

Dated: November 10, 2005.

**Clay Diamond,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Draft Supplement Environmental Impact Statement for US 411 Connector, Bartow County, GA

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

**ACTION:** Extension of Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the FHWA, in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), have jointly prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for proposed transportation improvements in the US 411 Corridor. A Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 2005 included a comment period through November 21, 2005. This date has been revised and extended to December 5, 2005, to coincide with the date listed in the EPA Federal Register Notice.

**DATES:** The comment period will end on December 5, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Harvey D. Keepler, State Environmental/Location Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, GA 30336-1593.

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**Mr. Robert M. Callan,**

*Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Atlanta, Georgia.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Sanders and Flathead Counties, MT

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Rescind notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the

FHWA is rescinding the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for proposed improvements to the Thompson River Road (also known as Forest Highway 56), a county road located near Thompson Falls, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), is rescinding the NOI published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 67, Number 236, page 73004-73005) on December 9, 2002, to prepare an EIS for proposed improvements to the Thompson River Road (Forest Highway 56) near Thompson Falls, Montana. The NOI is being rescinded due to social, environmental, and political issues associated with the proposed improvements. These issues include problems managing access to properties with the elimination of portions of the current dual road system, social and economic impacts on surrounding communities, and the lack of available "take" of the depleted grizzly bear population in the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem.

Benefits of the proposed improvements identified through public comments and preliminary studies included potential for improving fish and wildlife habitat within the Thompson River drainage. The proposed improvements included a plan to eliminate portions of the dual road network, which would potentially reduce river sediments and benefit recovering bull trout. An additional goal was to replace the high-speed logging road alignment with a lower-speed curvilinear alignment to reduce mortality of carnivores and other species resulting from vehicle collisions. However, the combined issues of property access, social and economic impacts, and potential impacts on the depleted population of grizzly bear in the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem were considered more significant than the combined potential benefits of the project. Therefore, the decision was made to stop the project and remove it from the Transportation Improvement Plan.

Notices of the decision were sent to all cooperating agencies on October 18, 2005. A press release was issued on October 18, 2005. Public involvement

meetings were held in Thompson Falls, Montana on October 19, 2005, and Libby, Montana on October 20, 2005, to inform the public of this decision. No significant opposition to stopping the project was received.

Comments or questions regarding this action should be addressed to the FHWA at the address and phone number provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, 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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**Ricardo Suarez,**

*Acting Division Engineer, Western Federal Lands Highway Division, Federal Highway Administration, Vancouver, Washington.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket Number: FTA-2005-22658]

#### Notice of Policy Statement for Implementation of Notice and Comment Procedures for Documents Imposing "Binding Obligations"

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice establishes the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA, we) policy concerning notice and comment for FTA documents that impose binding obligations. This new policy is consistent with recent amendments to FTA's administrative procedures statute and provides the public and opportunity to comment on documents that FTA issues routinely.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by December 21, 2005. Late filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable. FTA will publish a second notice in the **Federal Register** summarizing all comments received regarding this notice, and, if appropriate, may modify this policy statement.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FTA-2005-22658] by any of the following methods:

*Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

*Fax:* 202-493-2251.