

Arizona: State Route 30, SR 303L to SR 202L. The actions by ADOT and other relevant Federal agencies and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Draft EA approved on April 16, 2019, Final EA approved within the Finding of No Significant Impact issued on November 6, 2019, and in other documents in the administrative record. The FEA, FONSI, and other project records are available by contacting ADOT at the addresses provided above. Project decision documents are also available online at: <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/sr-30-loop-303-loop-202-study/documents-sr-30-loop-303-loop-202>.

This notice applies to all ADOT and other relevant Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General*: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].

2. *Air*: Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)].

3. *Land*: Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303]; Landscaping and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 319].

4. *Wildlife*: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and Section 1536], Marine Mammal Protection Act [16 U.S.C. 1361], Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661–667(d)], Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703–712].

5. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)–11]; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469–469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001–3013].

6. *Social and Economic*: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)–2000(d)(1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201–4209].

7. *Wetlands and Water Resources*: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [16 U.S.C. 4601–4604]; Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [42 U.S.C. 300(f)–300(j)(6)]; Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 [33 U.S.C. 401–406]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271–1287]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001–4128].

8. *Water*: Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. 1251–1387.

9. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514

Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

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**Authority**: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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**Karla S. Petty**,

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2019–0167]

### Rural Opportunities To Use Transportation for Economic Success: Request for Information

**AGENCY**: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION**: Request for information (RFI); extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY**: The Department of Transportation (DOT) extends the comment period for its November 27, 2019 request for information (RFI) on unmet transportation infrastructure needs in rural transportation, barriers that rural communities face in addressing these needs, stakeholders' experiences with applying to and using DOT discretionary grant and credit programs, and opportunities for DOT to improve its services and technical assistance to rural communities in relation to these grant and credit programs. The Department believes it is appropriate to extend the comment period to provide interested parties additional time to submit their responses to the RFI. Therefore, the Department extends the deadline for the submission of comments until January 27, 2020.

**DATES**: The comment period for the RFI published November 27, 2019, at 84 FR 65459, is extended to January 27, 2020. DOT will consider comments filed after this date to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES**: Comments should refer to the docket number above and be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search by using the docket number (provided above). Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the electronic docket site.
- *Mail*: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building

Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• *Hand Delivery or Courier*: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

*Instructions*: All submissions must include the agency name and docket numbers.

*Note*: All comments received, including any personal information, will be posted without change to the docket and will be accessible to the public at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You should not include information in your comment that you do not want to be made public. Input submitted online via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) is not immediately posted to the site. It may take several business days before your submission is posted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Visit <http://www.transportation.gov/rural>, or contact Robert Hyman at [rural@dot.gov](mailto:rural@dot.gov) or 202–366–5843. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366–9826.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The November RFI requested information directly from the public and other stakeholders to inform the development and implementation of the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative. DOT seeks comments that illustrate rural communities' needs and experiences with transportation infrastructure, including the condition of that infrastructure, its effect on safety, and how its use affects the community. This includes comments and data pertaining to current unmet needs in rural transportation, barriers rural communities face in addressing these transportation needs, stakeholders' experiences with applying to and using DOT discretionary grant and credit programs, and opportunities for the DOT to improve its services and technical assistance to rural communities in relation to these grant and credit programs, within the limits of statutory requirements.

The comment period for the RFI was set at 30 days, ending on December 27, 2019. In consideration of holiday schedules that may have impacted commenter's ability to prepare comments during this period and in the interest of receiving a greater number of comments, DOT extends the public comment period until January 27, 2020.

**Public Comment**

DOT invites comments by all those interested in the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative. Comments may be submitted and viewed at Docket Number DOT-OST-2019-0167 at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or at the address given above under **ADDRESSES**.

Comments must be received on or before January 27, 2020 to receive full consideration by DOT. DOT will consider comments filed after this date to the extent practicable. After that date, comments will continue to be available for viewing by the public.

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**Joel Szabat,**

*Acting Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Office of the Secretary****Announcement of Requirements; RAISE (Recognizing Aviation and Aerospace Innovation in Science and Engineering) Awards**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of the announcement of requirements for the RAISE (Recognizing Aviation and Aerospace Innovation in Science and Engineering) Awards.

