

# Appendix H Notice of Preparation and Notice of Intent

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## New State Route 138

**SCH Number:** 2009031021

**Document Type:** NOP - Notice of Preparation

**Project Lead Agency:** Caltrans #7

### Project Description

Proposed new State Route 138 Freeway/Expressway within the City of Palmdale, Los Angeles County. The proposed alignment follows the existing Avenue P-8 corridor from State Route 14 to 100th Street for a distance of approximately 10 miles. This is part of a larger overall plan to construct a new freeway/expressway between SR-14 in Los Angeles County and I-15 in San Bernardino County. Improvements to this corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand attributed to large-scale growth and increasing developments in the northern portion of Los Angeles County, especially in the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster.

### Contact Information

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### Project Location

County: Los Angeles  
City: Palmdale  
Region:  
Cross Streets: 50th Street, 100th Street  
Latitude/Longitude:  
Parcel No:  
Township:  
Range:  
Section:  
Base:  
Other Location Info:

### Proximity To

Highways: SR 14  
Airports:  
Railways:  
Waterways:  
Schools:  
Land Use:

### Development Type

Other, Transportation: Highway/Freeway

### Local Action

Other Action

### Project Issues

**Reviewing Agencies** (Agencies in **Bold Type** submitted comment letters to the State Clearinghouse)

Resources Agency, Department of Conservation, Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5, **Native American Heritage Commission**, State Lands Commission, Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics, California Highway Patrol, Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects, Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 6 (Victorville)

**Date Received:** 3/10/2009 **Start of Review:** 3/10/2009 **End of Review:** 4/8/2009

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Cathleen Cox  
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Notice of Preparation

September 28, 2010

To: Reviewing Agencies  
Re: High Desert Corridor (New State Route - 138)  
SCH# 2010091084

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the High Desert Corridor (New State Route - 138) draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

**Karl Price**  
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with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan  
Director, State Clearinghouse

Attachments  
cc: Lead Agency

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SCH# 2010091084  
Project Title High Desert Corridor (New State Route - 138)  
Lead Agency Caltrans #7

Type NOP Notice of Preparation  
Description NOTE: Reference SCH# 2009031021.

Caltrans is formally initiating studies for the proposed High Desert Corridor-New State Route 138 project (also known as the E-220 Corridor) from State Route 14 in Los Angeles County to State Route 18 in San Bernardino County.

The proposed alignment will connect the City of Palmdale with the Town of Apple Valley. The new freeway/expressway is ~63 miles long. Improvements to this corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand attributed to growth and increasing developments in the northern portion of Los Angeles County and the Victor Valley region of San Bernardino County.

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Project Location

County Los Angeles, San Bernardino  
City  
Region  
Cross Streets  
Lat / Long  
Parcel No.  
Township

Range Section Base

Proximity to:

Highways SR-138,SR-18,I-15,SR-14  
Airports  
Railways  
Waterways  
Schools  
Land Use

Project Issues

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Conservation; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Game, Region 5; Department of Fish and Game, Region 6; Office of Emergency Management Agency, California; Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission; State Lands Commission; California Highway Patrol; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 6 (Victorville)

Date Received 09/28/2010 Start of Review 09/28/2010 End of Review 10/27/2010

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The program is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

Time permitting, the discussion is expected to focus on developments in a number of areas, e.g., federalism issues in implementing private international law conventions (including the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements, the UNCITRAL E-Commerce and Letter of Credit Conventions, and others); globalization and cross-border corporate insolvency; international arbitration; investment securities, market stability and treaty law; international family law; private international law initiatives in the OAS; on-line dispute resolution; and treaty-based finance law. We encourage active participation by all those attending.

Documents on these subjects are available at <http://www.hcch.net>; <http://www.uncitral.org>; <http://www.unidroit.org>; <http://www.oas.org>, and <http://www.nccusl.org>. We may, by e-mail, supplement those with additional documents.

Please advise as early as possible if you plan to attend. The meeting is open to the public up to the capacity of the conference facility, and space will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Persons who wish to have their views considered are encouraged, but not required, to submit written comments in advance. Those who are unable to attend are also encouraged to submit written views. Comments should be sent electronically to [smeltzertk@state.gov](mailto:smeltzertk@state.gov). Those planning to attend should provide name, affiliation and contact information to Trish Smeltzer at 703-812-2382 or Niesha Toms at 703-812-2353, or by e-mail to [tomsnn@state.gov](mailto:tomsnn@state.gov). You may also use those contacts to obtain additional information. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise those same contacts not later than October 21st. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled.

