

Los Angeles, CA. Proposed improvements would involve retrofitting or demolition and replacement of the existing viaduct over the Los Angeles River between Mateo and Mill Streets on the west side and west of Interstate 5 on the east side, for a distance of approximately 0.9 miles.

The 6th Street Viaduct, built in 1932, is one of 12 historic bridges/viaducts crossing the Los Angeles River. The concrete elements of the 3,500 foot long 6th Street Viaduct are degraded by an ongoing chemical reaction, known as Alkali Silica Reaction (ASR), which has led to substantial deterioration of the structure and decrease of its concrete strength, rendering it vulnerable to collapse in a major earthquake. This ASR deterioration of the 6th Street Viaduct has been occurring for at least 75 years, despite ongoing efforts to arrest or limit its effect. While the deteriorated surface appearance of the viaduct is of concern, its underlying structural integrity is of much greater concern. In 1989, the Whittier Narrows earthquake caused damage to shear keys and caused a column crack at Bent 33 of the viaduct. The structure has since been classified by Caltrans as Category I and placed on the mandatory seismic retrofit list.

The proposed project would result in a structure capable of withstanding a moderate seismic event by either retrofitting the existing structure or replacing it entirely. Several alternatives were considered during the project development phase. Criteria used to identify alternatives to be carried forward for detailed analysis in the environmental document include construction and maintenance costs, life span of the facility, constructability, historic preservation, community disruption, and seismic and operational safety. Based on the results of public pre-scoping meetings and preliminary screening analysis, a No Build Alternative and two Build Alternatives, including Viaduct Retrofit and Viaduct Replacement, will be analyzed in the environmental document.

The project team has met with the general public and neighborhood groups, and a Community Advisory Committee has been actively engaged. Public information activities, including meetings with the project development team, will continue throughout the design and environmental process. A subsequent public hearing on the draft EIS will be held to discuss alternatives and impacts of the proposed action. Public notices will be published and posted on the project Web site containing the specific time and place of the public scoping meetings and

hearing. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and all significant concerns are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions about this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to Caltrans at the address 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: I-805 Managed Lanes South

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Revised notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a revision of the July 11, 2007 Notice of Intent (**Federal Register** Volume 72, Number 132, Page 37814) which advised that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a project in San Diego, California. The purpose of this revised notice is to advise agencies and the public that environmental review, consultation, and any other action required in accordance with applicable Federal laws for this project is being, or has been, carried out by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) under its assumption of responsibility, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an EIS will be prepared for proposed improvements on Interstate 805 (I-805) in San Diego, CA. Proposed improvements include construction of managed lanes, direct access ramps, in-line transit stations, and auxiliary lanes between Palomar Street and University Avenue. These proposed improvements are necessary

to convey existing and projected traffic demand. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) constructing two managed lanes from Palomar Street to State Route 94; and (3) constructing four managed lanes from Palomar Street to State Route 94. Incorporated into and studied with the build alternatives will be design variations for locations of direct access ramps, auxiliary lanes, and in-line transit stations. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A public scoping meeting will be held for the project, and a separate mailing will be sent out to all interested parties with the specific date, time, and location for the meeting. In addition, a public hearing will be held during draft EIS circulation. Public notice will be given as to the time and place of the hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

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 contacts provided above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

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#### City of Boise Railroad—Operation Exemption—The Boise Cutoff Rail Line in Ada County, ID

The City of Boise Railroad (the City), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate an 18.2-mile line of railroad known as the Boise Cutoff between milepost 424.80 near Orchard and