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 3719 (America COMPETES Act).

*Award Approving Official:* Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Transportation.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to a recommendation by the Future of Aviation Advisory Committee, the Secretary of Transportation, through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is announcing the sixth annual competition to recognize students with the ability to demonstrate unique and innovative thinking in aerospace science and engineering. This competition includes a high school division and both a graduate and undergraduate university division. The Department of Transportation (DOT) intends to use this competition to incentivize students at high schools and universities to think creatively in developing innovative solutions to aviation and aerospace challenges, and to share their innovations with the broader community.

**DATES:** Submissions accepted through noon eastern time (ET) on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Expression of interest in participating in the competition should be submitted to the FAA by noon ET on Friday, February 14.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

- Patricia Watts, Ph.D., Federal Aviation Administration, [patricia.watts@faa.gov](mailto:patricia.watts@faa.gov)
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Subject of Competition:* The Secretary's RAISE Award competition will recognize innovative scientific and engineering achievements that will have a significant impact on the future of aerospace or aviation. On behalf of the Secretary, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will accept student submissions and will invite subject-matter-experts to conduct an evaluation of all qualifying entries.

*Eligibility:* To be eligible to participate in the Secretary's RAISE Award competition, students must be citizens of the United States or permanent residents. For the high school division, the students must have been enrolled in at least one semester (or quarterly equivalent) at a U.S. high school (or equivalent approved home school program) in 2019. For the university division, the student must have been enrolled in a U.S.-based college or university for at least one semester (or quarterly equivalent) during 2019. Students may participate and be recognized as individuals or in teams. Each member of a team must meet the eligibility criteria. An individual may join more than one team. There is no charge to enter the competition.

The following additional rules apply:

1. Candidates shall submit a project in the competition under the rules promulgated by the Department of Transportation (DOT);
2. Candidates shall agree to execute indemnifications and waivers of claims against the Federal government as provided in this Notice;
3. Candidates may not be a Federal entity or Federal employee acting within the scope of employment;
4. Candidates may not be an employee of the DOT, including but not limited to the FAA;
5. Candidates shall not be deemed ineligible because an individual used Federal facilities or consulted with Federal employees during a competition, if the facilities and employees are made available to all individuals participating in the competition on an equitable basis;
6. The competition is subject to all applicable Federal laws and regulations.

Participation constitutes the Candidates' full and unconditional agreement to these rules and to the Secretary's decisions, which are final and binding in all matters related to this competition;

7. Submissions which in the Secretary's sole discretion are determined to be substantially similar to a prior submitted entry may be disqualified;

8. Submissions must be original, must be the work of the Candidates, and must not violate the rights of other parties. All submissions remain the property of the applicants. Each Candidate represents and warrants that s/he, or the team, is the sole author and owner of the submission, that the submission is wholly original, that it does not infringe any copyright or any other rights of any third party of which the Candidate is aware, and, if submitted in electronic form, is free of malware;

9. By submitting an entry, contestants and entrants agree to assume any and all risks and waive any claims against the Federal Government and its related entities (except in the case of willful misconduct) for any injury, death, damage, or loss of property, revenue or profits, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, arising from their participation in this contest, whether the injury, death, damage, or loss arises through negligence or otherwise;

10. The Secretary and the Secretary's designees have the right to request access to supporting materials from the Candidates;

11. The submissions cannot have been submitted in the same or substantially similar form in any previous Federally-sponsored promotion or Federally-sponsored contest, of any kind;

12. Each Candidate grants to the FAA, the DOT, as well as other Federal agencies with which it partners, the right to use names, likeness, application materials, photographs, voices, opinions, and/or hometown and state for the Department's promotional purposes in any media, in perpetuity, worldwide, without further payment or consideration; and

13. The FAA Administrator collects personal information from Candidates when they enter this competition. The information collected is subject to the Challenge Post privacy policy located at <http://www.challengepost.com/privacy>.

*Expression of Interest:* Due by Friday, February 14, 2020.

Students are strongly encouraged to send brief expressions of interest to the FAA prior to submitting entries. The expressions of interest should be received by noon ET on Friday,