

the public hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

Appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal will be sent letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues 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 at the address provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Salt Lake County, Utah

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 will be prepared for proposed transportation improvements in Salt Lake County, Utah.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Morrow, Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 2520 West 4700 South Suite 9A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84118-1847, Telephone: (801) 963-0182.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation will prepare an environmental impact statement on proposed transportation improvements in the 11400 South area. The proposed improvements will be developed after a study has been completed to determine the current and future transportation needs in the study area, which extends from 10400 south to 12600 south and from 700 East to Bangerter Highway. The FHWA will

evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives including such alternatives as increasing capacity by other methods like changing the facilities at 12300 and/or 10600 South, expanded public transportation system, intelligent transportation system and/or traffic demand management. FHWA will fully evaluate the indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed project as required by law. The proposed project study area lies within Salt Lake County and includes portions of Draper City, Riverton City, Sandy City, and South Jordan City, Utah.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings, including scoping meetings, will be held in the project area. In addition, a public hearing will be held. 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.

To ensure the full range of issues related to this proposed action and addressed and all significant issues 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 at the address provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Sherburne County, MN

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Tier I environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed highway improvements to Trunk Highway (TH)

10 from 1.0 mile east of Big Lake to 0.75 mile west of Big Lake, in Sherburne County, Minnesota. The Tier I EIS will include the analysis needed for a location decision to facilitate preservation of right-of-way.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Martin, Federal Highway Administration, Galtier Plaza, 380 Jackson Street, Suite 500, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, Telephone (651) 291-6120; or Claudia Dumont, Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation—District 3B, 3725 12th Street North, ST. Cloud, Minnesota 56303, Telephone (320) 654-5134.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, will prepare a Tier I EIS on a proposal to improve TH 10 from 1.0 mile east of Big Lake to 0.75 mile west of Big Lake, in Sherburne County, Minnesota. The proposed action is being considered to preserve right-of-way for the proposed highway improvement. The proposed action is being considered to address future transportation demand, safety problems, access management and interregional corridor status.

The Tier I EIS will evaluate the social, economic, transportation and environmental impacts of alternatives, including: (1) No-Build, (2) Improvements to the existing TH 10 corridor, and (3) One or more new alignments south of existing TH 10.

The Tier II EIS will be prepared in approximately ten to fifteen years. At that time, design alternatives for the preferred alignment will be considered and environmental impacts and mitigation will be studied in greater detail. The construction of the preferred alternative is planned for implementation in approximately fifteen years.

It is anticipated that the "TH 10 Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document" will be published in the Fall of 2003. A press release will be published to inform the public of the document's availability. Copies of the scoping document will be distributed to agencies, interested persons and libraries for review to aid in identifying issues and analyses to be contained in the Tier I EIS. A thirty-day comment period for review of the document will be provided to afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the proposed action. A public scoping meeting will also be held during the comment period. Public notice will be given for the time and place of the meeting. A Tier I Draft EIS will be prepared based on the