

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared to address operational and safety issues on three sections of Trunk Highway (TH) 60.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Minnesota Department of Transportation completed a Final Environmental Impact Statement for TH 60 from Worthington to St. James in 1983 (FHWA-MN-EIS-82-02-F). A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by the Federal Highway Administration in 1984. The preferred alternative outlined in the 1983 EIS and 1984 ROD consisted of constructing a four-lane facility on a mix of new and existing alignment for a distance of approximately 52 miles. Portions of the project have been constructed, however, there are three segments of the 1983 EIS preferred alternative that have not been constructed as a four-lane facility: (1) Just west of the City of St. James to the eastern edge of the City of Butterfield, (2) western edge of the City of Butterfield to just east of the city of Mountain Lake, and (3) just west of the City of Mountain Lake to the northeast edge of the City of Windom. These three segments are approximately 5.3 miles, 4.2 miles, and 7.5 miles long, respectively.

It has been more than three years since the last major Federal action on this project. Because the original NEPA process was completed in 1984, a Supplemental EIS will be prepared to address changes in the project area, proposed changes to the preferred alternative identified in the 1983 EIS, and changes to regulations and Minnesota Statutes since the ROD was issued in 1984.

The Supplemental EIS will evaluate the social, economic, transportation and environmental impacts of alternatives, including (1) No-build, and (2) constructing a four-lane expressway.

The draft Supplemental EIS is anticipated to be published in late 2011. A press release will be published to inform the public of the document's availability. Copies of the draft Supplemental EIS will be posted on a MnDOT web site as well as distributed to agencies, interested persons and libraries for review to aid in identifying issues and analyses to be contained in the EIS. A thirty-day comment period for review of the document will be provided to afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the proposed action. A public hearing will also be held during the comment period. Public notice will be given for the time and place of the hearing.

A final Supplemental EIS will be prepared based on the outcome of public and agency responses to the draft Supplemental EIS. The final Supplemental EIS will be available for agency and public review and comment. Coordination has been initiated and will continue with appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the proposed action.

The Federal Highway Administration is the lead Federal Agency for this NEPA effort. The United States Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service are Cooperating Agencies for this NEPA process.

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 the proposed action and the Supplemental EIS should be directed to the FHWA 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 Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket Nos. FMCSA-2006-26367 and FMCSA-2011-0131]

Joint Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee and Medical Review Board Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Joint Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) and Medical Review Board (MRB) meeting.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that the Agency's MCSAC and MRB will hold a joint meeting on Monday, August 29, 2011. The MCSAC will continue to meet on Tuesday, August 30–Wednesday, August 31, with the afternoon of August 31 being used for a meeting of the Cross-Border Trucking Pilot Program subcommittee. All three days of the meeting will be open to the public for their duration.

TIME AND DATES: The MCSAC-MRB meeting will be held on Monday, August 29, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time (E.T.), and the MCSAC meeting will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30–31, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., E.T. The last hour of each day of the full committee meeting will be reserved for public comment. At 1:30 p.m., E.T., on Wednesday, August 31, the MCSAC Cross Border Trucking Pilot Program subcommittee will meet until 5 p.m., E.T., with a public comment period from 4:30–5 p.m., E.T. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 in the Washington and Jefferson Rooms on the 2nd floor.

Matters to be considered: The MCSAC and MRB will consider expert presentations on obstructive sleep apnea during the joint meeting on Monday. On Tuesday, the MCSAC will consider the report of its Electronic On-Board Recorder (EOBR) Implementation Subcommittee established in response to Task 11-04, with relevant expert presentations on the topic. On Wednesday, the MCSAC will return to its Task 11-02 regarding roadside violation severity weightings in the Carrier Safety Measurement System in FMCSA's Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) program. That afternoon, the MCSAC Subcommittee established in response to Task 11-03, regarding the Agency's Cross Border Trucking Pilot Program, will meet. Copies of all MCSAC Task Statements