SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to reconstruct the Spaghetti Bowl in the cities of Reno and Sparks in Washoe County, Nevada. The proposed project will study improvements to the Spaghetti Bowl and major street connections on I-580/US 395 from Meadowood Mall Way Drive on the south to Parr Avenue/Dandini Boulevard on the north and I-80 from Keystone Avenue on the west to Pyramid Way on the east. The study includes approximately 7.3 miles of I-580/US 395 and 4.3 miles of I-80.

The project will study the operations, capacity, and safety of the interchange while addressing all modes of travel as appropriate. Regionally, I-80 connects San Francisco, Sacramento, Reno and Salt Lake City. I-580 links Carson City with Reno, and US 395 serves as an important regional route. The Spaghetti Bowl was originally constructed between 1969 and 1971 for a metropolitan population of about 130,000 people. The current population of Reno and Sparks has increased to approximately 327,000 people and Washoe County’s population is approximately 435,000. The projected population growth, associated commercial development, increased inflows and outflows of freight serving local manufacturing and distribution centers, and increasing tourism and gaming will place significant demand on the study area. The project will focus on short- and long-term transportation needs of the region, specifically to provide transportation improvements in response to regional growth to decrease congestion, enhance mobility, and provide access to the downtown area.

The EIS will consider the effects of the proposed project, the No Action alternative, and other alternatives to the proposed project. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies; Native American Tribes; private organizations; and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this project. An agency scoping meeting will be held in Sparks, Nevada on April 12, 2017, at 1 p.m. at the Sparks Public Library. Public information meetings will also be held on April 12, 2017, at the Sparks Public Library and on April 13, 2017, at Wooster High School, Reno, with the appropriate agencies and the general public. The public information meetings will be open house format from 4–7 p.m. with a presentation at 5:30 p.m. In addition, public information meetings will be held throughout the duration of the project and a public hearing will be held for the draft EIS. Public notices will be given announcing the time and place of the public meetings and the hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed and all significant 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 NDOT at the addresses and emails provided above.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Lafourche Parish, LA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) will be prepared for a proposed transportation project in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FHWA Joshua Cunningham, Project Delivery Team Leader, FHWA, 5304 Flanders Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Project information can be found at the LaDOTD Web site: www.dotd.state.la.us.

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD), will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the 2002 LA 1 Final EIS (FEIS) and 2003 Record of Decision (ROD), and the subsequent ROD revisions issued in 2004, 2009, and 2011 due to various design refinements. FHWA is preparing an SEIS because changes to the FEIS Selected Alternative’s design, including construction of an at-grade toll facility and roadway approaches beyond the FEIS project limits, will result in local access modifications and right-of-way impacts.

Funding limitations require phased construction of the Selected Alternative, which generally runs parallel and to the west of existing LA 1. Phase 1, fully constructed in 2011, included a two-lane bridge from Port Fouchon (south limit) to Leeville (north limit), a distance of approximately 11 miles.

Phase 2, which has not been constructed, includes the continuation of the 2-lane bridge for 8.3 miles, connecting Leeville (south limit) to Golden Meadow (north limit). This SEIS will evaluate refinements to the design of the FEIS Selected Alternative at its north limit, as the elevated portion of LA 1 is extended and ties into existing, at-grade LA 3235 in Golden Meadow. This extension allows for the construction of an at-grade, southbound toll facility at the LA 3235 tie-in. The study area for the SEIS will be limited to the extended section of the FEIS Selected Alternative, a distance slightly less than 1 mile, and will not include any other portions of LA 1 previously approved as part of the FEIS.

