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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The ARAC was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), in accordance with Title 5 of the United States Code (5 U.S.C. App. 2) to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA concerning rulemaking activities, such as aircraft operations, airman and air agency certification, airworthiness standards and certification, airports, maintenance, noise, and training.

##### **II. Agenda**

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- Status Report from the FAA
- Status Updates:
  - Active Working Groups
  - Transport Airplane and Engine (TAE) Subcommittee
- Recommendation Reports
- Any Other Business

Additional information will be posted on the FAA Committee website at [https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/committees/documents/) at least one week in advance of the meeting.

##### **III. Public Participation**

The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, as space is limited. Please confirm your attendance with the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than March 2, 2020. Please provide the following information: Full legal name, country of citizenship, and name of your industry association, or applicable affiliation. If you are attending as a public citizen, please indicate so.

For persons participating by telephone, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by email or phone for the teleconference call-in number and passcode. Callers are responsible for paying long-distance charges.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids,

please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

The FAA is not accepting oral presentations at this meeting due to time constraints. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time. The public may present written statements to the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee by providing 25 copies to the Designated Federal Officer, or by bringing the copies to the meeting.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

##### **Federal Highway Administration**

##### **Notice To Rescind Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Cape Fear Crossing in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties, NC**

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

**ACTION:** Notice to rescind notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that it is rescinding its Notice of Intent (NOI), published in the **Federal Register** on May 11, 2006, to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Cape Fear Crossing, a proposed multi-lane highway facility in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties, North Carolina. The project was previously known as the Cape Fear Crossing.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA), issued a notice of intent in May 11, 2006, to prepare an EIS for a proposal to

construct a multi-lane highway facility in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties, North Carolina. Known as the Cape Fear Skyway, the proposed improvement would extend from US 17 in Brunswick County, near the community of Bishop, to US 421 in the city of Wilmington for a distance of approximately 9.5 miles. The project would include a crossing of the Cape Fear River. Currently, the project is known as the Cape Fear Crossing project. The purpose of the Cape Fear Crossing is to improve traffic flow and enhance freight movements beginning in the vicinity of US 17 and I-140 in Brunswick County, across the Cape Fear River to US 421 near the Port of Wilmington in southern New Hanover County. The Cape Fear Crossing would also help expedite an evacuation of residents and visitors in the event of a hurricane or other emergency. The FHWA and the NCDOT, in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers, prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which was approved on March 25, 2019. The DEIS was circulated to the public, and a public hearing was held on April 29, 2019. The NCDOT initially considered six different corridors for the project that would have connected US 17 and I-140 in Brunswick County to US 421 near the Port of Wilmington.

On August 13, 2019, the NCDOT published their decision to discontinue planning and preliminary design work on the Cape Fear Crossing highway-bridge project at this time. See: <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/2019/2019-08-13-cape-fear-crossing-update.aspx>.

Based on NCDOT's decision to discontinue work, FHWA is rescinding the NOI and the March 2019 DEIS. Comments or questions concerning this rescinding notice for the Cape Fear Crossing project, formerly known as Cape Fear Skyway, should be directed to FHWA and NCDOT at the addresses 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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