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Notice To Rescind a Notice of Intent for an Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Highway and Light Rail Improvements in the Sr 32 Corridor Between Us 50 and Ir 275 in Hamilton and Clermont Counties, Ohio

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. DOT.

ACTION: Notice to rescind a Notice of Intent (NOI) for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was published in the Federal Register on May 9, 2012. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is issuing this notice to advise the public that ODOT will no longer prepare a Tier 2 EIS for proposed improvements to SR 32 from US 50 in Hamilton County east to IR 275 in Clermont County, because of potential significant environmental impacts and public controversy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy M. Hill, Administrator, ODOT Office of Environmental Services, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223 Mail Stop #4170, Telephone: (614) 644-0377, Email: Tim.Hill@ohio.gov.

Supplementary Information: On September 30, 2005, a Tier 1 EIS was published in the Federal Register (77 FR 27272). This document evaluated transportation needs and focused on broad issues such as mode choice, general location, preliminary costs, benefits, and impacts within a study area known as the Eastern Corridor, extending from downtown Cincinnati to western Clermont County. A Tier 1 Record of Decision issued on June 2, 2006 identified feasible multi-modal components to be advanced by mode and segment into Tier 2 NEPA analyses, including a new rail transit corridor composed of four implementation segments, improved bus transit, various local network improvements, and a new highway capacity corridor composed of five implementation segments. In the interim, new information came to light regarding the archaeological resources present in connection with the Hahn Archaeological District. The discovery of this information prompted a re-evaluation of the Tier 1 ROD to determine if the decision contained there-in remained valid and if a Supplemental EIS should be prepared prior to moving into a Tier 2 EIS. On February 9, 2012 FHWA recommended advancing the project into a Tier 2 EIS as the appropriate level of study and analysis to determine the significance of impacts to archaeological sites.

Recognizing the complex interests associated with the SR 32 Relocation Project, ODOT and FHWA in 2013 engaged the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (USIECR) and a facilitation team as neutral, outside entities. Their purpose was to review the project and carry out a collaborative process to help inform future decisions on the feasibility of project development continuing on this project. The study identified key stakeholder interests associated with the SR 32 Relocation Project from their interviews, including the need to: improve transportation safety and efficiency; protect the natural environment; facilitate regional economic development; protect quality of life issues; be fiscally responsible and allocate limited dollars to the most pressing needs; safeguard historic and archeological resources; and make decisions in a reasonable timeframe. Their situation assessment presented eight options to consider in deciding whether and how to move ahead with the SR 32 Project. These ranged from not proceeding with the project at this time to proceeding as planned to fulfill NEPA, with various options in between that considered reframing/rethinking aspects of the project. In conjunction with the situation assessment process, FHWA and ODOT coordinated with nine federally-recognized tribes, state/federal resource/ regulatory agencies and the public and area stakeholders. Upon deliberation of the options to move forward, ODOT concluded that the

Columbia Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 21, 2016.


25. Talisman Energy USA Inc., Pad ID: 05 164 Bennett, ABR–201107049.R1, Stevens Township, Bradford County and Rush Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 25, 2016.

26. Talisman Energy USA Inc., Pad ID: 02 153 Mountain Run Hunting Club, ABR–201107050.R1, Union Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 25, 2016.

27. Seneca Resources Corporation, Pad ID: DCNR 007 Pad K, ABR–201112188.R1, Delmar Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 25, 2016.

28. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Raino, ABR–201201005.R1, Monroe and Overton Townships, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 26, 2016.

29. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Kathryn, ABR–201201006.R1, Wilmot Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 26, 2016.

30. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Ridenour, ABR–201201000.R1, Cherry Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 26, 2016.

31. Talisman Energy USA Inc., Pad ID: 05 008 Michnich, ABR–201108026.R1, Pike Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2016.

32. Talisman Energy USA Inc., Pad ID: 03 074 Haralambous, ABR–201108037.R1, Columbia Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2016.

33. Talisman Energy USA Inc., Pad ID: 05 104 Rennekamp R, ABR–201108044.R1, Pike Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2016.

34. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Redbush, ABR–201201004.R1, Wilmot Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 28, 2016.

35. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Elwell, ABR–201201009.R1, Wilmot Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 28, 2016.

36. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Calmith, ABR–201201029.R1, Wilmot Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 28, 2016.

37. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Manahan, ABR–201201036.R1, Albany Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 28, 2016.

38. Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC, Pad ID: Messersmith, ABR–201201037.R1, Wilmot Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 28, 2016.


40. Chief Oil & Gas LLC, Pad ID: Yonkin B Drilling Pad, ABR–201607003, Cherry Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of up to 2.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 29, 2016.


Dated: September 19, 2016.

Stephanie L. Richardson,
Secretary to the Commission.

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original new alignment Tier 1 corridors for Segment II/III were deemed not reasonable due to their potential for significant environmental impacts and extensive public controversy.

ODOT is moving forward with the project development process to consider alternatives that have the potential for lower overall impacts, focusing on improvements to existing transportation corridors rather than new alignments through this environmentally complex area. Alignment alternatives on existing SR 32, US 50 and other roadways could include: Adding turn lanes, interchange improvements, widening to enhance capacity; minor realignments; improving signal timing and/or coordination; installing new signal(s); and other improvements. If any of these improvements require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, future Notices of Intent may be filed.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

(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.)

Issued on: September 6, 2016.

Robert L. Griffith,
Acting Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Columbus, Ohio.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Interstate 495 (Long Island Expressway) Rest Area Upgrade Project Between Exits 51 & 52 (Eastbound) in the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by FHWA and other Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(f)(1). The actions relate to the proposed Interstate 495 (Long Island Expressway) Rest Area Upgrade Project between Exits 51 & 52 (eastbound) in the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York (NYSDOT Project Identification Number: 0229.14). Those actions rescind the Record of Decision (ROD) and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) dated May 21, 2007. The ROD was signed by FHWA on August 6, 2007.

DATES: By this notice, FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(f)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before 150 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Osborn, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo O’Brien Federal Building, Suite 719, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207. Telephone (518) 431–4127

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FHWA has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(f)(1) by issuing a Rescission of the Record of Decision and a Rescission of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Interstate 495 (Long Island Expressway) Rest Area Upgrade Project between Exits 51 & 52 (eastbound) in the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York. The FHWA, as the lead Federal agency, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) signed a ROD on August 6, 2007, for the proposed Interstate 495 (Long Island Expressway) Rest Area Upgrade Project between Exits 51 & 52 (eastbound). The proposed project evaluated alternatives for upgrading the existing rest area for cars and trucks located on I–495/LIE eastbound between Exits 51 and 52. Since the ROD was signed, NYSDOT notified FHWA that Federal funds will not be utilized during the final design and construction of the project. Therefore, FHWA has determined that the ROD and the Final Environmental Impact Statement dated May 21, 2007, will be rescinded since there will be no Federal action, and the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq. and 23 Code of Federal Regulations 771 no longer apply.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:


2. Air: Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)].


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