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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 19, 2003, the FTA and FHWA, in cooperation with the Regional Transportation District (RTD), Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and City and County of Denver published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for proposed transportation improvements in the City and County of Denver, Adams County and the City of Aurora. FTA will now prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Section 4(f) Evaluation (EIS/4(f) for transit improvements proposed in the East Corridor between downtown Denver and Denver International Airport (DIA). FHWA will now prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/4(f) Evaluation (EIS/4(f) for highway improvements on Interstate 70 (I-70) between Interstate 25 (I-25) and Tower Road. The purpose of the proposed actions is to improve safety, mobility, and access, and decrease congestion. Currently downtown Denver is the center for rail and bus transit in the region. DIA is a critical link in the regional and national transportation network. The I-70 East Corridor is one of the most heavily traveled and congested corridors in the region and state. Highway safety issues revolve around the age and design features of the interchanges and roadway.

Project scoping was conducted in 2003 as part of the joint project between FHWA, CDOT, FTA, RTD, and Denver. However, since that time the FTA and FHWA have decided to prepare separate EISs for the transit and highway elements.

Scoping included various coordination activities with affected parties, stakeholders, organization, Federal, State and local agencies; agency scoping meetings; and through community outreach and public meetings in the project corridor. In addition, a variety of grassroots outreach techniques have been used including a door-to-door campaign for some of the neighborhoods, flyers, block and neighborhood meetings, and business and community-organization outreach

meetings. To be placed on the public mailing list to receive additional project information, contact Mike Turner (RTD) and/or Sharon Lipp (CDOT) at the address previously provided.

Comments or questions concerning these proposed actions and the EIS Section 4(f) Evaluations should be directed to Dave Beckhouse (FTA) and/or Chris Horn (FHWA) at the addresses previously provided.

The EIS/Section 4(f) Evaluations will evaluate improvement alternatives and the Non-action alternative based on the Purpose and Need developed for the corridor. Alternatives have been developed through an extensive agency and community outreach process. A full range of potential alignments and corridors were considered for both transit and highway alternatives.

The East Corridor EIS will result in a decision concerning transit improvements, if any, to be built to improve mobility in the corridor. The I-70 East EIS will result in a decision about which highway improvements, if any, will be built to improve safety and address congestion.

East Corridor EIS

The alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIS (DEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation will include, but not be limited to, bus and rail technologies. Rail transit along the Union Pacific Railroad corridor from downtown Denver to DIA and enhancements to the existing transit system to connect to the East Corridor will also be evaluated. As part of the transit evaluations, station locations will be identified and studied as appropriate.

FTA will analyze social, economic, and environmental impacts of the various alternatives. Other major issues to be evaluated include air quality, noise, vibration, community cohesion impacts, and possible disruption of neighborhoods and business and commercial activities.

The DEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment. Information concerning the availability of the DEIS will be published at a later date.

I-70 East EIS

The alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIS (DEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation will include, but not be limited to, variations of the horizontal and vertical alignment of I-70 as well as capacity and safety improvements. Existing and future interchanges will also be evaluated.

FHWA will evaluate social, economic, and environmental impacts of the various alternatives. A major concern is

environmental justice. I-70 passes through three older communities that have been affected by several actions on I-70 beginning with the initial construction of I-70 in the 1960s and subsequent actions including reconstruction of the I-70 viaduct and roadway widening on the western segment of the Corridor. Other major issues to be evaluated include air quality, noise, aesthetics, community cohesion impacts, and possible disruption of neighborhoods and business and commercial activities.

The DEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment. Information concerning the availability of the DEIS will be published at a later date.

(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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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Renegotiation Board Interest Rate; Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2006, the prompt payment interest rate is 5³/₄ per centum per annum.

ADDRESS: Comments or inquiries may be mailed to Trina R. Cook, Team Leader, Borrowings Accounting Team, Division of Accounting Operations, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328. A copy of this Notice will be available to download from <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>.

DATES: This notice announces the applicable interest rate for the July 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006, period.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although the Renegotiation Board is no longer in existence, other Federal Agencies are required to use interest rates computed under the criteria established by the Renegotiation Act of 1971 Sec. 2, Public Law 92-41, 85 Stat. 97. For example, the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, Sec. 12, Public Law 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389, and, indirectly, the Prompt Payment Act of 1982, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury for the Renegotiation board under Public Law 92-41.

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable, for the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2006, is 5¾ per centum per annum. This rate is determined pursuant to the above-mentioned sections for the purpose of said sections.

Dated: June 27, 2006.

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Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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