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**DATES:** Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to April 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Pamela Watkins, Department of State, Office of Directives Management, 1800 G Street NW, Suite 2400, Washington, DC 20522-2202 who may be reached at [watkinspk@state.gov](mailto:watkinspk@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0193.

- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Office of Directives Management, A/GIS/DIR.

- *Form Number:* Various public surveys.

- *Respondents:* Individuals responding to Department of State customer service evaluation requests.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000,000.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,000,000.

- *Average Time per Response:* 3.5 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 58,333 annual hours.

- *Frequency:* Once per request.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

**Abstract of Proposed Collection**

A 60-day notice for public comment was published on December 15, 2017 (82 FR 59943). No responsive comments were received. This renewal request increases the number of respondents from 325,000 to 1,000,000 to continue to allow the Department to collect qualitative customer feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery.

**Methodology**

Respondents will fill out a brief customer survey after completing their interaction with a Department Program Office or Embassy. Surveys are designed to gather feedback on the customer's experiences.

**Janet Freer,**

*Director, Office of Directives Management, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 10312]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Supplemental SIV Chief of Mission Application**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

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- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Supplemental SIV Chief of Mission Application.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0134.

- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Visa Office (CA/VO/L/R).

- *Form Number:* DS-157.

- *Respondents:* Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Applicants.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,700.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 8,700.

- *Average Time per Response:* 1 hour.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 8,700 hours.

- *Frequency:* Once per respondent.

- *Obligation To Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Abstract of Proposed Collection**

Department of State uses Form DS-157 (Supplemental SIV Chief of Mission Application) in order to facilitate the Chief of Mission approval process required for special immigrant visa (SIV) applicants under section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-8). The information requested on the form is limited to that

which the Chief of Mission uses to evaluate eligibility of SIV applicants. The DS-157 is only being used by Afghan SIV applicants for Chief of Mission approval.

#### Methodology

Applicants are required to complete the DS-157, along with other required documentation, and to submit their package to the appropriate SIV email address.

#### Edward Ramotowski,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 10350]

#### Secretary of State's Determination Under the Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016

The Secretary of State's designation of "entities of particular concern" for religious freedom violations. Pursuant to Section 408(a) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-292), notice is hereby given that, on March 5, 2018, the Secretary of State, under authority delegated by the President, has designated each of the following as an "entity of particular concern" under section 301 of the Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-281), for having engaged in particularly severe violations of religious freedom: al-Nusra Front, al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula, al-Qa'ida, al-Shabab, Boko Haram, ISIS, ISIS-Khorasan, and the Taliban.

#### Daniel L. Nadel,

*Director, Office of International Religious Freedom, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Little Cottonwood Canyon, Salt Lake County, Utah

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** FHWA, on behalf of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), is issuing this notice to advise the

public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed transportation improvements in and near Little Cottonwood Canyon in Salt Lake County, Utah.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brandon Weston, Environmental Services Director, Environmental Services Division, UDOT 4501 South 2700 West, P.O. Box 141265, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-1265; Telephone: (801) 965-4603, email: [brandonweston@utah.gov](mailto:brandonweston@utah.gov). John Thomas, PE, Little Cottonwood Canyon Project Manager, UDOT Region 2, 2010 South 2760 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84104-4592; Telephone: (801) 550-2248, Email: [johnthomas@utah.gov](mailto:johnthomas@utah.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being or have been carried out by UDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated January 17, 2017, and executed by FHWA and UDOT. UDOT, as the assigned National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) agency, will prepare an EIS for proposed improvements to SR-210, a two-lane roadway, in Little Cottonwood Canyon in Salt Lake County, Utah. The proposed project study area extends from the intersection of SR-210 and SR-190/Fort Union Boulevard in Cottonwood Heights, Utah to the terminus of SR-210 in the town of Alta, Utah. Transportation improvements are needed to address congestion, improve safety for all users, and enhance the availability of public transportation options in the canyon. To address these needs, UDOT is proposing to make operational improvements, introduce demand-management measures, and support efforts by transit providers to implement increased transit service in the project study area. UDOT has developed this proposal based on numerous previous studies and public involvement efforts carried out by a range of agencies and stakeholders regarding the need for potential transportation improvements in the project study area. The project may require FHWA to appropriate National Forest System lands and transfer such lands to UDOT for highway use, pursuant to authority under 23 U.S.C. 317. The project may also require approvals by the USDA Forest Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and/or other agencies.

UDOT will consider a range of alternatives based on the purpose of and need for the project and taking into account agency and public input. The currently contemplated alternatives

include: (1) Taking no action; (2) multiple, combined actions, including:

- Transportation System Management (TSM);
- Making operational improvements;
- Introducing demand-management measures;
- Tolling and/or high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) programs;
- Facilitating implementation of improved public transit service;
- Enhancing safety, access, and mobility in the area through improved information sharing and adding designated parking areas; and
- Roadway improvements;

(3) different combinations of any of the above; and (4) other alternatives if identified during the scoping process. Alternatives that do not meet the project purpose and need or that are otherwise not reasonable will not be carried forward for detailed consideration.

A Coordination Plan is being prepared to define the agency and public participation procedure for the environmental review process. The plan will outline (1) how agencies and the public will provide input during the scoping process; (2) the development of the purpose and need; and (3) alternatives development. UDOT anticipates that the USDA Forest Service will be invited to serve as a cooperating agency in the NEPA process.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, state, and local agencies as well as to Native American tribes and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed, or who are known to have, an interest in this proposal. A public scoping meeting will be held on April 10, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Cottonwood Heights City Hall, 2277 East Bengal Boulevard, Cottonwood Heights, Utah 84121. Public notices announcing the meeting will be published in the region. Information regarding this meeting and the project may also be obtained through a public website maintained by UDOT at [www.udot.utah.gov/littlecottonwoodeis](http://www.udot.utah.gov/littlecottonwoodeis).

During the NEPA process, other public meetings will be held as appropriate to allow the public, as well as Federal, state, and local agencies, and tribes, to provide comments on the purpose of and need for the project, potential alternatives, and social, economic, and environmental issues of concern.

In addition, a public hearing will be held following the release of the Draft EIS. Public notice advertisements and direct mailings will notify interested