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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice To Rescind Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): Mills County, IA; Cass County, NE; and Sarpy County, NE

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Rescind notice of intent to prepare an EIS.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are rescinding the notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for improvements proposed to U.S. 34, from Interstate 29 in Mills County, IA, to U.S. 75 in Cass or Sarpy county in Nebraska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Rold, Transportation Engineer, FHWA Iowa Division Office, 105 Sixth Street, Ames, IA 50010, Ph. 515-233-7307; or James P. Rost, Director, Office of Location and Environment, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010, Ph. 515-239-1798.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) and Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), are rescinding the notice of intent to prepare an EIS for improvements proposed to U.S. 34, from Interstate 29 in Mills County, IA, to U.S. 75 in Cass or Sarpy county in Nebraska.

On Sept. 12, 1994, FHWA issued a NOI to prepare an EIS as part of the development process for the replacement of the U.S. 34 bridge over the Missouri River.

In January 1996, a draft EIS was released evaluating the replacement of the U.S. 34 bridge over the Missouri River at the city of Plattsmouth in Cass County, NE.

A multi-step screening process, which included public information meetings and a public hearing, was used to develop and evaluate two alignment alternatives. One alignment was located near the city of Bellevue in Sarpy County, NE, and the other near the city of Plattsmouth in Cass County, NE.

Comments received during and subsequent to the public hearing on the draft EIS determined that consensus could not be reached for identifying a preferred alignment for the final EIS. Consequently, no final EIS will be prepared.

Recently, the Iowa DOT and NDOR agreed to jointly pursue the development of two bridges across the Missouri River, one near Bellevue, NE, and a second near Plattsmouth, NE. As part of this agreement, two environmental impact statements will be prepared, one for each bridge.

The Bellevue bridge replacement study and Plattsmouth bridge replacement study will be the subjects of two separate notices of intent, published subsequent to this notice. Comments or questions concerning the decision to not prepare a Final EIS should be directed to the Iowa Department of Transportation or FHWA at the address provided in the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

(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)
(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on October 11, 2002. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 20, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas W. Harrelson, Maritime Administration, MAR-590, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4610; FAX: 202-366-5522; or e-mail: thomas.harrelson@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Monthly Report of Ocean Shipments Moving under Export-Import Bank Financing.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0013.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Shippers subject to Export/Import Bank financing.

Form (s): MA-518.

Abstract: Public Resolution 17 (PR 17) requires MARAD to monitor and enforce the U.S.-flag shipping requirements relative to the loans/guarantees extended by the Export-Import Bank (EXIMBANK) to foreign borrowers. PR 17 requires that all shipments financed by EXIMBANK and that move by sea, must be transported exclusively on U.S.-flag registered vessels unless a waiver is obtained from MARAD.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 168 hours.