

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment for Washington, DC to Baltimore Loop Project**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is announcing the availability of the Environmental Assessment (Draft) for public review. The Environmental Assessment (Draft) was prepared for the Washington, DC to Baltimore Loop Project, and was submitted by the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) in conjunction with The Boring Company, a private company. The Environmental Assessment (Draft) was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The project is also being reviewed under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and a draft Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA) has been prepared for the project. Interested parties are invited to comment on both the Environmental Assessment (Draft) and the draft PA.

**DATES:** Comments on the Environmental Assessment (Draft) and the draft PA must be received on or before June 10, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Project Website:* <https://www.dcbaltimoreloop.com>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the website.

- *Mail:* Ms. Donna Buscemi, Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration, 707 N. Calvert Street, MS C-301, Baltimore, MD 21202. Please include "Washington, DC to Baltimore Loop Project" in your subject line.

Electronic copies may be downloaded from the Project website and hard copies of the Environmental Assessment (Draft) and the draft PA may also be viewed at the following locations, by appointment only:

- FHWA Maryland Division, George H. Fallon Federal Building, 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201, (410) 962-4440.

- FHWA District of Columbia Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, East Building, Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Donna Buscemi, Project Sponsor Liaison, Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration, Office of Planning and

Preliminary Engineering, 707 N Calvert Street, MS C-301, Baltimore, MD 21202, (410) 545-8500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Washington, DC to Baltimore Loop Project is proposed, and will be completely funded by, The Boring Company. The purpose of the proposed action is to construct an alternative, high speed option for traveling between Washington, District of Columbia, and Baltimore, Maryland.

The Proposed Action consists of the construction of approximately 35.3 miles of parallel, twin underground tunnels (Main Artery Tunnels) between Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD. The proposed project would extend beneath public right-of-way of the Route 50 and Baltimore-Washington Parkway, with termini at 55 New York Avenue Northeast in Washington, DC and Oriole Park at Camden Yards, 333 Camden Street, Baltimore, MD.

Battery-powered, autonomous electric vehicles, traveling at speeds of up to 150 miles per hour, would transport passengers in the Main Artery Tunnels between the two termini. Proposed project components include: Two access points at the Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD termini; two Main Artery Tunnels; up to 70 ventilation shafts; and 4 launch shaft sites for tunnel boring machines, at least one of which would be converted into a maintenance terminal for autonomous electric vehicles pods.

The Environmental Assessment (Draft) evaluates the existing environmental conditions within the project area, along with the potential environmental impacts of the No Build and Build alternatives for the proposed project.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in California**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is issuing this notice to

announce actions taken by Caltrans that are final. The actions relate to a proposed highway project, State Route 57 Northbound Improvement Project (PM 11.5-12.5) in the County of Orange, State of California. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

**DATES:** By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before September 23, 2019. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For Caltrans: Smita Deshpande, Chief Generalist Branch, Division of Environmental Analysis, California Department of Transportation, District 12, 1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705, 8am-4pm, (657) 328-6151, [smita.deshpande@dot.ca.gov](mailto:smita.deshpande@dot.ca.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Effective July 1, 2007, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that the Caltrans have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of California: Caltrans proposes to widen the northbound side of the State Route (SR) 57 freeway from 0.3 mile south of the Orangewood Avenue undercrossing (post mile [PM] 11.5) north to the Katella Avenue undercrossing (PM 12.5), a distance of about one mile. Project includes the proposed construction of a 550-foot section of the fifth general purpose (GP) lane in the northbound direction of SR 57 through the Katella Avenue interchange, upgrades to the non-standard median and sight distances, and reconfiguration of the existing on- and off-ramps to improve operation between the Orangewood Avenue interchange and the Katella Avenue interchange. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project, issued March 29, 2019, and in other documents in the Caltrans' project records. The FEA,