving the existing facility; (3) mass transit; (4) Transportation System Management; and (5) off-alignment build alternatives. The proposed project will likely include transportation improvements or transportation corridor preservation on an approximate 20-mile portion of U.S. 60 between the James River Freeway in Greene County, Missouri and a point along U.S. 60 just southwest of Marionville in Lawrence County, Missouri.

A project advisory committee comprised of federal and state agencies, local officials, and those with environmental and other community interests will be established to provide input during development and refinement of alternatives and corridor reservation activities. A series of public meetings and other public involvement activities will be held to engage the regional community in the decision making process. In addition, a public hearing will be held to present the findings of the draft EIS. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. Agencies having an interest in or jurisdiction regarding the proposed action will be contacted through interagency coordination meetings and mailings. Those who have previously expressed, or are known to have interest in the proposal will receive ample opportunity to comment and provide input.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all substantive issues are 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 or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

(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

Environmental Impact Statement; Humboldt County, California

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 Route 101 project in Humboldt County in the Cities of Eureka and Arcata, and vicinity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R.C. Slovinsky, Acting Program Delivery Team Leader, North, Federal Highway Administration, 980 Ninth Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2724, telephone (916) 498-5774. Kim Floyd, California Department of Transportation Project Manager, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, telephone (707) 441-5739.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Route 101 is part of the National Highway System and is a principal arterial route. The route is often referred to as the "lifeline of the North Coast" since it is the north coast's most important interregional route, serving as the connector to the Santa Rosa/San Francisco metropolitan areas to the south and the State of Oregon to the north. It is heavily used for the transportation of intercity/interstate commerce as well as being the principal route to many north coast recreational areas including State and National parks, rivers, ocean fishing, and beach areas. North of San Francisco, it is the second most heavily traveled non-freeway segment on Route 101 within California.

The proposed project limits extend from the intersection of State Route 255 in City of Eureka to the State Route 255 interchange in the City of Arcata along the Route 101 corridor from KP 127.5 to KP 138.1 (PM 79.2 to PM 85.8) in Humboldt County. The existing Route 101 corridor within these limits consists of two one-way arterials, a four-lane expressway, and a four-lane freeway.

The proposed Eureka-Arcata Corridor Improvement Project consists of the following:

1. Construct an interchange at Route 101 and Indianola Road;
2. Within existing expressway segments, all median crossings would be closed;
3. All existing at-grade access would be restricted to right-turn on/off movements only;