

2.6 Application Evaluation and Screening Criteria

During Phase 1 the FAA will review each of the applications based upon the individual merit of the application. The FAA will consider the following elements in evaluating Phase 1 applications:

- a. Compliance with statutory criteria, FAA's supplemental criteria, and application procedures.
- b. Degree to which the project provides benefits to support the FAA's strategic goals for safety, efficiency, and mobility, as well as the national airspace system architecture.

- c. Likelihood of project success.
- d. Ability of sponsor to provide its cost share.

The Phase II review involves a comparative analysis of the individual applications to each other. Phase II application evaluation will include the following additional elements in evaluating the applications.

- a. Benefit to the airport, region, and national airspace system.
- b. Ease of administration (acquisition, installation, etc.).
- c. Evidence that the project can be implemented in accordance with the proposed schedule.
- d. Availability of FAA resources.

- e. Degree of Federal leveraging (degree to which the proposal minimizes the ratio of Federal costs to total project costs).

f. Cost to the FAA: (1) up-front cost-share (a sponsor's willingness to pay a higher percentage of the project will increase its competitiveness when compared to other projects; and, if applicable, (2) post-transfer life-cycle operating and maintenance costs.

- g. Equity and diversity with respect to project type, geography, and population served.

2.7 Schedule Summary

Milestone	Date
Second-Round of Applications	
Phase 1 Applications due to FAA	2/21/02
FAA Responses to Sponsors' Phase 1 Applications	4/22/02
Phase 2 Applications due to FAA	6/3/02
FAA Announcement of Second-Round Approvals	9/3/02
Third-Round of Applications (if needed)	
Phase 1 Applications due to FAA	12/13/2002
FAA Responses to Sponsors' Phase 1 Applications	2/14/2003
Phase 2 Applications due to FAA	5/15/2003
FAA Announcement of Third-Round Approvals	7/15/2003

2.8 Project Implementation Information

During the life of the project, the FAA may collect data from the sponsor and conduct (with non-project funds) independent evaluations of the project's impact on safety, efficiency, and mobility objectives. This will allow the FAA to ascertain the success of the pilot program. The selection of projects is currently limited by AIR-21 to the end of the fiscal year 2003.

3. Impact of Revised Guidelines

Potential costs and benefits of the final guidelines have been reviewed consistent with the intent of Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review), the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, Executive Order 13132 (Federalism), Office of the Secretary of Transportation direction on evaluation of international trade impacts, and the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. The rationale for compliance with these guidelines was provided in the **Federal Register** notice dated December 6, 2000 which remains unchanged and can be found in that **Federal Register** or is available from the FAA office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this announcement.

4. References

The following list outlines references cited above:

OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*, revised August 29, 1997.

Report FAA-APO-98-4, *Economic Analysis of Investment and Regulatory Programs—Revised Guide*. Available upon request from the FAA's Office of Aviation Policy and Plans, telephone 202-267-3308. It may also be found on the Internet at: http://api.hq.faa.gov/apo_pubs.htm.

Report FAA-APO-98-8, *Economic Values for Evaluation of Federal Aviation Administration Investment and Regulatory Programs*. Available upon request from the FAA's Office of Aviation Policy and Plans, telephone 202-267-3308. It may also be found on the Internet at: http://api.hq.faa.gov/apo_pubs.htm.

FAA Order 6030.1, *FAA Policy on Relocation*. Available upon request from the FAA, telephone 202-646-2310.

FAA Order 7031.2C, *Airway Planning Standard Number One*, through Change.

12. Available upon request from the FAA's Office of Aviation Policy and Plans, telephone 202-267-3308.

FAA Order 6700.20, *Non-Federal Navigational Aids and Air Traffic Control Facilities*. Available upon request from the FAA's NAS Operations Program Office, telephone 202-267-3034.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement, Trinity County, California

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as lead agency, in cooperation with the Trinity County Department of Transportation (TCDOT) and the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS), intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). This is based on a proposal by TCDOT to construct a local connector roadway project providing residents with local connections to existing County roads and minimizing the travel dependency on SR-299 through Weaverville. FHWA intends to process an EIS for this project.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed improvements are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. *Written comments* or *questions* concerning the proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA and/or TCDOT at the addresses provided below. Written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered should be submitted not later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication. *Scoping Meeting:* A public scoping meeting was held November 14, 2001 and a subsequent scoping meeting may be offered to *agencies* on request. The public has been notified through local newspapers, postings in public places, and through other public notification methods.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R.C. Slovensky, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), 980 Ninth Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2724, (916) 498-5774, or fax (916) 498-5008 and/or Jan Smith, TCDOT, P.O. Box 2490, Weaverville, CA 96093-2490 (530) 623-1365, or fax (530) 623-5312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed new roadway, beginning at or near the intersection of Industrial Park Road and State Route (SR)-299, southeast of the community of Weaverville, and intersecting with SR-299 approximately 2 miles northwest of the community of Weaverville, is intended to provide residents with local connections to existing County roads, minimizing the travel dependency on SR-299 and providing an alternative means of travelling in and around Weaverville. Accordingly, the project will reduce traffic congestion and delays along SR-299 through the historic district in downtown Weaverville and at key intersections with SR-3 and Washington Street. The project involves construction of a new two-lane undivided arterial roadway with 12-foot lanes (3.6m) and 4-foot (1.2m) paved shoulders on both sides that will accommodate bicycle traffic. The project will have a 55 mph design speed for Design Hourly (traffic) Volume projected for Year 2030. Up to six existing residential County roads may be connected to the proposed West Connector. A total of three alternative alignments will be examined initially, although other alignments or alignment configurations may be considered. Depending on the ultimate project alignment and configuration, the total project length will vary from 3.1 miles (5.0k) to 4.0 miles (6.4k), including up

to 4 stream crossings. Alternative connecting designs for the western project terminus include a grade-separated interchange, and an at-grade "T" intersection.

Issues to be addressed in the EIS include socioeconomic issues related to noise and safety, impacts on the rural character of affected neighborhoods, and effects on downtown business. Cultural resources associated with historic mining activities are present in the project area. Elements of a proposed trail system follow the same alignments as the West Connector, and coordination with the Weaverville Basin Trails Committee will be required to resolve any conflicts. The east end of the alignment will traverse a Natural Resources Conservation Service Wetland Reserve Easement through a corridor dedicated for the West Connector. The project will involve construction activities within and adjacent to West Weaver Creek, which is potential habitat for State and Federally listed fish, amphibians, birds, and other wildlife species.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 7, 2002.

The Department of 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 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 13, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

Departmental Offices/Office of Procurement

OMB Number: 1505-0080.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Post-Contract Award Information.

Description: Information requested of contractors is specific to each contract and is required for Treasury to properly evaluate the progress made and/or management controls used by contractors providing supplies or services to the Government, and to determine contractors' compliance with the contracts, in order to protect the Government's interest.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,023.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 14 hours, 46 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 70,493 hours.

OMB Number: 1505-0081.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Solicitation of Proposal Information for Award of Public Contracts.

Description: Information requested of offerors is specific to each procurement solicitation, and is required to properly evaluate the capabilities and experience of potential contractors who desire to provide the supplies or services to be acquired. Evaluation will be used to determine which proposals most benefit the Government.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 26,338.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 31 hours, 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 776,561 hours.

OMB Number: 1505-0107.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Regulation on Agency Protests.

Description: Information is requested of contractors so that the Government will be able to evaluate protests effectively and provide prompt resolution of issues in dispute when contractors file protests.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 34 hours.

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

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management