Existing LA 3235 is a four-lane roadway, with two lanes in each direction. The LA 1 bridge from Leeville to Golden Meadow will be constructed as a two-lane structure, with one lane in each direction, except for within the SEIS study area. Within this study area, the two southbound lanes of LA 3235 will merge into one southbound lane on the LA 1 bridge. A toll gantry will be located approximately half a mile from the LA 1 bridge. It will include one electronic toll lane and one cash lane. On the northbound side, one northbound bridge lane will join one northbound lane connecting existing LA 1 to LA 3235. These two lanes will come together to tie into the existing two northbound lanes of LA 3235. Tolls will be collected in the southbound direction of travel only.
Letters describing the proposed project and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and the public who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this project. Several public meetings will be held throughout the term of the project. The first of these meetings, a public scoping meeting, will be conducted to provide the public information about the project and an opportunity to assist in formulating and revising the scope of the study. The public scoping meetings will be scheduled in the future and will be posted to the LaDOTD Web site: www.dot.state.la.us. A public hearing will also be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed project are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the SEIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

Charles “Wes” Bollinger, Division Administrator, FHWA, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Catherine A. Batey, Division Administrator, Springfield, Illinois.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement:
Madison County, Illinois

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice to rescind a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will not be prepared for a proposed transportation project in Alton and Godfrey, Illinois in an area bounded roughly by Ill. Route 3 on the south; Seminary Road on the east; Seiler Road on the north and US 67 on the west.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine A. Batey, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 3250 Executive Park Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 492-4600, Jeffrey L. Korn, Deputy Director of Highways, Region 5 Engineer, Illinois Department of Transportation, 1102 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, Illinois 62234, Phone: (618) 346-3110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, issued a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in 2012 (77 FR 25782, May 1, 2012). The project proposal was to improve transportation flow, safety and connectivity in Alton and Godfrey, Illinois.

Due to concerns raised by project stakeholders and partners, including project costs, displacements of homes, and a lack of public support, FHWA is rescinding the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS.

Comments or questions concerning this notice should be directed to FHWA or the Illinois Department of Transportation at the addresses provided above.

Issued on: February 27, 2017.
Catherine A. Batey, Division Administrator, Springfield, Illinois.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice To Rescind a Notice of Intent for an Environmental Impact Statement:
Columbia, Sauk, and Juneau Counties, Wisconsin

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice to Rescind a Notice of Intent for a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the Federal Register for proposed transportation improvements along the Interstate (I)-90/94 corridor, from the United States Highway (US) 12/ Wisconsin State Highway (WIS) 16 interchange to the I–39/WIS 78 interchange in Columbia, Sauk, and Juneau Counties in Wisconsin. The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that FHWA and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will no longer prepare a Tier 1 EIS in this corridor due to recent and on-going reprioritization of major transportation projects.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Michael Davies, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 525 Junction Road, Suite 8000, Madison, Wisconsin 53717-2157, Telephone: (608) 829-7500. You may also contact Steve Krebs, Director, Bureau of Technical Services, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 7965, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7965, Telephone: (608) 246-7930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA originally issued an NOI to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register Vol. 79 No. 221, Nov. 17, 2014 for proposed transportation improvements along the approximately 25-mile I–90/94 corridor, from the US 12/WIS 16 interchange to the I–39/WIS 78 interchange in Juneau, Sauk, and Columbia Counties in Wisconsin. A revised NOI was published in the Federal Register Vol. 80 No. 229, Nov. 30, 2015 to advise the public that FHWA and WisDOT would be preparing a Tier 1 EIS for proposed transportation improvements along the I–90/94 corridor, from US 12/WIS 16 Interchange to the I–39/WIS 78 interchange in Juneau, Sauk, and Columbia Counties in Wisconsin. The project is being canceled due to recent and on-going reprioritization of major transportation projects. As such the preparation of the Tier 1 EIS for proposed transportation improvements along the I–90/94 corridor, from the WIS 16 Interchange to the I–39/WIS 78 interchange in Columbia, Sauk, and Juneau Counties will not be completed. Any future transportation improvements along the corridor will progress under a separate environmental review process in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Issued on: March 6, 2017.
Michael Davies, Division Administrator, FHWA Wisconsin Division, Madison, Wisconsin.