September 15, 2010.

**Keith Loken,**

*Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Private International Law, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, CA; Notice of Intent

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Withdrawal/Revised Notice of Intent (NOI).

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA, on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed New State Route 138 project in Los Angeles County, California (**Federal Register** Vol. 74, No. 16) and the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed High Desert Corridor project, State Route 18, in San Bernardino County, California (**Federal Register** Vol. 72, No. 197) are being withdrawn. In addition, this notice is being issued to advise the public that a draft EIS will be prepared for a proposed expanded High Desert Corridor—New State Route 138 project in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, California.

**DATES:** Public scoping meetings will be held in:

- (1) Palmdale, CA on September 27, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- (2) Lancaster, CA on September 28, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- (3) Apple Valley, CA on September 29, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- (4) Victorville, CA on September 30, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

- (1) Palmdale—Larry Chimbole Cultural Center, 38350 North Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550.
- (2) Lancaster—Lancaster City Hall, Emergency Operations Center, 44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534.
- (3) Apple Valley—Town of Apple Valley Development Services Building Conference Center, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307.
- (4) Victorville—City of Victorville Conference Room D, 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92393.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director, California Department of Transportation District 7 Division of Environmental Planning, 100 South Main Street, Mail Stop 16A, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Effective July 1, 2007, the FHWA assigned, and Caltrans assumed, environmental responsibilities for these projects

pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Caltrans, as the delegated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency, initiated studies on the proposed New State Route 138 and High Desert Corridor, State Route 18 projects. NOIs were published in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2009 (Vol. 74, No. 16) and October 12, 2007 (Vol. 72, No. 197). During the course of conducting studies and coordinating with regulatory and resource agencies for the proposed projects, it was determined that the projects should be combined into one larger High Desert Corridor—New State Route 138 project. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposal to construct a new freeway/expressway, and possibly a toll way, between SR-14 in Los Angeles County and SR-18 in San Bernardino County. The proposed route would run primarily in an east-west direction and extend for approximately 63 miles; it would roughly follow the alignment of the Avenue P-8 corridor near SR-14 in Los Angeles County and Air Expressway near I-15 in San Bernardino County. East of I-15, the proposed route would turn south until it terminates at SR-18. The development of this corridor is considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand attributed to large-scale growth and increasing population in the Antelope, Victor and Apple Valley areas of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. This growth has resulted in inadequate capacity and accessibility along the existing east-west trending roadways as well as an increase in demand for goods movement corridors and access to regional airports.

Alternatives under consideration are: (1)—No-Build; (2)—Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM). This includes various operational investments, policies, and easily implemented, low capital cost improvements aimed at improving goods movement, passenger auto and transit travel, and reducing the environmental impacts of transportation for cities and operations in the High Desert Corridor study area; (3)—Freeway/Expressway. This would consist of a route with a controlled-access freeway in some areas and an expressway in others, depending on what is warranted by traffic demand. Interchange locations will be determined based upon traffic projections. Three variations along the main alignment of this alternative will be considered. In Variation A, the freeway/expressway would run slightly

south of the main alignment, approximately between 15th St. East and Little Rock Wash near Palmdale. In Variation B, the freeway/expressway would run slightly south of the main alignment between Oasis Rd. and Caughlin Rd. East of the county line. In Variation C, the freeway/expressway would swing south of the main alignment to tie into SR-18 near Rimrock Rd.; (4)—Freeway/Toll Way. This would consist of engineering geometrics similar to Alternative 3 with alterations made in coordination with a Public Private Partnership (P3) analysis. Variations A, B and C would also be considered; (5)—Avenue P-8 Corridor, SR-138 and SR-18 Improvements. This would consist of engineering geometrics similar to Alternative 3 between SR-14 and approximately 125th St. East. From 125th St. East, the route would curve south until it joins the existing SR-138. The existing SR-138 and SR-18 would be widened between approximately 146th St. East and I-15. One of the segments east of I-15, as described in Alternative 3, would also be built as part of this alternative; (6)—Freeway/Expressway with right-of-way for a potential High Speed Rail facility. This would consist of engineering geometrics similar to Alternative 3 with the consideration of additional right-of-way for a High Speed Rail (HSR) facility. If an HSR facility is proven to be viable, its engineering and environmental analysis would be funded by others at some later time, and; (7)—Freeway/Toll Way with right-of-way for a potential High Speed Rail facility. This would consist of engineering geometrics similar to Alternative 4 with the consideration of additional right-of-way for a High Speed Rail (HSR) facility. This alternative would include a P3 analysis. If a HSR facility is proven to be viable, its engineering and environmental analysis would be funded by others at some later time.

