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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Highway Administration**

**Cancellation of Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS); Travis County, TX**

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

**ACTION:** Cancellation of Notice of Intent to Prepare a SEIS.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 290 (US 290)/State Highway (SH) 71 West through Oak Hill, in Travis County, Texas, is being rescinded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Salvador Deocampo, District Engineer, District A, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Texas Division, 300 East 8th Street, Rm 826, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone 512-536-5950.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 15, 2008, TxDOT, in cooperation with the FHWA, announced its intent to prepare a limited-scope SEIS pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.22 and 43 TAC Sec. 2.5(e)(2) for proposed improvement of US 290/SH 71 West through Oak Hill, in Travis County, Texas. The improvements proposed between Ranch-to-Market Road (RM) 1826 and Joe Tanner Lane were originally considered in a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) covering improvements to SH 71/US 290 from Ranch-to-Market Road (RM) 1826 to FM 973. A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by FHWA on August 22, 1988. The mid-section of the original project limits, between Joe Tanner Lane and Riverside Drive, has been constructed. The limited-scope SEIS would have evaluated potential impacts resulting from changes in funding mechanisms, changes in adjacent land use, State and Federal listing of the Barton Springs salamander as endangered, public input,

and proposed design modifications since the issuance of the SH 71/US 290 ROD along the unconstructed western portion of the original FEIS, between RM 1826 and Joe Tanner Lane.

TxDOT and FHWA have decided to rescind the NOI to prepare a SEIS for US 290/SH 71 West through Oak Hill from RM 1826 to Joe Tanner Lane. The project was placed on hold in 2008 due to the limited availability of funds and local planning priorities. The SEIS was in the preliminary stages of development. Recently, the FHWA has determined that a SEIS would no longer be applicable to the project and a full environmental impact statement (EIS) would be required to evaluate potential impacts. Therefore, the decision to rescind the NOI was due to limited availability of funds, local planning priorities and the determination that an EIS would be required.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Highway Administration**

**Environmental Impact Statements: National Summary of Rescinded Notices of Intent**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that 8 States have rescinded Notices of Intent (NOIs) to prepare 14 Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for proposed highway projects. The FHWA Division Offices, in consultation with the State departments of transportation (State DOTs), determined that six projects were no longer viable and have formally cancelled the projects. No further Federal resources will be expended on these projects; the environmental review process has been terminated. Four projects have been reduced in scope or found not to have significant impacts and now meet the criteria for an Environmental Assessment (EA) or a Categorical Exclusion (CE). Two projects will be constructed using solely State funds, so EISs will not be required. One project will be divided into two future projects and NOIs will be issued as needed. Finally, one project is being significantly rescoped and required a new NOI, which has already been issued.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Ostrum, Office of Project Development and Environmental Review, (202) 366-4651; Janet Myers, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-2019; Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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**Background**

The FHWA, as lead Federal agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in furtherance of its oversight and stewardship responsibilities under the Federal-aid highway program, periodically requests that its Division Offices review, with the State DOTs, the status of all EISs and place those projects that are not actively progressing in a timely manner in an inactive project status. The FHWA maintains lists of active and inactive EIS projects on its Web site at <http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/>. The FHWA has determined that inactive projects that are no longer a priority or that lack financial resources should be rescinded with a **Federal Register** notice notifying the public that project activity has been terminated. This notice covers the time period since the last summary was issued on May 23, 2011, and published in the **Federal Register** at 76 FR 31676 (June 1, 2011). As always, FHWA encourages State DOTs to work with their FHWA Division Office to determine when it is most prudent to initiate an EIS in order to best balance available resources as well as the expectations of the public.

The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that 8 States (California, Idaho, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, and Texas) have recently rescinded previously issued NOIs for 14 EISs for proposed highway projects. A listing of these projects, general location, original NOI date of publication in the **Federal Register**, and the date that the NOI was formally rescinded by notice published in the **Federal Register**, is provided below.

The FHWA Division Offices, in consultation with the State DOTs, determined that six of these projects were no longer viable and have formally cancelled those projects. The projects are: State Route 101 in