

agencies, are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, Freeman Gulch Four-Lane project between post miles 45.9 to 62.3 along State Route 14 in Kern County, State of California. Those actions grant approvals for the project.

**DATES:** By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is advising the public of final actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). These actions have been taken by Caltrans pursuant to its assigned responsibilities under 23 U.S.C. 327, as well as by certain Federal agencies. A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before August 4, 2008. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that Caltrans, pursuant to its assigned responsibilities under 23 U.S.C. 327, and certain Federal agencies have taken final agency actions by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following State Route 14 project in the State of California. The Freeman Gulch Four-Lane project would improve safety within the 16.4-mile project limits and provide four-lane route continuity along the entire length of State Route 14. The project is located in Kern County and proposes to convert the existing two-lane conventional highway into a four-lane divided controlled access expressway from 0.8 mile north of Redrock Inyokern Road to 2.2 miles south of the junction with U.S. Highway 395.

The actions by Caltrans and certain Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project, approved by Caltrans on October 3, 2007. The EA/FONSI, and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the address provided above.

This notice applies to Caltrans and certain Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to the

following Federal environmental statutes and Executive orders:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; and Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128].

2. *Air:* Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].

3. *Land:* Landscape and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 319].

4. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Safe Drinking Water Act [42 U.S.C. 300(f) -300(j)(6)]; and Wetlands Mitigation [23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(m) and 133(b)(11)].

5. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)]; and Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712].

6. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469c]; Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 [16 U.S.C. 470aa *et seq.*]; and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act [25 U.S.C. 3001-3013].

7. *Social and Economic:* Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d)(1)]; Farmland Protection Policy Act [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209]; and The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended.

8. *Hazardous Materials:* Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act [42 U.S.C. 9601-9675]; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986; and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [42 U.S.C. 6901-6992(k)].

9. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; and E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(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.)

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Martin Associates (WB993-1-1/25/08), for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

*For Further Information Contact:* Mac Frampton, (202) 245-0317.

**Anne K. Quinlan,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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### Proposed Information Collection (Time Record (Work-Study Program); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public