

*merpac.htm*.) The measures proposed here, again, are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. They are also available from Mr. Gould where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. If you submit written comments please include—

- Your name and address;
- The docket number for this Notice [USCG 2001–9269];

- The specific section of the performance measures to which each comment applies; and

- The reason for each comment.

You may mail, deliver, fax, or electronically submit your comments and related material to the Docket Management Facility, using an address or fax number listed in **ADDRESSES**. Please do not submit the same comment or material more than once. If you mail or deliver your comments and material, they must be on 8½-by-11-inch paper, and the quality of the copy should be clear enough for copying and scanning. If you mail your comments and material and would like to know whether the Facility received them, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments and material received during the 60-day comment period.

Once we have considered all comments and related material, we will publish a final version of the national performance measures for use as guidelines by the general public. Individuals and institutions assessing the competence of mariners may refine the final version of these measures and develop innovative alternatives. If you vary from the final version of these measures, however, you must submit your alternative to the National Maritime Center for approval by the Coast Guard under 46 CFR 10.303(e) before you use it as part of an approved course or training program.

Dated: March 28, 2001.

**Howard L Hime,**

*Acting Director of Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Merced County, CA

**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 a proposed highway project in Merced County, California.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Glenn Clinton, Team Leader, Program Delivery Team—North, California Division, Federal Highway Administration, 980 9th Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814–2724.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Highways Administration, in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to build a bypass in the vicinity of the City of Los Banos in Merced County, California, in order to improve the flow of traffic on State Route 152 and reduce congestion within the city. This bypass would begin at Post Mile 16, east of Volta Road, and end approximately at Post Mile 25. State Route 152 serves as a major east-west link between the major north-south roadways of State Route 99, State Route 101, and Interstate 5. Currently the flow of traffic along State Route 152 must slow as it enters the City of Los Banos. Because State Route 152 currently passes through the center of the City of Los Banos, considerable traffic congestion would be relieved by construction of a bypass around the City. The proposed project is a 4-lane freeway on a 6-lane alignment.

Four alternatives are being considered at this time: three build alternatives and a No Action Alternative (Alternative 4). All build alternatives would realign State Route 152 so that the route would bypass the City of Los Banos. Alternatives 1 and 2 would follow an alignment south of the City of Los Banos. Alternative 1 would parallel north of Copa De Ora Avenue and Alternative 2 would parallel south of Pioneer Road. Alternative 3 would follow an alignment to the north of the City of Los Banos.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments were sent to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. The Public Participation Program for this study includes community information meetings (the first was held August 24, 2000), and a formal Public Hearing in the summer of 2002.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed, and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. If you have any information regarding historic resources, endangered species, or other sensitive issues, which could be

affected by this project, please notify this office. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address 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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**Glenn Clinton,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 29, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 7, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

#### **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

*OMB Number:* 1545–0004.

*Form Number:* IRS Form SS–8.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Determination of Worker Status for Purposes of Federal Employment Taxes and Income Tax Withholding.

*Description:* Form SS–8 is used by employers and workers to furnish information to IRS in order to obtain a determination as to whether a worker is an employee for purposes of Federal employment taxes and income tax withholding. IRS uses this information to make the determination.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 69,000.