It is anticipated that the proposed project may require the following federal approvals and permits: A Biological Opinion from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, approval of a PM10 and PM2.5 Hot Spot Analysis by the Conformity Working Group for transportation conformity determination under the Clean Air Act, Section 401, 402 and 404 permits under the Clean Water Act, and a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating under the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, Participating Agencies, Tribal governments, and to private organizations and citizens who have

previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. NEPA requires the lead agency to conduct an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. In compliance with NEPA, formal scoping meetings will be held at the dates, times and locations as described above. Public notice will be given of the times and place of each meeting. 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 draft 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.)

Issued on: September 20, 2010.

Cindy Vigue,  
Director, State Programs, Federal Highway Administration, Sacramento, California.  
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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

##### Sunshine Act Meetings; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors

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

**TIME AND DATE:** October 14, 2010, 12 noon to 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

**PLACE:** This meeting will take place telephonically. Any interested person may call 877.768.0032 passcode 4856462 to participate in this meeting by telephone.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the Board) will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement and to that end, may consider matters properly before the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Avelino Gutierrez, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors at (505) 827-4565.

Issued on: September 21, 2010.

Larry W. Minor,  
Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

##### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 20, 2010

The Department of the Treasury will submit the following public information collection requirements to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. A copy of the submissions may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding these information collections should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 11010, Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 25, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

##### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

**OMB Number:** 1545-0015.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Title:** United States Estate (and Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Return.

**Form:** 706 and schedules.

**Abstract:** Form 706 is used by executors to report and compute the Federal Estate Tax imposed by IRC section 2001 and the Federal GST tax imposed by IRC section 2601. IRS uses the information to enforce these taxes and to verify that the tax has been properly computed.

**Respondents:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 2,046,350 hours.

**OMB Number:** 1545-0026.

**Type of Review:** Extension without change to a currently approved collection.

**Title:** Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation.

**Form:** 926.

**Abstract:** Form 926 is filed by any U.S. person who transfers certain tangible or intangible property to a foreign corporation to report information required by section 6038B.

**Respondents:** Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.



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### High Desert Corridor (New State Route - 138)

**SCH Number:** 2010091064

**Document Type:** NOP - Notice of Preparation

**Project Lead Agency:** Caltrans #7

#### Project Description

NOTE: Reference SCH# 2009031021. Caltrans is formally initiating studies for the proposed High Desert Corridor-New State Route 138 project (also known as the E 220 Corridor) from State Route 14 in Los Angeles County to State Route 16 in San Bernardino County. The proposed alignment will connect the City of Palmdale with the Town of Apple Valley. The new freeway/expressway is ~63 mile s long. Improvements to this corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand attributed to growth and increasing developments in the northern portion of Los Angeles County and the Victor Valley region of San Bernardino County.

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**Reviewing Agencies** (Agencies in **Bold Type** submitted comment letters to the State Clearinghouse)

Resources Agency, Department of Conservation, Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 6, Office of Emergency Management Agency, California, **Native American Heritage Commission**, Public Utilities Commission, State Lands Commission, California Highway Patrol, Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4, Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 6 (Victorville)

**Date Received:** 9/28/2010 **Start of Review:** 9/28/2010 **End of Review:** 10/27/2010

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High Desert Corridor (New State Route - 138)

**SCH Number:** 2010091064  
**Document Type:** NOP - Notice of Preparation  
**Project Lead Agency:** Caltrans #7

**Project Description**  
 Note: Revised Caltrans in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), proposes construction of the High Desert Corridor (HDC) as a new multi-purpose transportation facility in the High Desert region of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties. The proposed 63-mile-long east-west facility would consist of an east-west freeway/expressway, and possible toll or rail facility, between SR 14 in Los Angeles County and SR 18 in San Bernardino County. A bike path and green energy elements are also being considered. The project is proposed as a means of improving mobility and access for people and goods in the rapidly growing Antelope Valley, Victor Valley, and Apple Valley areas of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

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 Other Location Info:

**Proximity To**  
 Highways: SR-138,SR-16,SR-15,SR-14  
 Airports:  
 Railways:  
 Waterways:  
 Schools:  
 Land Use:

**Development Type**  
 Other:

**Local Action**

**Project Issues**

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 Resource Agency, Department of Conservation, Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 6; Office of Emergency Management Agency, California, **Native American Heritage Commission**, **Public Utilities Commission**, State Lands Commission, **California Highway Patrol**, Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects, **Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4**, Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 6 (Victorville)

**Date Received:** 7/3/2013 **Start of Review:** 7/3/2013 **End of Review:** 8/1/2013

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement; Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, California; Notice of Intent**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.  
**ACTION:** Revised Notice of Intent (NOI).

