

and need and supporting alternatives. The EA was approved for public dissemination by FHWA in November 2002, however it was determined that further study would be required and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) would not be issued by FHWA for the project. Further study in the proposed EIS will include a refinement of purpose and need for the project, alternatives development and screening based on social, environmental, and economic impacts of the proposed project. Recognizing that NEPA requires the consideration of a reasonable range of alternatives that will address the purpose and need, the EIS will include a range of alternatives for detailed study consisting of a no-build alternative, several build alternatives, as well as alternatives consisting of transportation system management strategies, improvements to existing facilities, and/or new alignment of facilities. These alternatives will be developed, screened, and carried forward for detailed analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) based on their ability to address the project purpose and need while avoiding adverse impacts to known and sensitive resources. Letters describing the proposed NEPA study and soliciting input will be sent to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies who have expressed or are known to have an interest or legal role in this proposal. It is anticipated that at least one formal agency scoping meeting will be held as part of the NEPA process, in the vicinity of the project, to facilitate local, State, and Federal agency involvement and input into the project in an effort to identify all of the issues that need to be addressed in developing the EIS. Tribal consultation will also be an important part of the scoping process. Private organizations, citizens, and interest groups will also have an opportunity to provide input into the development of the Environmental Impact Statement and identify issues that should be addressed. A Public Involvement Plan will be developed to involve the public in the project development process. This plan will utilize outreach efforts to provide information and solicit input such as informal meetings, public information meetings, public hearings, and other efforts as necessary and appropriate. Notices of public meetings or public hearings will be given through various forums providing the time and place of the meeting along with other relevant information. The DEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are identified and taken into account, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action and Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be directed to FHWA 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 proposed action)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 19, 2004.

The Department of the 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 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 29, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

Departmental Offices/Office of Foreign Assets Control

OMB Number: 1505-0177.

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Procedures for Payments to Persons Who Hold Certain Categories of Judgments.

Description: Submissions will provide the U.S. Government with information to be used in determining the eligibility of an applicant under Sec. 2002 of Public Law 106-386 (The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000) and to complete processing of payments under Sec. 2002.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 12 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 240 hours.

Clearance Officer: Lois K. Holland, Departmental Offices, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, (202) 622-1563.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

Lois K. Holland,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1594.

Regulation Project Number: REG-51520-96 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Classification of Certain Transactions Involving Computer Programs.

Description: The information requested in regulation Section 1.861-18(k) is necessary for the Commissioner to determine whether a taxpayer properly is requesting to change its method of accounting.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1 hour.