

*Description of Relief Sought:* Drone Amplified, LLC (Drone Amplified) is seeking an exemption to commercially operate the DJI Matrice 600 small unmanned aircraft system (UAS) with line of sight operation, during the day, at altitudes under 400 feet above ground level (AGL), to operate for commercial agricultural related services by performing interior ignitions with the small UAS to aid firefighters performing prescribed burns in remote and sparsely populated locations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2016-0024]

#### Project Management Plan Guidance

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces and outlines the purpose and contents of Project Management Plans, when they are required, and the preferred form and procedure for submission of these Plans to FHWA. The Guidance clarifies prior Guidance, including when to prepare plan updates.

**DATES:** This Guidance is effective on May 22, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit all comments by only one of the following means:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.
- *Instructions:* You must include the agency name and docket number at the beginning of your comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice contact Ms. LaToya Johnson, FHWA Office of Infrastructure, (202) 366-0479, Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New

Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590, or via email at [latoya.johnson@dot.gov](mailto:latoya.johnson@dot.gov). For legal questions, please contact Mr. Jomar Maldonado, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1373, Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or via email at [jomar.maldonado@dot.gov](mailto:jomar.maldonado@dot.gov). Business hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Access and Filing

A copy of the Project Management Plan Guidance is available for download and public inspection under the docket number noted above at the Federal eRulemaking portal at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Federal eRulemaking portal at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. The Web site is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the Web site.

An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from Office of the Federal Register's home page at: [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register) and the Government Publishing Office's Web page at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

##### Background

Major projects are defined in 23 U.S.C. 106(h) as projects receiving Federal financial assistance with an estimated total cost of \$500,000,000, or other projects as may be identified by the Secretary. Major projects are typically large, complex projects designed to address major highway needs and require the investment of significant financial resources. The preparation of a Project Management Plan, as required by 23 U.S.C. 106(h), ensures successful project delivery and the maintenance of public trust, support, and confidence throughout the life of the project. The Plans clearly define the responsibilities of the agency leadership and management team. Further, such plans document the procedures and processes to provide timely information to project decisionmakers.

The Project Management Plan Guidance replaces the existing January 2009 guidance. Current guidance is over 7 years old and in need of clarification. This new guidance is less prescriptive, in light of an increased understanding of Project Management Plans by FHWA and Project Managers. Further, a recent

DOT Office of Inspector General audit expressed the need for more clarity in the guidance on when to prepare Project Management Plan updates.<sup>1</sup> Finally, while current guidance includes best practices for managing major projects, these practices are not included in the new guidance. Rather, best management practices will be developed as a separate resource to be shared with project sponsors and FHWA staff.

A copy of the Project Management Plan Guidance is available for download and public inspection under the docket number noted above at the Federal eRulemaking portal at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 106(h); 49 CFR 1.85.

Dated: May 15, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Bronx County, NY

**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 a proposed construction project known as the Hunts Point Interstate Access Improvement Project, in Bronx County, New York.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harold Fink, Deputy Chief Engineer, New York State Department of Transportation, Hunters Point Plaza 47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, New York 11101, Telephone: (718) 482-4683; or Peter W. Osborn, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 7th Floor, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone: (518) 431-4127.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National

<sup>1</sup> FHWA Met Basic Requirements but can Strengthen Guidance and Controls for Financial and Project Management Plans, FHWA, Report No. ST-2015-018 (Jan. 2015), available at <https://www.oig.dot.gov/library-item/32336>.