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA, on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is issuing this Revised Notice of Intent to inform the public of changes to the proposed High Desert Corridor project in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, California. The Federal Railroad Administration has also been added as a Cooperating Agency.

**DATES:** Public scoping meetings were previously conducted as follows:

- (1) Palmdale, CA on September 27, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- (2) Lancaster, CA on September 28, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- (3) Apple Valley, CA on September 29, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- (4) Victorville, CA on September 30, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Meetings have also been held at various locations along the proposed corridor during April 2011 and January, February and December 2012 to keep the public, agencies, and elected officials apprised of the status of the project, including the modification of two project alternatives to include high speed rail. Additional meetings will be held in July of 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director, California Department of Transportation District 7 Division of Environmental Planning, 100 South Main Street, Mail Stop 16A, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Effective July 1, 2007, the FHWA assigned, and Caltrans assumed, environmental responsibilities for these projects pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Caltrans, as the delegated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency, initiated studies on the High Desert Corridor project. The NOI was published in the Federal Register on October 12, 2007 (Vol. 72, No. 197) and a revised NOI was published on September 24, 2010 (Vol. 75, No. 185).

A draft Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for a proposal to construct the High Desert Corridor, a new freeway/expressway, and possible toll way, extending approximately 63 miles between SR-14 in Los Angeles County and SR-18 in

San Bernardino County. On March 22, 2012, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors took action to recognize this project as a Strategic Multipurpose Corridor, which provides mobility, as well as economic and environmental benefits. To satisfy this directive, the proposed corridor is being evaluated for potential inclusion of the highway (freeway/expressway), a toll way, a bike path, energy production and/or transmission facilities, and a high speed rail feeder service line. The proposed route would run primarily in an east-west direction and would roughly follow the alignment of the Avenue P-8 corridor near SR-14 in Los Angeles County and Air Expressway near I-15 in San Bernardino County. East of I-15, the proposed route would curve south until it terminates at SR-18.

The development of this corridor is considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand attributed to large-scale growth and increasing population in the Antelope, Victor and Apple Valley areas of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. This growth has resulted in inadequate capacity and accessibility along the existing east-west trending roadways as well as an increase in demand for goods movement corridors and access to regional airports. Alternatives under consideration are: (1)—No-Build; (2)—Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM). This includes several key elements under consideration: An eight-lane grade-separated freeway from SR-14 to 30th Street East; a transition to a four-lane at-grade expressway from 30th Street East to Longview Road; a four-lane at-grade highway connecting to SR-138 and extending east to US-395 along SR-18; a six-lane arterial highway along SR-18 (Palmdale Road) from US-395 to I-15; and minor roadway and signal improvements along SR-18 from I-15 to Bear Valley Road. These TSM/TDM roadway improvements would maintain at-grade intersections with local roads and driveway access; (3)—Freeway/Expressway (Avenue P-8, I-15 and SR-18). This would consist of a route with a controlled-access freeway in some areas and an expressway in others, depending on what is warranted by traffic demand. Interchange locations will be determined based upon traffic projections. This alternative generally follows Avenue P-8 in Los Angeles County and runs just south of El Mirage Road in San Bernardino County and then extends to Air Expressway Road near I-15 and curves south terminating at Bear Valley Road. The incorporation

