

actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: 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 May 17, 2018. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Caltrans: Marie Petry, Senior Environmental Planner, California Department of Transportation, Division of Environmental Planning, 464 W. Fourth Street, 6th Floor, MS 827, San Bernardino, California 92401; or call (909) 388-1387, email marie.petry@dot.ca.gov; Alex Menor, Riverside County Transportation Commission, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92502, by phone at (951) 787-7970, email amenor@rctc.org. Normal business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 1, 2007, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that the Caltrans, have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of California: The Interstate 15 (I-15)/ Railroad Canyon Road Interchange Project is proposed from post mile 18.3 to post mile 21.0, in the City of Lake Elsinore, in Riverside County. Proposed work includes improvements to I-15/ Railroad Canyon Road Interchange and the construction of a new interchange 0.22 mile north of the existing I-15/ Franklin Street overcrossing. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, approved on August 25, 2017. The EA, and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the addresses provided above. The Caltrans EA can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at <http://rctcdev.info/projects/i-15-railroad-canyon-road-and-franklin-interchange-project>. 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:

1. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4351 *et seq.*)
2. Council on Environmental Quality Regulations
3. Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1970, 23 U.S.C. 109
4. Map—21, the Moving Ahead of Progress in the 21st Century Act
5. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q))
6. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712)
7. Historic and Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*)
8. Clean Water Act (Section 401) (33 U.S.C. 1251-1377) of 1977 and 1987 (Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972)
9. Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543)
10. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, as amended
11. Noise Control Act of 1972
12. Executive Order 11990—Protection of Wetlands
13. Executive Order 11988—Floodplains Management
14. Executive Order 13112—Invasive Species
15. Executive Order 12898—Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice and Low Income Populations
16. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended

(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. 139(j)(1)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2017-0052]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's

(OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by February 16, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID 2017-0052 by any of the following methods:

Website: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Taylor, 202-366-2907, Office of Human Resources, Corporate Recruitment and Career Entry Division, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: DOT-FHWA Summer Transportation Internship Program for diverse Groups (STIPDG).

Background: 23 U.S.C. 140 (b) Section 5204—Training and Education/Surface Transportation Workforce Development, Training, and Education states that subject to project approval by the Secretary, a State may obligate funds apportioned to the State for five primary core programs (STP, NHS, Bridge, IM, CMAQ), workforce development, training, and education, including student internships; university or community college support; and outreach to develop interest and promote participation in surface transportation careers. The Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups (STIPDG) is an important part of U.S. DOT's intermodal effort to promote the entry of women, persons with disabilities, and members of diverse groups into transportation careers where traditionally these groups have been under-represented. Accordingly, The Federal Highway

Administrations' Office of Innovative Program Delivery will support the STIPDG by working closely with FHWA's Office of Human Resources, specifically the Corporate Recruitment and Career Entry Group, which has responsibility for administering the program, to include participation and placement of college students, DOT-wide, and for all occupational disciplines, to include summer intern placement DOT-wide and nationwide. The STIPDG anticipates accepting approximately 500 applications each year and placing an estimated 60–120 undergraduate, graduate, and law students in transportation-related, non-administrative, technical, hands-on assignments with a Federal or State mentor providing on-the-job training. The STIPDG will provide college students with an opportunity to work on current transportation-related topics and issues identified in, or directly pertaining to, the current DOT Strategic Plan. The STIPDG is open to all qualified applicants regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

The STIPDG is open to all applicants based on the eligibility requirements that follow and based on the merit of the "Required Documents" listed in bulleted-format below:

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in degree-granting programs of study at accredited U.S. institutions of higher education recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

2. Undergraduate applicants must be *juniors or seniors for the fall following the summer internship*. Undergraduate applicants from Junior, Tribal, or Community Colleges must have *completed their first year*.

3. Law Applicants must be *entering their second or third year of law school in the fall following the summer internship*.

4. Applicants who are scheduled to graduate during the coming spring or summer semesters are not eligible for consideration for the STIPDG *unless*: (1) They have been accepted for graduate school enrollment; (2) they have been accepted for enrollment at an institution of higher education; or (3) their acceptance is pending. *In all instances, the applicant must submit with their completed application packages, documentation (with the school's logo) reflecting their status.* (There will be no exceptions.)

5. Former STIPDG interns may apply but will not receive preferential consideration.

6. Applicants will be evaluated based on the "completeness of the application and the Required Documents" listed below. Priority will be given to those with GPA's of 3.0 or better (for the Major and/or cumulatively).

7. Applicants must be available and able to participate in the entire 10-week program.

Respondents: Approximately 500 applicants consisting of undergraduate, graduate and law students. All applicants must be U.S. Citizens.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately two hours to complete and submit the application.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 1000 hours annually.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: December 11, 2017.

Michael Howell,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Loan Guaranty: Assistance to Eligible Individuals in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing; Cost-of-Construction Index

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces that the aggregate amounts of assistance available under the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant program will increase by 4.88 percent for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Trewayne, Assistant Director, Loan Guaranty (26), Veterans Benefits

Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-8795. (This is not a toll-free number.)

DATES: *Effective Date*: This notice is applicable December 18, 2017.

Applicability Date: The provisions of this notice shall apply on October 1, 2017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 38 U.S.C. 2102(e) and 38 U.S.C. 2102A(b)(2) and 38 CFR 36.4411, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs announces for FY 2018 the aggregate amounts of assistance available to veterans and servicemembers eligible for SAH program grants.

The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 authorized the Secretary to increase the aggregate amounts of SAH assistance annually based on a residential home cost-of-construction index. Public Law 110-289, § 2605, 122 Stat. 2654, 2861. Per 38 CFR 36.4411(a), the Secretary uses the Turner Building Cost Index for this purpose.

In the most recent quarter for which the Turner Building Cost Index is available, 2nd Quarter 2017, the index showed an increase of 4.88 percent over the index value listed by 2nd Quarter 2016. Pursuant to 38 CFR 36.4411(a), therefore, the aggregate amounts of assistance for SAH grants made pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2101(a) and 2101(b) will increase by 4.88 percent for FY 2018.

The Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012, requires that the same percentage of increase apply to grants authorized pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2102A. Public Law 112-154, § 205, 126 Stat. 1165, 1178. As such, the maximum amount of assistance available under these grants, which are called grants for Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA grants), will also increase by 4.88 percent for FY 2018.

The increases are effective as of October 1, 2017. See 38 U.S.C. 2102(e) and 2102A(b)(2).

Specially Adapted Housing: Aggregate Amounts of Assistance Available During Fiscal Year 2018

2101(a) Grants and TRA Grants

Effective October 1, 2017, the aggregate amount of assistance available for SAH grants made pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2101(a) will be \$81,080 during FY 2018. The maximum TRA grant made to an individual who satisfies the eligibility criteria under 38 U.S.C. 2101(a) and 2102A will be \$35,593 during FY 2018.