

DATES AND ADDRESSES: To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed improvements are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. *Written comments* or *questions* concerning the proposed action and the EIS should be directed to FHWA and/or TCDOT at the addresses provided below. Written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered should be submitted not later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication. *Scoping Meeting:* A public scoping meeting was held November 14, 2001 and a subsequent scoping meeting may be offered to *agencies* on request. The public has been notified through local newspapers, postings in public places, and through other public notification methods.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R.C. Slovensky, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), 980 Ninth Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2724, (916) 498-5774, or fax (916) 498-5008 and/or Jan Smith, TCDOT, P.O. Box 2490, Weaverville, CA 96093-2490 (530) 623-1365, or fax (530) 623-5312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed new roadway, beginning at or near the intersection of Industrial Park Road and State Route (SR)-299, southeast of the community of Weaverville, and intersecting with SR-299 approximately 2 miles northwest of the community of Weaverville, is intended to provide residents with local connections to existing County roads, minimizing the travel dependency on SR-299 and providing an alternative means of travelling in and around Weaverville. Accordingly, the project will reduce traffic congestion and delays along SR-299 through the historic district in downtown Weaverville and at key intersections with SR-3 and Washington Street. The project involves construction of a new two-lane undivided arterial roadway with 12-foot lanes (3.6m) and 4-foot (1.2m) paved shoulders on both sides that will accommodate bicycle traffic. The project will have a 55 mph design speed for Design Hourly (traffic) Volume projected for Year 2030. Up to six existing residential County roads may be connected to the proposed West Connector. A total of three alternative alignments will be examined initially, although other alignments or alignment configurations may be considered. Depending on the ultimate project alignment and configuration, the total project length will vary from 3.1 miles (5.0k) to 4.0 miles (6.4k), including up

to 4 stream crossings. Alternative connecting designs for the western project terminus include a grade-separated interchange, and an at-grade "T" intersection.

Issues to be addressed in the EIS include socioeconomic issues related to noise and safety, impacts on the rural character of affected neighborhoods, and effects on downtown business. Cultural resources associated with historic mining activities are present in the project area. Elements of a proposed trail system follow the same alignments as the West Connector, and coordination with the Weaverville Basin Trails Committee will be required to resolve any conflicts. The east end of the alignment will traverse a Natural Resources Conservation Service Wetland Reserve Easement through a corridor dedicated for the West Connector. The project will involve construction activities within and adjacent to West Weaver Creek, which is potential habitat for State and Federally listed fish, amphibians, birds, and other wildlife species.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 7, 2002.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 13, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

Departmental Offices/Office of Procurement

OMB Number: 1505-0080.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Post-Contract Award Information.

Description: Information requested of contractors is specific to each contract and is required for Treasury to properly evaluate the progress made and/or management controls used by contractors providing supplies or services to the Government, and to determine contractors' compliance with the contracts, in order to protect the Government's interest.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,023.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 14 hours, 46 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 70,493 hours.

OMB Number: 1505-0081.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Solicitation of Proposal Information for Award of Public Contracts.

Description: Information requested of offerors is specific to each procurement solicitation, and is required to properly evaluate the capabilities and experience of potential contractors who desire to provide the supplies or services to be acquired. Evaluation will be used to determine which proposals most benefit the Government.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 26,338.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 31 hours, 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 776,561 hours.

OMB Number: 1505-0107.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Regulation on Agency Protests.

Description: Information is requested of contractors so that the Government will be able to evaluate protests effectively and provide prompt resolution of issues in dispute when contractors file protests.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 34 hours.

Clearance Officer: Lois K. Holland, (202) 622-1563, Departmental Offices, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management

and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 4, 2002.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 13, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

Financial Management Service (FMS)

OMB Number: 1510-0004.

Form Number: FMS 285-A.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Schedule of Excess Risks.

Description: Listing of Excess Risks written or assumed by Treasury Certified Companies showing compliance with Treasury Regulations to assist Treasury in determining solvency of Certified companies for the benefit of writing Federal surety bonds.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 296.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 20 hours.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 5,920 hours.

OMB Number: 1510-0027.

Form Number: POD 1681.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Application for Payment of a Deceased Depositor's Postal Savings Certificate.

Description: This form is used when an application is submitted for payment of a deceased Postal Savings depositor's account. Information furnished on the form is used to determine if the applicant is entitled to the proceeds of the account.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 25 hours.

OMB Number: 1510-0035.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Assignment Form.

Description: This form is used when an awardholder wants to assign or transfer all or part of his/her award to another person. When this occurs, the awardholder forfeits all future rights to the portion assigned.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 75 hours.

OMB Number: 1510-0047.

Form Number: TFS 2211.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: List of Data (A) and List of Data (B).

Description: Information collected from insurance companies to provide Treasury with a basis for determining acceptability of insurance companies applying for a Certificate of Authority to write or reinsure Federal surety bonds or recognition as an Admitted Reinsurer (except or excess risks running to the United States).

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 18 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 540 hours.

OMB Number: 1510-0052.

Form Number: FMS 458 and FMS 459.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Financial Institution Agreement and Application Forms for Designation as a Treasury Tax and Loan Depository and Resolution.

Description: Financial institutions are required to complete an Agreement and Application to participate in the Federal Tax Deposit/Treasury and Loan Program. The approved application designates the depository as an authorized recipient of taxpayers' deposits for Federal taxes.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 450.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (Once for duration of the authorization).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 225 hours.

Clearance Officer: Juanita Holder, Financial Management Service, 3700 East West Highway, Room 144, PGP II, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 31, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1634.

Regulation Project Number: REG-106902-98 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Consolidated Returns—Consolidated Over Foreign Losses and Separate Limitation Losses.

Description: The regulations provide guidance relating to the amount of overall foreign losses and separate limitation losses in the computation of the foreign tax credit. The regulations affect consolidated groups of corporations that compute the foreign tax credit limitation or that dispose of property used in a foreign trade or business.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.