

capacity of the infrastructure that supports the current transit system.

- Provide an alternative to automobile trips on I-5 and SR 99, the two primary highways serving the corridor, which are unreliable and over capacity throughout significant portions of the day.

- Implement the long-range vision for regional transit service established by Sound Transit's Long Range Plan, with a transit investment that supports economic vitality, preserves the environment, preserves communities, and allows for the further extension of regional transit north to Everett.

- Ensure long-term regional mobility, multimodal connectivity, and convenience for North Corridor citizens and communities, including travel-disadvantaged residents and low income and minority populations.

- Provide the transit infrastructure needed to support the development of Northgate and Lynnwood as designated regional growth centers providing housing, employment, public services, and multimodal transportation connections.

- Help support the environmental and sustainability goals of the state and region, including state regulations setting goals for reducing annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by 2050, in accordance with RCW 47.01.440, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (Limiting Green House Gas Emissions, RCW Chapter 702.35).

#### Alternatives

In developing the ST2 Plan, Sound Transit defined a light rail alignment that helped establish the ridership potential and costs for the transit improvements in the North Corridor. The alignment was assumed to be entirely elevated primarily along I-5. The project elements included a light rail guideway, track, and systems extending approximately 8.5 miles north from Northgate Station to Lynnwood Transit Center. After leaving Northgate Station, the alignment followed the east side of I-5 to about 48th Avenue W. in Snohomish County and then crossed to the west side of I-5 to enter Lynnwood Transit Center. Four new stations were anticipated at NE 145th Street, NE 185th Street, SW 236th Street, and the Lynnwood Transit Center (terminal station), all sized to accommodate 4-car trains. Park-and-ride structures of 500 stalls each would be provided at NE 145th Street, NE 185th Street, and Lynnwood Transit Center.

As part of the AA and in accordance with FTA guidance for New Start projects, Sound Transit will explore alternative mode, alignment, station,

and design configurations for improved transit in the North Corridor. All alternatives will be compared to a "No-Build" alternative, which represents the future transportation system through the year 2030 without North Corridor transit improvements, and a Transportation Systems Management (TSM) alternative, which will examine methods for improving transit in the North Corridor without a new fixed guideway. Potential elements of a TSM alternative could include more frequent bus service, new or expanded park-and-ride capacity, or freeway or arterial transit priority improvements.

Sound Transit is inviting comments on the alternative transit modes, alignments, station locations, and design configurations to be studied, as well as comment on proposed evaluation measures to be used to compare alternatives. Routes that may be considered follow portions of State Route 99, the Interurban Trail, Interstate 5 and 15th Avenue NE. The definition of these alternatives will reflect a range of high and low cost capital improvements, including non-guideway options which can serve as a "baseline" for measuring the merits of higher level investments. Measures for evaluating the relative merits of alternatives will be identified, as will technical methodologies for generating the information used to support such measures; these will typically include disciplines such as travel forecasting, capital and operations and maintenance costing, and environmental and land use analyses. Finally, costs, benefits, and impacts of each alternative are developed and evaluated, funding strategies are analyzed, and a locally preferred alternative (LPA) is affirmed to be advanced for further development.

At the conclusion of the AA process, Sound Transit and the FTA anticipate narrowing the range of alternatives for further evaluation in a draft environmental impact statement (EIS), if warranted, potentially including identification of a locally preferred alternative. If the resulting range of alternatives involves the potential for significant environmental impacts requiring an EIS, a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS will be published in the **Federal Register**, and public and agency comment on the scope of the EIS will be invited and considered at that time.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in North Carolina

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA and Other Federal Agencies.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA and other Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, the Monroe Connector/Bypass, from US 74 near I-485 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to US 74 between the towns of Wingate and Marshville in Union County, North Carolina. The Monroe Connector/Bypass is also known as State Transportation Improvement Program Project R-3329/R-2559. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

**DATES:** By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(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 March 28, 2011. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. George Hoops, P.E., Major Projects Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1418, *Telephone:* (919) 747-7022; *e-mail:* [george.hoops@dot.gov](mailto:george.hoops@dot.gov). FHWA North Carolina Division Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time). Ms. Jennifer Harris, P.E., Director of Planning and Environmental Studies, North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA), 5400 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 400, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612, *Telephone:* (919) 571-3000; *e-mail:* [jennifer.harris@ncturnpike.org](mailto:jennifer.harris@ncturnpike.org). NCTA's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that FHWA and other Federal agencies have taken final agency actions by issuing a Record of Decision (ROD) for the following highway project in the State of North Carolina: The Monroe Connector/Bypass, a 20-mile long, multi-lane, fully access-controlled, new location toll road. The project is

also known as State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project R-3329/R-2559. The project would run generally in an east-west direction, roughly parallel to US 74. On the west, the project begins at I-485 in Mecklenburg County; on the east, it ends at US 74 between the towns of Wingate and Marshville in Union County. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the project, approved on May 25, 2010, and the FHWA Record of Decision (ROD) issued on August 27, 2010 approving the Monroe Connector/Bypass project, and in other documents in the FHWA administrative record. The FEIS, ROD, and other documents in the FHWA administrative record file are available by contacting the FHWA or NCTA at the addresses provided above. The FEIS and ROD can be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at <http://www.ncturnpike.org/projects/monroe> or viewed at the offices of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, 5400 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 400, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612. A final decision regarding section 404 permits for this project has not yet been made. This notice, therefore, does not apply to the section 404 permitting process for this project. This notice applies to all Federal agency actions and decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General*: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].

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

3. *Land*: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303]; Landscaping and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) [23 U.S.C. 319].

4. *Wildlife*: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536], Marine Mammal Protection Act [16 U.S.C. 1361], Anadromous Fish Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 757(a)-757(g)], Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)], Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712], Magnuson-Stevenson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*].

5. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-11]; Archeological and

Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001-3013].

6. *Social and Economic*: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d)(1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209].

7. *Wetlands and Water Resources*: Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251-1377 (Section 404, Section 401, Section 319); Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [16 U.S.C. 4601-4604]; