

assistant executive director, and the working group chair.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Reserve Duty/Rest Requirements Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 2, 1998.

**Quentin Smith,**

*Assistant Executive Director for Air Carrier Operations Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Harrison County, Mississippi

**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 will be prepared for an East Harrison County connector between Interstate 10 and United States Highway 90 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cecil Vick, Realty Officer/Environmental Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration, 666 North Street, Suite 105, Jackson, MS 39202-3199. Telephone: (601) 965-4217. Contacts at the State and local level, respectively are: Mr. Billie Barton, Environmental/Location Division Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS, 39215-1850, telephone: (601) 359-7920; and Mr. Ricky Lee, District Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 551, Hattiesburg, MS, 39403-0551, telephone (601) 544-6511.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed East Harrison County connector in Biloxi, Mississippi.

The proposed connector would be located in one of two corridor study

areas; Corridor One would begin at Exit 41 (MS 67 interchange) crossing the Tchoutacoubouffa River, Big Lake, and connecting to US 90 west of the Coliseum; Corridor Two would begin at Exit 44 (Cedar Lake Interchange) crossing Back Bay of Biloxi and connecting to US 90 west of Keesler Air Force Base. The connector is a proposed full control of access facility and interchanges will be studied at various locations.

Section 65-39-1(2), Mississippi Code 1972, annotated, authorized study of the connector and the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1998, authorized partial funding. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action and (2) build alternative.

The FHWA and MDOT are seeking input as a part of the scoping process to assist in determining the clarifying issues relative to this project. Letters describing the purposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A formal scoping meeting with federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested parties will be held in the immediate future.

Coordination will be continued with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or known to have interest in this proposal. A public involvement meeting will be held and a newsletter developed to keep the public informed. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the official public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are 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 directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

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*Division Administrator, Jackson, Mississippi.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### Extension to Application Period For The General Test Regarding The International Trade Prototype

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that Customs will allow a 30-day extension to importers and exporters wishing to apply to participate in, or provide written comments on, the International Trade Prototype (ITP). The ITP was previously announced in the **Federal Register** on June 3, 1998.

**DATES:** To apply for participation in the ITP, parties must submit the necessary information as outlined in the **Federal Register** notice of June 3, 1998 on or before August 7, 1998. Comments concerning the ITP must be submitted on or before August 7, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications for voluntary participation in, or written comments regarding, the ITP should be addressed to the U.S. Customs Service, International Trade Prototype Team, Attn: Linda LeBaron Grasley, 4455 Genesee Street, Bldg. 10, Room #342, Buffalo, New York 14225. Note that all comments received by U.S. Customs will be part of the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For any prototype or participation questions please contact Daniel Buchanan, U.S. Customs Service at (617) 565-6236, or Linda LeBaron Grasley, U.S. Customs Service at (716) 626-0400 x 204, or Kevin Franklin, United Kingdom, Her Majesty's Custom and Excise at 011 44 171 865 4728 in London, England.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On June 3, 1998, Customs published a document in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 30288) announcing what is expected to be a series of prototypes collectively called the International Trade Prototype (ITP). This notice invited public comments concerning any aspect of the planned prototype, informed interested members of the public of the eligibility requirements for voluntary participation in the first phase of the first prototype called International Trade Prototype 1 (ITP1) and outlined the development and evaluation methodology to be used in the test. It was announced that in order to participate in ITP1, the necessary information, as outlined in that notice, must be filed with Customs and approval granted.

The June 3, 1998, notice announced that the first phase would commence no earlier than June 8, 1998, and would run for approximately six months with evaluations of the prototype occurring periodically. Comments concerning any aspect of this phase were requested to be received on or before July 6, 1998. Importers and exporters who wish to participate were to have submitted an

application on or before July 6, 1998, including information that was set forth in the notice.

Today's document announces that Customs will allow a 30-day extension to importers and exporters wishing to provide comments or apply to participate in the International Trade Prototype. To apply for participation for the ITP or submit comments regarding the ITP, parties now have until August 7, 1998.

Dated: July 6, 1998.

**Samuel H. Banks,**

*Acting Commissioner of Customs.*

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