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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Warren County in Kentucky

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

**ACTION:** Notice of planning study.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is initiating a planning study for the following proposed highway project: "Eastern Beltline of Bowling Green, Kentucky from Scottsville Road (US 231) to Interstate 65 (I-65)".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Evan J. Wisniewski, Project Development Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 330 West Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601, Telephone: (502) 223-6740 or Ms. Annette Coffey, Director, Division of Planning, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 125 Holmes Street, Frankfort, KY 40622, Telephone (502) 564-7183.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Electronic Access**

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##### **Background**

This planning study is to determine the feasibility of an Eastern Beltline of Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Bowling Green Urban Transportation Study has identified both an Eastern and Northern Beltline as a need since 1972. The Eastern Beltline is to be located east of I-65 and is to connect US 231 (Scottsville Road) with I-65. This planning study will consider how the Beltline projects should be coordinated with a proposed Interstate 66 (I-66) project and if segments of one project can be incorporated into the other project.

During the development of this planning study, comments will be

solicited from appropriate Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested persons and the general public, in accordance with requirements set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and subsequent Federal regulations and guidelines developed by the Executive Office of the President's Council on Environmental Quality and the United States Department of Transportation for the implementation of the NEPA process.

This planning study will include a scoping process for the early identification of potential alternatives for, and environmental issues and impacts related to, the proposed project. At this time, the level of environmental documentation that will ultimately be prepared is not known. However, if an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared for the proposed project in the future, the information gained through the scoping process in this planning study may be used as input to the scoping process for the development of that EIS. If an EIS is prepared in the future, written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts will still be considered at that time, after the filing of the Notice of Intent (NOI).

(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 Transit Administration

#### **Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Union Station Master Plan and vicinity in downtown Denver, CO**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

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

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing this notice to advise agencies and the public that, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), FTA as lead agency, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) as

cooperating agencies, the Regional Transportation District (RTD), in conjunction with the City and County of Denver (CCD), the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the development alternatives and operation of a Master Plan for a mixed-use, intermodal transportation center that encompasses the Union Station property and adjacent vicinity in downtown Denver, Colorado. The project study area encompasses approximately 20-acres of land in the lower downtown area of Denver.

Additionally as part of the EIS, an assessment of the effects on historic properties within the study area, including the Denver Union Station, will be conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

**DATES:** One scoping meeting will be held on the date and location shown below:

*Date:* June 20, 2002

*Time:* 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

*Location:* Colorado Convention Center, Ball Room #4

*Address:* 700 14th Street, Denver, Co. 80202

People with special needs may contact the project Hot Line at (303) 322-3320, 24-hours prior to the date of the scoping meeting for further assistance.

An informational brochure describing the purpose of the Master Plan and EIS, the project location, proposed alternatives, and the impact area to be evaluated, will be mailed to affected federal, state, and local agencies and made available to those people attending the scoping meeting. Others may request scoping materials by accessing the project website at [www.DenverUnionStation.org](http://www.DenverUnionStation.org), by calling the Hot Line at (303) 322-3320, or by contacting Mr. Dave Shelley, Project Manager, Regional Transportation District, at the address listed below.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be considered and the impacts to be studied, should be sent to Dave Shelley, Project Manager, Regional Transportation District by July 5, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Please forward your comments to Mr. Dave Shelley, Project Manager, Regional Transportation District, 1600 Blake Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-1399. Telephone: (303) 299-2408, or [dave.shelley@rtd-denver.com](mailto:dave.shelley@rtd-denver.com)