

Docket No. 34079, Houston, Harris County, TX.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the selection of the preferred alternative.

ERP No. DA-FTA-L40205-00 Rating EC2, South Corridor Project a Portion of the South/North Corridor Project, Improvement to the Existing Urban Transportation System, Updated and Additional Information, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties, OR.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns regarding aquatic resources, threatened and endangered species, community accessibility and potential construction impacts on hazardous waste sites.

ERP No DS-FTA-D40289-VA Rating LO, Norfolk Light Rail Transit Project, 8-Mile Light Rail Transit System Construction from the Western Terminus near Eastern Virginia Medical Center to an Eastern Terminus on Kempsville Road, City of Norfolk, VA.

Summary: EPA lacks objection to the project as proposed but recommends the HRT work with the Norfolk District Corps of Engineers to reduce further the 1.4 acres of wetland impacts during the design phase of the project.

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ERP No. F-FHW-E40772-AL, Industrial Parkway Connector Project, Transportation Improvement, Lott Road/AL-217 to U.S. 45, Funding, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit and NPDES Permit Issuance, Mobile County, AL.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concern for impacts to wetlands and believes the document lacks sufficient information regarding the proposed wetlands mitigation site.

ERP No. F-FHW-F40406-00, Ironton-Russell Bridge Replacement Project, Structurally-Deficient and Functionally-Obsolete Bridge Replacement, Funding, NPDES, U.S. Coast Guard Section 9 Bridge Permits and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, Lawrence County, OH and Greenup County, KY.

Summary: EPA has no outstanding environmental concerns and lacks objection to the project as proposed in the Final EIS.

ERP No. F-FHW-F54013-00, Chicago—St. Louis High-Speed Rail Project, Chicago to St. Louis Improvements to Enhance the Passenger Transportation Network, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Cook, Will, Kankakee Grundy, Livingston, McLean, Sangamon, Macoupin, Jersey, Madison and St. Louis Counties, IL and St. Louis County, MO.

Summary: EPA has no significant environmental concerns with the proposed action. The concerns

previously raised by EPA are not applicable to the preferred alternative selected in the Final EIS.

ERP No. F-FHW-H40174-IA, Avenue G Viaduct and Connecting Corridor, Access Improvement for Local Emergency Services and Safety Through Expanded Capacity across the Trail Corridor, Funding and NPDES Permit, Pottawattamie County, IA.

Summary: EPA lacks objection to the project as proposed in the final EIS but recommends a thorough asbestos inspection for properties to be demolished.

ERP No. F-FHW-L40199-WA, WA-509 Extension/South Access Road Corridor Construction Project, Funding and Possible US Army COE Section 404 Permit, Cities of SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent and Federal Way, King County, WA.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns with the proposed project, specifically issues related to induced growth and potential impairment of air quality. The final EIS does not adequately discuss indirect and cumulative effects associated with the proposed project.

ERP No. F-FSA-A65173-00, Programmatic EIS—Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), Improvement and Expansion Plan, Emergency Funding to Farmers and Ranchers, Agricultural Lands of the United States.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FTA-E54011-FL, Tampa Rail Transportation Improvements Project, Light Rail Transit (LRT) or Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) Vehicles, City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, FL.

Summary: EPA lacks objections to the project as described in the final EIS. EPA's previous concerns regarding the preferred alternative have been addressed.

ERP No. FS-COE-L32010-00, Columbia River Channel Improvement Project, Additional Information to Update the Disposal Plan and the Project Economics Plan, Columbia and Lower Willamette River Federal Navigation Channel, OR.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability for FY 03 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Multi-Media Assistance Agreements

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Compliance (OC), within EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), is soliciting proposals for a Environmental Compliance Grant program assistance for States and tribes in two focus areas: environmental enforcement training and supporting improved linkages between EPA and State/tribal systems. Grants will be in the range of \$50,000-\$200,000. The total number and amount of the awards will depend on the amount of funds made available.

DATES: Pre-proposals should not exceed 5 pages. (12 point font, on 8½ by 11 inch paper.) Pre-proposals must be received electronically or hard copy by May 5, 2003. Funding decisions will be made by late June based on the pre-proposals. Applicants selected to receive funds will be required to submit final proposals to the appropriate EPA Region by September 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Pre-proposals should be sent to David Piantanida (2222A), U.S. EPA—Ariel Rios South Rm 6149D, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, e-mail: piantanida.david@epa.gov, Tel: (202) 564-8318, Fax: (202) 564-0034; and simultaneously to the appropriate Regional Enforcement Coordinator. This document will be posted on the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/planning/state/grants.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Piantanida at (202) 564-8318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Eligibility and Authority

The funds available are from OECA's Multi-Media State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) appropriation. Eligible applicants include States, tribes, inter-tribal consortia, territories, local governments, and multi-jurisdictional organizations. Where a lead State environmental agency exists, applicants should work with and coordinate through the lead State environmental agency.