

area. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. A draft of the Tiered EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. Scoping activities will be conducted.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Kauai County, HI

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 (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in the County of Kauai, State of Hawaii. This notice supersedes an earlier notice for the same project, published in the October 9, 1992 edition of the **Federal Register** (Vol. 57, No. 197).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Abraham Y. Wong, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, P.O. Box 50206, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850, Telephone (808) 541-2700, x312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Highways Division, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for proposed improvements to Kuhio Highway (FAP 56) on the island of Kauai. This notice supersedes an earlier notice for the same project, published in the October 9, 1992 edition of the **Federal Register** (Vol. 57, No. 197).

The objectives of the proposed action are to alleviate existing traffic congestion along Kuhio Highway, accommodate projected traffic growth to the year 2025 for both local circulation and through traffic, provide an alternate emergency access and evacuation route to respond to emergency conditions, and provide additional roadway capacity when traffic incidents impede the normal traffic flow.

It is anticipated that several alternatives will be studied, including the no-build alternative. Possible "build" alternatives may include widening portions of Kuhio Highway, construction of a new bypass road or "relief route," a Transportation System Management (TSM)" alternative, or some combination of these. The proposed action could also include the location and design of connector roads between the relief route and the existing Kuhio Highway.

Stakeholders and interested parties are invited to come forward with ideas for purpose and need, alternatives, alternative selection criteria, environmental concerns in all resource areas, suggestions for outreach, and other information relevant to the planning process.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and County agencies and to private organizations and individuals. Two public informational meetings will be held on Kauai to receive comments and input from the community. In addition, a formal public hearing will be held after the Draft EIS is released for public and agency review. Public notices will be given of the time and place where these meetings will be held.

Comments or questions concerning this proposed project and the EIS to be prepared should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, 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 (EIS)

will be prepared for a proposal highway project in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maiser Khaled, Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 980 Ninth St., Suite 400, Sacramento, California 95809, Telephone: (916) 498-5008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), will prepare an EIS on a proposal to improve State Route 132 from the State Route 132/33 (SR132/33) Separation Overhead (Bridge 29-167L) in San Joaquin County to 0.16 km (0.1 m) west of the San Joaquin Bridge (Bridge 38-45) in Stanislaus County. The project is approximately 5.63 km (3.5m) in length. It is anticipated that these improvements improve traffic safety and operations by reducing congestion and accidents.

A larger geographic area from Interstate 580 (I-580) to Dakota Avenue west of the City of Modesto will be examined to evaluate indirect and cumulative impacts, and ensure full consideration of alternatives for the corridor. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) using the existing two-lane highway as two westbound lanes and constructing two new eastbound lanes as a divided, four-lane expressway with limited access; (3) constructing a divided, four-lane expressway with limited access on new alignment; and (4) constructing a divided, four-lane freeway with controlled access on new alignment. Incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives will be design variations of the existing SR132/33 interchange.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be 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. Scoping meetings with local officials, State and Federal resource agencies will be held during the summer of 2002. Public participation for this study also includes community information meetings and a formal Public Hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing Public notice will be given of the time and place for all meetings and hearings.

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. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be