

agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held during the development of this document. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. A formal scoping meeting will be conducted.

To ensure that the full range of issues relating to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, written comments, suggestions or questions should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above or directed to: Mr. Andras Fekete, Manager, Bureau of Environmental Services, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08625-0600, telephone: (609) 530-2824.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis, MO

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed improvements to I-64 in St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Peggy Casey, Environmental Projects Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 209 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, Telephone: (573) 638-2620 or Mr. Dave Nichols, Director of Project Development, Missouri Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102, Telephone: (573) 751-4586.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), will prepare an EIS for a proposal to reconstruct the existing I-64 (U.S. Route 40) facility with new interchange configurations and appurtenant roadways/structures in St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis, Missouri. It is intended that the reconstructed facility will meet current standards. A location study will run concurrently with the preparation of the EIS and will provide definitive reasonable alternatives for evaluation in the EIS. The proposed action will accomplish several goals: (1) Replace the deteriorating facility and substandard interchanges, (2) improve safety (and capacity between Spodee Road and I-170), (3) improve operation and decrease congestion, and (4) promote community redevelopment.

The proposed project which includes work on I-170 from south of Brentwood Boulevard to I-64, begins west of Spodee Road in St. Louis County and continues easterly to west of Sarah Street in the City of St. Louis. The project is approximately 12 miles in length. Known potential impacts include residential and/or commercial relocations, acquisition of National Register of Historic Places-eligible properties, access changes, and likely impacts to parkland at the City of St. Louis' Forest Park and Richmond Heights' A.B. Green Athletic Field Complex, both eligible for protection under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. A Department of the Army Section 404 permit and a floodplain development permit from the State Emergency Management Agency may be required.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) no build, (2) build alternatives, and (3) transportation system management options.

To date, substantial preliminary coordination has occurred with local officials and other interested parties. As part of the scoping process, an interagency coordination meeting will be held with all appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. In addition, public information meetings and further meetings with community officials will be held to solicit public and agency input on the reasonable range of alternatives. A location public hearing will be held to present the findings of the Draft EIS. Public notice will be given announcing the time and place of all public meetings and the public hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

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Peggy J. Casey,

Environmental Projects Engineer, Jefferson City.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2001-10578]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemption from the vision standard; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the FMCSA's receipt of applications from 37 individuals for an exemption from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). If granted, the exemptions will enable these individuals to qualify as drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce without meeting the vision standard prescribed in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard, or you may print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments electronically.