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 has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following

Off the Highway System Project in the State of California: CV Link Multi Modal Path Project. CV Link proposes to construct a 49± mile multi-modal transportation path for use by bicycles, pedestrians and low speed electric vehicles. The project is located in the Coachella Valley and extends across eight (8) municipalities, unincorporated county lands, and reservation land of three (3) Native American Tribes. The purpose of the project is to address a lack of integrated multi-modal access throughout the valley and enhance the active transportation network from the City of Palm Springs to the City of Coachella. CV Link largely is to be built atop the embankments and levees of the region’s principal watercourses, including Whitewater Floodplain, Tahquitz Creek, Chino Creek, and the Whitewater and Coachella Valley Stormwater Channels. Grade-separated crossings (bridges or under-crossings) of major roadways are also proposed. In areas where these major drainage corridors are inaccessible, on-street routes are proposed. Route alignments using the street network are considered in challenging areas and will provide options for near-term and long-term implementation.

The project is intended to enhance connectivity between major employment, residential, recreational, and institutional centers throughout the valley, while promoting the use of alternative modes of transportation. The project will have important impacts on the Coachella Valley region, including increased tourism, increased business and residential values within ½ mile, gasoline savings, construction projects, and reduced medical costs from reduced obesity and other health issues.

The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, approved on December 21, 2017 and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued on July 26, 2018 and in other documents in the Caltrans’ project records. The EA, FONSI and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the address provided above. The Caltrans EA and FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at http://www.cvag.org/

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


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Lake, Cook and McHenry Counties, Illinois

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of extension of the scoping comment period.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is allowing additional time for the public to submit scoping comments on an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation improvement project in Lake, Cook and McHenry Counties in Illinois. The project is referred to as the Tri-County Access Project. The end of the scoping comment period is extended from August 24, 2018 to October 1, 2018.

DATES: To ensure consideration in developing the draft EIS, comments must be received by the close of the scoping period on October 1, 2018.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 16, 2018 (83 FR 32947), the FHWA published a notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for a proposed transportation improvement project in Lake County, northern portions of Cook County, and eastern portions of McHenry County. Locally, this project is referred to as the Tri-County Access Project. The close of the scoping comment period for the NOI published on July 16, 2018, was August 24, 2018. In response to requests for an extension of the comment period, we are extending the scoping comment period to October 1, 2018. All comments received between July 16, 2018 and October 1, 2018 will be considered.

The July 16, 2018 NOI listed the dates and times of the public scoping meetings and discussed the alternatives that will be considered. Improvements in the project area are proposed to reduce congestion, improve reliability of travel, improve travel options connecting major origins and destinations, and improve local and regional travel efficiency.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Scoping input on the proposed project may be submitted via the project website (tricountyaccess.org), via email...
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Limitation on Claims Against Proposed Public Transportation Projects

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by the USACE.

SUMMARY: FTA is issuing this notice to announce action taken by the USACE that is final within the meaning of the United States Code. The action relates to the construction of a 16.2-mile light-rail transit (LRT) line, known as the Purple Line, from the Bethesda Metro Station in Montgomery County, Maryland, to the New Carrollton Station in Prince George’s County, Maryland (the Project). The USACE granted a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act effective March 14, 2018. 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, NEPA, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This notice does not, however, alter or extend the limitation period for challenges of USACE decisions subject to previous notices published in the Federal Register.

DATES: By this notice, FTA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l). A claim seeking judicial review of the identified Federal action related to the Project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before January 11, 2019.

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 FTA: Nancy-Ellen Zusman, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, (312) 353–2577 or Alan Tabachnick, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Environmental Programs, (202) 366–8541. FTA is located at 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. For USACE: Department of the Army, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division, Attn: María Teresi, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; telephone: (410) 962–4501.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that USACE has taken final agency action by issuing certain approval related to the Project. The actions on the project, as well as the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Department of the Army Permit and related documents in the USACE administrative record for the permit action. Interested parties may contact the USACE Baltimore District Regulatory Division Office for more information on the USACE’s permit decision. Contact information for the appropriate USACE representative is above. Contact information for FTA’s Regional Offices may be found at https://www.fta.dot.gov.

This notice applies to all USACE decisions on the listed project as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including, but not limited to, NEPA, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This notice does not, however, alter or extend the limitation period for challenges of project decisions subject to previous notices published in the Federal Register. The project and action that is the subject of this notice follow: Project name and location: The Purple Line, Montgomery County to Prince George’s County, Maryland. Project Sponsor: Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). Project description: The project involves the construction of a 16.2-mile light-rail (LRT) line from Bethesda Metro Station in Montgomery County, Maryland, to the New Carrollton Station in Prince George’s County, Maryland. The project utilizes existing trails and roadways for the majority of its length. The transit way will be constructed largely at grade with one tunnel section at Plymouth Road, three sections elevated on structures, and several bridge structures. The project will service 5 major activity centers and 21 stations. Two storage and maintenance facilities will be constructed (Lyttonsville Yard and Glenridge Yard). Final agency action: Department of the Army permit issued pursuant to Section 404 Clean Water Act effective March 14, 2018. Supporting documentation: USACE Record of Decision issued March 14, 2018. The USACE decision and permit No. 2016–61278–M07 are available by contacting USACE at the address provided above.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which the final action was taken.


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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nomination for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans

ACTION: Notice, amended.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for membership on the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans (“the Committee”) for the 2018 membership cycle.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received by August 20, 2018, no later than 4:00 p.m., eastern standard time. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle.

ADDRESSES: All nomination packages should be sent to the Advisory Committee Management Office by email (recommended) or mail. Please see contact information below.

Advisory Committee Management Office (00AC), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, vaadvisorycmte@va.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In carrying out the duties set forth, the Committee responsibilities include, but are not limited to providing a review of the status, plans, and activities, and making recommendations to VA on matters within the scope of the Committee’s responsibilities; making recommendations to VA on the content of VA educational resources; ensuring that VA is responsive to the needs of women veterans; identifying and keeping abreast of research on and initiatives regarding women veterans; providing advice to VA regarding the development of a national women veterans policy; and providing advice to VA regarding the development of gender-sensitive services, products, and programs.

A nomination must be submitted by August 20, 2018, and include the following information:

1. Name, address, telephone number, email address, and copy of a current certification to the extent possible, of the nominee for VA’s records.
2. A statement of up to 1,500 words, describing the nominee’s qualifications for membership on the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, including an explanation of why each of the nominee’s qualifications meet the criteria established in the Committee’s charter.
3. A statement of up to 500 words, describing any and all expertise the nominee possesses in any one or more of the following areas:
   a. Women veterans’ programs and services
   b. Research on women veterans
   c. Policy issues relevant to women veterans
   d. Community outreach and advocacy
4. A statement of up to 500 words, describing any and all expertise the nominee possesses in any one or more of the following areas:
   a. Federal and state government
   b. Military service
   c. Federal, state, and local government or association service
   d. Education
   e. Private sector (such as business, non-profit, or government relations)
5. Names of at least 3 other individuals who are familiar with the nominee’s qualifications and may be contacted by VA for references. Each reference must be one of the following: a current or former Federal employee, a current or former service member, or an acquaintance of the nominee.
6. A current or former Federal employee, a service member, or an acquaintance of the nominee who may be contacted by VA for references.

A nominations package must be submitted to the Advisory Committee Management Office (00AC), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, vaadvisorycmte@va.gov.