

existing corridor rather than a new corridor parallel to the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad that was considered in the 1993 EIS needs to be revisited.

The EIS will evaluate the social, economic, transportation and environmental impacts of alternatives, including: (1) No-Build, (2) Reconstruction on existing alignment, and (3) Construction on partial new alignment.

The "US 14 EIS from Owatonna to Dodge Center Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document" was published in November 2006. A press release was published to inform the public of the document's availability. Copies of the scoping document was distributed to agencies, interested persons and libraries for review to aid in identifying issues and analyses to be contained in the EIS. A thirty-day comment period for review of the document was provided to afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the proposed action. A public scoping meeting was also held during the comment period. Public notice was given for the time and place of the meeting. The scoping comment period closed on December 22, 2006. The "US 14 EIS Scoping Decision Document" is expected to be published in February 2007. A Draft EIS will be prepared based on the outcome of and closely following the scoping process. The Draft EIS will be available for agency and public review and comment. In addition, a public hearing will be held following completion of the Draft EIS. Public Notice will be given for the time and place of the public hearing on the Draft EIS. Coordination has been initiated and will continue with appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the proposed action. "Participating agencies" have been identified and a meeting held on October 25, 2006 to discuss the project and receive input on the "purpose and need" for the project and range of alternatives to be studied in the Draft EIS. 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; Utah County, UT

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: FWHA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for proposed transportation improvements on Geneva Road (SR-114) in Utah County, Utah that would begin at Center Street and U.S. Interstate 15 (I-15) in Provo and extend through the municipalities of Provo, Utah County, Vineyard, Orem, Lindon, Pleasant Grove and terminate at State Street (SR-89) in Pleasant Grove.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FWHA, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the municipalities of Pleasant Grove, Lindon, Orem, Vineyard, Provo, and Utah County will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to address current and projected traffic demand on Geneva Road. The proposed project area extends for approximately 10 miles in length along existing Geneva Road between Pleasant Grove and Provo, and is generally bordered on the west by Utah Lake and on the east by I-15. Improvements to the Geneva Road corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand.

The FHWA will consider a reasonable range of alternatives which meet the project objectives and are based on agency and public input. These alternatives include: (1) Taking no

action; (2) using alternative travel modes, (3) upgrading and adding lanes to the existing two-lane highway; and (4) constructing a highway on a new location for all or a portion of the project length.

The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies, will be invited to participate in project scoping to ensure that a full range of alternatives is considered and that all appropriate environmental issues and resources are evaluated. The scoping process will include opportunities to provide comments on the purpose and need for the project, potential alternatives, and social, economic, and environmental issues of concern.

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 who are known to have an interest in this proposal. An agency scoping meeting will be held to solicit comments on March 8, 2007, from 1 PM to 3 PM in Conference Rooms A, B, and C at the UDOT Region 3 Office (658 North 1500 West, Orem, UT).

The public will be invited to participate in scoping meetings which will be held in an open house format at locations and dates to be determined. In addition, a public hearing will be held following the release of the draft EIS. Public notice advertisements and direct mailings will notify interested parties of the time and place of the public meetings and the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA at the address provided above.

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