

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 05/22/2008, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties:

Bennett, Butte, Harding, Jackson, Perkins.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.250
Businesses And Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11268.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Clark County, WA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), USDOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration is issuing this notice to advise the public and Indian Tribes that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed SR 502 Corridor Widening Project in Clark County, Washington.

DATES: Written comments on the purpose and need, scope of alternatives, and impacts to be considered in the EIS must be received no later than June 10, 2008, and must be sent to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) at the address indicated below.

Scoping Meeting Date: One public information meeting will be held on May 20, 2008, 4 p.m.–7 p.m. at the Cherry Grove Friends Church, 9100 NE 219th Street, Battle Ground, Washington.

Oral and written comments may be given at the public meeting. This and all other public meetings will be accessible to persons with disabilities who may also request this information be prepared and supplied in alternate formats by calling Chris Tams at (360) 759-1310 or 1(866) 279-0730 at least 48-hours in advance of the meeting for WSDOT to make the necessary arrangements. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may access Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1 and asking to be connected to (360) 759-1310.

ADDRESSES: Comments or questions concerning this proposal will be accepted at the public meeting or can be sent to Chris Tams, Area Engineer, Washington State Department of Transportation Southwest Region, P.O. Box 1709, Vancouver, WA 98668-1709; by Fax at (360) 905-2062; or by e-mail to SWGorge@wsdot.wa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Moberg, Federal Highway Administration, 711 S. Capitol Way, Suite 501, Olympia, WA 98501, Telephone: (360) 534-9344 (direct) or (360) 753-9480 (general). Additional information on the SR 502 Corridor Widening Project can be found on the project Web site at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR502/Widening/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action Background

The FHWA and WSDOT will prepare an EIS on the proposed widening of the SR 502 Corridor (NE 219th Street) in north Clark County from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with a median barrier separating westbound and eastbound travel. The SR 502 Corridor Widening is proposed between NE 15th Avenue and NE 102nd Avenue, for a length of approximately 5 miles. The project also proposes to construct paved shoulders for pedestrian and bicycle use, stormwater facilities, and three new signalized intersections on SR 502 at NE 29th Avenue, NE 50th Avenue, and NE 92 Avenue in addition to the existing signalized intersection on SR 502 at NE 72nd Avenue (Dollars Corner). These improvements are proposed to address the current and future deficiencies related to mobility and safety on the SR 502 corridor.

The SR 502 Corridor Widening Project began as an Environmental Assessment

(EA) in early 2007. One agency scoping meeting and one public scoping meeting were held on February 22, 2007, to identify issues and concerns as well as provide input into establishing a range of alternatives for the project. A wide range of alternatives were considered between February and September 2007. Six "on-corridor" alternatives, including widening the existing facility directly to either the north or south of the existing facility, or equally on both sides from the centerline, were studied. Additionally, two "off-corridor" alternatives, which considered constructing a new roadway for SR 502 further north or south of the existing corridor, were studied. Four public open house meetings were held to gather public input on the range of alternatives being considered for the project on: March 27, 2007; May 9, 2007; June 14, 2007; and September 27, 2007. These public meetings resulted in strong public support for one "on corridor" alternative, which was forwarded for further detailed environmental study along with the no action alternative. As draft environmental discipline studies of the possible effects of the potential alternatives were conducted, it was determined that the widening of the SR 502 corridor may substantially affect the quality of the human and natural environment and may benefit from a more detailed analysis. Therefore, the FHWA and WSDOT elected to prepare an ETS.

Alternatives

The EIS will address, at a minimum, the no action alternative and the following action alternative:

On-corridor Widening Alternative: This alternative would widen the existing SR 502 facility to four general purpose travel lanes from just west of NE 15th Avenue to NE 102nd Avenue. Along the entire SR 502 corridor, two lanes would be constructed in each direction with a median barrier separating westbound and eastbound travel between the four signalized intersections at NE 29th Avenue, NE 50th Avenue, NE 72nd Avenue (Dollars Corner), and NE 92nd Avenue. Paved shoulders that could be used by pedestrians and bicyclists would also be constructed the length of the corridor. Curb and sidewalk would accommodate additional pedestrian travel through the Dollars Corner rural commercial center between roughly NE 67th Avenue and the 7600 block of SR 502. Except at the four signalized intersections, turns to and from SR 502 would be restricted to right-in/right-out turning movements. Stormwater treatment facilities would

collect, detain, treat, and discharge stormwater runoff from new impervious surface that results from the roadway widening.

Probable Effects

The FHWA and WSDOT will evaluate all transportation, environmental, social, and economic effects of the alternatives. Potential areas of impact include: Natural and cultural resources; land use; social and economic elements; and, traffic and noise. All effects will be evaluated for both the construction period and the long-term period of operation. Indirect and cumulative impacts will also be evaluated. Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any significant effects will be developed.

Scoping

Agency Coordination: The project sponsors are working with the local, state and federal resource agencies to implement regular opportunities for coordination during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. This process will comply with SAFETEA-LU section 6002.

Tribal Coordination: The formal Tribal government consultation will occur through government-to-government collaboration.

The date and address of the public scoping meeting is given in the **DATES** section above. The WSDOT assures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, national origin and sex in the provision of benefits and services. For language interpretation services please contact Chris Tams at (360) 759-1310 or 1 (866) 279-0730. For information on the WSDOT Title VI Program, please contact the Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7098.

To ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposal will be accepted at the public meeting or may be sent to the Washington State Department of Transportation Southwest Region at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway 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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Ingrid Allen,

FHWA Team Leader, Olympia.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Informational Filing

In accordance with Section 236.913 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received an informational filing from the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra) to permit field testing of the railroad's processor-based train control system. The informational filing is described below, including the requisite docket number where the informational filing and any related information may be found. The document is also available for public inspection; however, FRA is not accepting public comments.

Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation

[Docket Number FRA-2008-0057]

Metra has submitted an informational filing to permit field testing of the railroad's processor-based train control system identified as Electronic Train Management System (ETMS). The informational filing addresses the requirements under 49 CFR 236.913(j)(1).

Specifically, the informational filing contains a description of the ETMS product and an operational concepts document, pursuant to 49 CFR 236.913(j)(1). The ETMS is a locomotive-centric, non-vital system designed to be overlaid on existing methods of operation and to provide an improved level of railroad safety through enforcement of a train's authority limits and both permanent and temporary speed restrictions. An associated temporary waiver petition has also been submitted to support field testing of Metra's ETMS pursuant to 49 CFR Sections 211.7 and 211.51, and can be found in the same docket as this informational filing (FRA-2008-0057).

Metra desires to commence field testing on or about July 1, 2008, or as soon as practicable thereafter, contingent upon FRA's acceptance and approval of their informational filing. Metra intends to test and develop ETMS on its Rock Island District between Chicago, IL and Joliet, IL.

Interested parties are invited to review the informational filing and associated documents at DOT's Docket Management facility during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket are available for inspection and copying on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications received into any of our dockets by name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for temporary waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, and the nature of the relief being requested.

Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation

[Docket Number FRA-2008-0057]

The Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra) has submitted a temporary waiver petition to support field testing of its processor-based train control system, identified as Electronic Train Management System (ETMS), pursuant to 49 CFR Sections 211.7 and 211.51.

An informational filing, as required under 49 CFR Part 236, Subpart H, has also been prepared and submitted in conjunction with this waiver petition, and can be found in the same docket as this waiver petition (FRA-2008-0057).

ETMS is a locomotive-centric, non-vital system, designed to be overlaid on