

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2007-28580]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Renewal of Currently Approved Information Collection****AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of request for renewal of currently approved information collection.**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for renewal of an existing information collection that is summarized below under**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.**DATES:** Please submit comments by August 31, 2007.**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FHWA-2007-28580 by any of the following methods:*Web Site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.*Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.*Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.*Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Connie Yew, (202) 366-1078, Office of Infrastructure, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* Preparation and Execution of the Project Agreement and Modifications.*OMB Control Number:* 2125-0529.*Background:* Formal agreements between State Transportation

Departments and the FHWA are required for Federal-aid highway projects. These agreements, referred to as "project agreements" are written contracts between the State and the Federal government that define the extent of work to be undertaken and commitments made concerning a highway project. Section 1305 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21, Pub. L. 105-178) amended 23 U.S.C. 106(a) and combined authorization of work and execution of the project agreement for a Federal-aid project into a single action. States continue to have the flexibility to use whatever format is suitable to provide the statutory information required, and burden estimates for this information collection are not changed.

*Respondents:* There are 56 respondents, including 50 State Transportation Departments, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Territories of Guam, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

*Frequency:* On an on-going basis as project agreements are written.

*Estimated Average Annual Burden per Response:* There is an average of 476 annual agreements per respondent. Each agreement requires 1 hour to complete.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 26,656 hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: June 25, 2007.

**James R. Kabel,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Davie County, NC****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 to improve the U.S. 64 and U.S. 601 corridors in the vicinity of Mocksville and Davie County, North Carolina. (TIP Project R-3111)**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Clarence Coleman, PE, Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, Telephone: (919) 856-4350, Extension 133.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on proposed improvements to the U.S. 64 and U.S. 601 corridors in the vicinity of Mocksville and Davie County. The proposed action will be the construction of a multilane divided controlled access highway on new location from U.S. 64 east of Mocksville to U.S. 601 and/or U.S. 64 northwest of Mocksville. The purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow and safety on the U.S. 64 and U.S. 601 corridors, relieve congestion, and reduce non-essential truck traffic in the Town of Mocksville. The proposed action is consistent with the 1992 Mocksville Thoroughfare Plan and the 2003 Davie County Thoroughfare Plan.

Alternatives studied included: (1) The "no-build" alternative, (2) improve existing facilities, and (3) a controlled access highway on new location.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies. Citizens Informational Workshops and meetings with local officials and neighborhood groups have been and will continue to be held in the study area. Public hearings will also be held. Information on the time and place of the workshops and hearings will be provided in the local news media. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment at the time of hearing.

After the June 1997 scoping meeting, the February 1998 interagency meeting, and the July 2001 meeting with local

officials, an environmental study area for the U.S. 64 and U.S. 601 corridor improvements was developed. This study area was presented to the public at a July 2001 Citizens Informational Workshop, at which time public input on this study area was received. In September 2001, NCDOT assembled an interagency project team to obtain input on the purpose and need and preliminary study alternatives. In July 2003, another Citizens Informational Workshop was held by NCDOT, showing the preliminary study alternatives to the public and seeking public input. In January 2004, the interagency project team considered the public input in selecting the detailed study alternatives for the project. A newsletter was mailed to the area residents and project stake holders in March 2004, showing the location of the U.S. 64 and U.S. 601 detailed study alternatives being considered. Due to extensive coordination with the resource agencies, local officials, and the public during the EIS process, no additional scoping meetings will be conducted for the DEIS.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action is addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research 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

#### **Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS): Arkansas River Valley Intermodal Facilities, Russellville, Arkansas (Pope County)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare a SDEIS.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in a joint venture with the Arkansas State

Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) and the River Valley Regional Intermodal Facilities Authority (RVRIFA), is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare a SDEIS for developing a regional intermodal facility in the Arkansas River Valley. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is functioning as a Cooperating Agency for this project and plans to adopt the River Valley Regional Intermodal Facilities Environmental Impact Statement upon completion. This project is intended to improve regional and national transportation, to serve existing industry, and to provide

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Randal Looney, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration—Arkansas Division Office 700 West Capitol Avenue, Room 3130, Little Rock, AR 72201-3298.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) and the River Valley Regional Intermodal Facilities Authority (RVRIFA), intends to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Arkansas River Valley Intermodal Facilities projects. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will serve as a Cooperating Agency for this project. An SDEIS will be prepared to further refine the Purpose and Need and Alternatives Analysis sections that were presented in the original Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) approved and released for public review in March 2006. This additional information will be used to ensure that the Purpose and Need for the project is described completely and that the methods and screening criteria used during the alternatives development process to identify all reasonable alternatives for the project are fully explained and disclosed.

The Arkansas River Valley Intermodal Facilities (ARVIF) project is proposed to include access to the national railway grid through the Class I Union Pacific Railroad 9UPRR), possibly through the Class III short line Dardanelle Russellville Railroad (DRRR), and local roadway access to Interstate 40 (I-40) using existing highway connections via State Highway 7 and/or the proposed improved State Highway 247. A slackwater harbor would be constructed along the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) to connect the intermodal facilities to the U.S. Inland Waterway System. Additional services at the intermodal

facility would include on-site rail/truck transfers, truck/water transfers, rail/water transfers, freight tracking, a foreign trade sub-zone, warehousing, distribution, consolidation, just-in-time inventory services, and material storage capabilities.

There are currently three public ports/terminals along the Arkansas segment of the MKARNS located in Pine bluff, Little Rock, and Fort Smith. There are no public use facilities within 30 miles of the study area, however there are three private docks within 30 miles of the study area including the following: Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel, the Port of Dardanelle; and Oakley Port.

The NEPA process to support this intermodal facility was initiated by the development of an Environmental Assessment (EA) with a defined purpose and need and supporting alternatives. The EA was approved for public dissemination by FHWA in November 2002, however it was determined that further study would be required and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) would not be issued by FHWA for the project. Further study in the subsequent DEIS released for review in March 2006 included a revised purpose and need for the project and a description of proposed reasonable alternatives identified using screening criteria based on social, environmental, and economic impacts of the proposed project. The reasonable alternatives were developed, screened, and carried forward for detailed analysis in the DEIS based on their ability to address the project purpose and need while avoiding adverse impacts to known and sensitive resources. The USACE-Little Rock District plans to adopt the FHWA ARVIF EIS for their portion of the project involving slackwater harbor previously studied under a separate EA/FONSI issued by the USACE-Little Rock District in January 2000. FHWA is considered the Lead Agency for the ARVIF EIS.

Local, State, and Federal Agencies, Native American Tribes, private organizations, citizens, and interest groups will have an opportunity to provide input into the development of the SDEIS and identify any issues that should be addressed. Notices of public meetings or public hearings relating to the SDEIS will be given through various forums providing the time and place of the meeting along with other relevant information. The SDEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are identified and taken into account,