

the Act under (c) Interim Operating Authority, (3) New entrant air tour

operators (A), (B), & (C). The five new entrants seeking IOA are listed below:

Operator name	DBA	National park unit/Abutting tribal land	IOA
Kanab, Utah Air Service	NA	Zion NP	120
		Bryce Canyon NP	120
		Rainbow Bridge NM	120
		Canyon Lands NP	120
		Arches NP	120
		Cedar Breaks NM	120
Mauiscape Helicopters	NA	Haleakala NP	4,140
Skycraft Air Service	NA	Volcanoes NP	600
Wings Air	NA	Statue of Liberty NM	1,500
Zip Aviation	NA	Statue of Liberty NM	12,000

Discussion

The operators cited above applied for New Entrant IOA between January of 2003 and November 2005. The FAA, having evaluated the applications, is now prepared to move forward with the application process. This notice fulfills that statutory requirement that mandates the IOA granted under the Act to be published in the **Federal Register** for notice and opportunity for comment.

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Gary Davis,

Air Transportation Division, Acting Manager of AFS-200.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Crow Wing and Mille Lacs Counties, MN

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Terminate EIS.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for proposed highway improvements to Trunk Highway (TH) 169 in Crow Wing and Mille Lacs Counties, Minnesota is terminated. The original Notice of Intent for this EIS process was published in the **Federal Register** on July 17, 2000. A Revised Notice of Intent to revise the northern terminus was published in the **Federal Register** on February 4, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Martin, Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Galtier Plaza, Suite 500, 380 Jackson Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, Telephone (651) 291-6120; or James Haligren, P.E., Project Manager, Minnesota Department of

Transportation—District 3, 1991 Industrial Park Road, Baxter, Minnesota 56425, Telephone (218) 828-5797; (651) 296-9930 TTY.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) has terminated the EIS process begun in 2000 to address transportation demand, safety problems, access management, interregional corridor status, design deficiencies and pavement condition on TH 169 from the intersection of TH 27 north of Onamia, Mille Lacs County, Minnesota to the Garrison, Crow Wing County, Minnesota. The Draft EIS for the project was approved on January 25, 2002 and included five build alternatives and the no-build alternative. On May 11, 2006, Mn/DOT notified federal, state and local agencies; tribal governments; interested parties; and the public that work on the EIS was being discontinued due to a lack of identified funding for any of the build alternatives. Mn/DOT will proceed with implementing more affordable and timely safety improvements on existing TH 169. Therefore, the EIS for this project has been terminated.

(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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Cheryl B. Martin,

Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statements: National Summary of Rescinded Notices of Intent

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that 11 States have rescinded Notices of Intent (NOI) to prepare 19 Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for proposed highway projects. FHWA Division Offices, in consultation with the State Departments of Transportation (State DOT), determined that 15 of these projects were no longer viable projects and have formally cancelled the projects. No resources will be expended on these projects; the environmental review process has been terminated. Four projects in four States have been reduced in scope and now meet the criteria for an Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than an EIS, or a revised NOI will be issued restarting the EIS process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lamar Smith, Office of Project Development and Environmental Review, (202) 366-8994; Janet Myers, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-2019; Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by accessing the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara>.

Background

The FHWA, as lead Federal agency under the National Environmental

Policy Act and in furtherance of its oversight and stewardship responsibilities under the Federal-aid Highway Program, has requested that its Division Offices review, with the State DOTs, the status of all EISs and place those projects that are not actively progressing in a timely manner in an inactive project status. The FHWA maintains lists of active and inactive projects on its Web site at <http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/>. The FHWA has determined that inactive projects that are no longer a priority or that lack resources should be rescinded with a **Federal Register** notice notifying the public that project activity has been terminated. As always, FHWA encourages State DOTs to work with their FHWA Division Office to determine when it is most prudent to initiate an EIS in order to best balance

available resources as well as the expectations of the public.

The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that 11 States (Alabama, California, Florida, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington) have recently rescinded previously issued NOIs for 19 EISs for proposed highway projects. A listing of these projects, general location, original NOI date of publication in the **Federal Register**, and the date that the NOI was formally rescinded by notice published in the **Federal Register**, is provided below. The FHWA Division Offices, in consultation with the State DOTs, determined that 15 of these projects were no longer viable projects and have formally cancelled those projects. Four projects in California, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington have been reduced in scope and now meet the criteria for performing an EA rather than

an EIS, or a revised NOI will be issued restarting the environmental review process. The South Stockton Six-Lane Project in Joaquin County, California, and the NE Novelty Hill project in King County, Washington, have been reduced in scope and will undergo analysis as EAs. The Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge Project in Currituck and Dare Counties, North Carolina, issued a notice on June 3, 2008, rescinding the original July 6, 1995, NOI as well as the January 1998 Draft EIS due to project changes including the adaptation of the project by the North Carolina Turnpike Authority. A new NOI for this project is expected. The South Padre Island Second Access Project in Cameron County, Texas, issued a revised NOI to rescind the original July 11, 2003, NOI and start the environmental review process again with an April 23, 2008, NOI.

State	Project name—location	NOI date	Rescinded date
AL	West Mobile Loop—Mobile County	8/28/2002	5/7/2008
AL	Birmingham Northern Beltline Extension—St. Clair County	8/2/2006	4/7/2008
CA	South Stockton Six-Lane Project—Joaquin County	1/29/2002	3/13/2008
FL	Suncoast Parkway 2—Hernando and Citrus Counties	6/11/2002	3/11/2008
FL	Upper Manatee River Road—Manatee County	1/21/2004	3/14/2008
NC	Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge Project—Currituck and Dare Counties	7/6/1995	6/3/2008
OR	Astoria Bypass—Clatsop County	9/28/1994	4/7/2008
PA	Ligonier Truck Route—Westmoreland County	1/29/1993	2/20/2008
TN	Appalachian Development Highway System Corridor K—Polk County	10/28/1999	5/21/2008
TX	South Padre Island Second Access Project—Cameron County	7/11/2003	4/23/2008
TX	Bolivar Bridge—Galveston County	2/10/2006	1/30/2008
TX	SH 122 Roadway between SH 6 and SH99—Fort Bend County	9/16/2002	3/14/2008
UT	I-15 North Corridor—Salt Lake City to Kaysville	1/22/1997	4/10/2008
VA	Outer Connector—Stafford and Spotsylvania Counties	6/1/1995	5/22/2008
VA	I-77/I-81 Improvement Project—Wythe County	5/10/2001	5/22/2008
VA	Interstate 66 Multimodal Transportation and Environmental Study—Fairfax and Prince William Counties.	1/11/2002	5/22/2008
VA	Route 29 South Bypass Improvement Project—near Lynchburg	3/4/2002	5/22/2008
VA	Spotsylvania Parkway—Spotsylvania County	11/15/2002	5/22/2008
WA	NE Novelty Hill—King County	1/18/2001	4/2/2008

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James D. Ray,

Acting Federal Highway Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

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Exploratory Advanced Research Program

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Section 502 of title 23 of the United States Code directs the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to establish an Exploratory Advanced Research Program (EARP).

The stated purpose of the EARP is to address longer-term and higher-risk research with potentially dramatic breakthroughs for improving the

durability, efficiency, environmental impact, productivity and safety aspects of highway and intermodal transportation systems.

The purpose of this notice is to announce exploratory advanced research that will take place under the EARP, to encourage interest in such work by organizations or individuals conducting related work or anticipating the results of such work, and to solicit comments about the long-term impact of such work on future research, technical innovation, or transportation industry practices.

DATES: FHWA requests comments on or before October 6, 2008 in order to consider and plan for coordination of research.