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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Greene, Christian and Lawrence Counties, Missouri

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for improvements to the U.S. 60 highway corridor in Greene, Christian, and Lawrence Counties, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Peggy Casey, Environmental Projects Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 209 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101; Telephone: (573) 638-2601 or Mr. Henry Hungerbeeler, Director, Missouri Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102; Telephone (573) 721-2551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), will prepare an EIS on a proposed project to improve the transportation system in Greene, Christian and Lawrence Counties, Missouri.

This proposal is being considered to address existing and future transportation demand on U.S. 60, to address safety issues along existing U.S. 60, and to preserve land for future transportation improvements.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) no build; (2) improving the existing facility; (3) mass transit; (4) Transportation System Management; and (5) off-alignment build alternatives. The proposed project will likely include transportation improvements or transportation corridor preservation on an approximate 20-mile portion of U.S. 60 between the James River Freeway in Greene County, Missouri and a point along U.S. 60 just southwest of Marionville in Lawrence County, Missouri.

A project advisory committee comprised of federal and state agencies, local officials, and those with environmental and other community interests will be established to provide input during development and refinement of alternatives and corridor reservation activities. A series of public meetings and other public involvement activities will be held to engage the regional community in the decision making process. In addition, a public hearing will be held to present the findings of the draft EIS. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. Agencies having an interest in or jurisdiction regarding the proposed action will be contacted through interagency coordination meetings and mailings. Those who have previously expressed, or are known to have interest in the proposal will receive ample opportunity to comment and provide input.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all substantive issues are 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 or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

(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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Peggy J. Casey.

Environmental Projects Engineer, Jefferson City.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Humboldt County, California

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 a proposed Route 101 project in Humboldt County in the Cities of Eureka and Arcata, and vicinity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R.C. Slovensky, Acting Program Delivery Team Leader, North, Federal Highway Administration, 980 Ninth Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2724, telephone (916) 498-5774. Kim Floyd, California Department of Transportation Project Manager, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, telephone (707) 441-5739.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Route 101 is part of the National Highway System and is a principal arterial route. The route is often referred to as the "lifeline of the North Coast" since it is the north coast's most important interregional route, serving as the connector to the Santa Rosa/San Francisco metropolitan areas to the south and the State of Oregon to the north. It is heavily used for the transportation of intercity/interstate commerce as well as being the principal route to many north coast recreational areas including State and National parks, rivers, ocean fishing, and beach areas. North of San Francisco, it is the second most heavily traveled non-freeway segment on Route 101 within California.

The proposed project limits extend from the intersection of State Route 255 in City of Eureka to the State Route 255 interchange in the City of Arcata along the Route 101 corridor from KP 127.5 to KP 138.1 (PM 79.2 to PM 85.8) in Humboldt County. The existing Route 101 corridor within these limits consists of two one-way arterials, a four-lane expressway, and a four-lane freeway.

The proposed Eureka-Arcata Corridor Improvement Project consists of the following:

1. Construct an interchange at Route 101 and Indianola Road;
2. Within existing expressway segments, all median crossings would be closed;
3. All existing at-grade access would be restricted to right-turn on/off movements only;

4. Acceleration and deceleration lanes would be lengthened at all access locations if needed;

5. The median width could be reduced.

In addition to the proposed project and No-Build Alternative, alternatives, including upgrade to freeway, that will meet the project purpose and need will be evaluated during the EIS process. Alternatives with substantially higher cost or with extensive environmental impacts will be considered infeasible and not be considered for further study.

Letters describing the proposed 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 an interest in this proposal. A scoping meeting is scheduled from 5 to 8 pm on September 20, 2001 at the Eureka Public Marina Wharfinger Building #1 Marina Way, in Eureka, CA.

Public notice will be given of the time and place of the scoping meeting. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestion are invited from all interested parties. The views of agencies which may have knowledge about historic resources potentially affected by the proposal or interest in the effects of the proposal on historic properties are specifically solicited. Comments or question concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above by October 30, 2001.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation Federal programs and activities apply to this program.

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Acting Program Delivery Team Leader, North Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2001-10507]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel RAVEN.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-10507. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been

received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. Name of vessel: RAVEN. Owner: Alexander Mann.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the applicant: "37.8' LOA; 20.7' Beam; 3.1' Draft; 20 Gross Tons (Certificate of Documentation U.S.C.G.); 16 Net Tons (Certificate of Documentation U.S.C.G.)"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "The intended use for this sailing vessel is to provide 3 hour to five-day sightseeing charters* * * for twelve or fewer passengers." "Operating from the Florida coast, including the Florida Keys, and Gulf of Mexico coastline."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1996. Place of construction: France.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "We would like to begin operating in Marco Island Florida. The population triples in the winter and demand appears to be excellent (one of the corporations operating an inspected vessel added an additional craft). Approval of this waiver will have minimal impact on other operators because of the very large market available. This vessel would be the only owner-operated sailboat in the area. We are dedicated to providing customers with an intimate and fun adventure in the beautiful waters and atmosphere, which surrounds the Ten Thousand, Islands. Our 38-foot cruising catamaran is equipped to provide great hospitality and the capacity to tailor every trip to the needs of our passengers. We are able to offer Eco-trips in the backwaters and are determined to provide the most personal sailing experience on the Gulf of Mexico."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "This vessel will have only a positive impact on U.S. shipyards. The vessel will be upgraded and maintained by U.S. yards."