of green energy technologies and a bike path along the alternative will also be considered. Four variations along the main alignment of this alternative will be considered. In Variation A, the freeway/expressway would run slightly south of the main alignment, approximately between 15th Street East and Little Rock Wash near Palmdale. In Variation B, the freeway/expressway would run slightly south of the main alignment between Oasis Road and Caughlin Road east of the county line. In Variation D, the freeway/expressway would swing south of the main alignment just south of Avenue R approximately between 180th Street East and 230th Street East near the community of Lake Los Angeles. In Variation E, the freeway/expressway would swing south of the federal prison near the cities of Adelanto and Victorville; (4)—Freeway/Toll Way (Avenue P-8, I-15 and SR-18). This would consist of engineering geometrics similar to Alternative 3 with alterations made in coordination with a Public Private Partnership (P3) analysis. Variations A, B, D and E would also be considered; (5)—Freeway/Expressway with High Speed Rail Feeder Service. This Alternative is the same as the Alternative 3 (including Variations A, D, B and E) and includes a High Speed Rail (HSR) Feeder Service between Palmdale and Victorville. The HSR Feeder Service would utilize proven steel wheel on steel track technology and have a maximum operating speed of 180 miles per hour. Additional details of this operating feature, including the type of train technology (electric vs. diesel-electric), its location in relation to the HDC and its connections to existing and proposed rail stations are being evaluated as part of the ongoing Public-Private Partnership analysis and Alternatives Analysis. The incorporation of green energy technologies and a bike path will also be considered; (6)—Freeway/Tollway with High Speed Rail Feeder Service. This would consist of engineering geometrics similar to Alternative 4 with the consideration of additional right-of-way for a High Speed Rail (HSR) facility. The HSR Feeder Service would utilize proven steel wheel on steel track technology and have a maximum operating speed of 180 miles per hour. Additional details of this operating feature, including the type of train technology (electric vs. diesel-electric), its location in relation to the HDC and its connections to existing and proposed rail stations are being evaluated as part of the ongoing P3 analysis and Alternatives Analysis. The

incorporation of green energy technologies and a bike path will also be considered; and (7)—Hybrid Corridor. This would consist of a combination of the previously identified alternatives, whose elements (TSM/TDM, Freeway, Expressway, Tollway, HSR Feeder Service, Green Energy Technologies, bike path) would be pieced together to best fit the needs of each section of the corridor. The determination of which elements to use, and at which locations, would be based on the results of the traffic study, environmental studies and public input. It is anticipated that the proposed project may require the following federal approvals and permits: A Biological Opinion from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; approval of a PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Hot Spot Analysis determination by the Conformity Working Group for transportation conformity under the Clean Air Act; Section 401, 402 and 404 permits under the Clean Water Act; and a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating under the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, Participating Agencies, Tribal governments, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. 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 draft 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; Calcasieu Parish, LA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

##### ACTION: Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Highway Administration is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed transportation project in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** FHWA Carl Highsmith, Project Delivery Team Leader, FHWA, 5304 Planders Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Project information can be found at the project Web site <http://www.i10lakecharles.com>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the DOTD, will prepare an EIS on alternatives for additional capacity along I-10 in the Lake Charles region between the I-210 interchanges including the Calcasieu River Bridge. A feasibility and environmental study was previously conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for this project. The feasibility study involved four phases: (1) Information and Data Gathering; (2) Preliminary Study; (3) Refined Alternatives; and (4) Preparation and Submission of a Final Report. Based on the preliminary studies which included input from the local community, four feasible alternatives have been recommended for further study. A no-build alternative will also be evaluated in accordance with NEPA. The preliminary studies were completed in spring 2004; however the proposed project was placed on hold to evaluate the bridge height and due to the discovery of hazardous materials contamination within the proposed right-of-way. Because of the potential for impacts and issues associated with various socioeconomic and environmental resources and the high-level of public interest, FHWA will prepare an EIS. The total project length is approximately 9 miles. In addition to bridge alternatives, improvements to be investigated within the study limits include: A redesign of Sampson Street from Sulphur Avenue to I-10 to provide grade separations with existing railroads; a redesign of the access to and from I-10 on the west side of the bridge between Sampson Street and PPG Drive; a redesign of the access to and from I-10 near the east end of the bridge; and consideration of the implementation of one-way frontage roads from PPG Drive to US 90 East. Consideration will be given to using the existing bridge for the frontage roads. Proposed changes to the existing bridge to be investigated include: (a) Designing the proposed bridge structure to accommodate three

travel lanes and one auxiliary lane, with inside and outside shoulders and two frontage roads in each direction, (b) a reduction in navigational clearance, (c) reducing the existing 420 foot truss span to two main spans, and (d) determining if the existing vertical clearance for marine traffic can be reduced. Letters describing the proposed project and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and the public who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this project. Numerous public meetings will be held throughout the term of the project. The first of these meetings, a series of public scoping meetings, will be conducted to provide the public information about the project and an opportunity to assist in formulating and revising the scope of the study. The public scoping meetings will be scheduled in the future and will be posted to the project Web site <http://www.i10lakecharles.com>.

In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed project 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.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0051]

##### Agency Information Collection Activities; New Information Collection Request; Commercial Motor Vehicle Marking Requirements

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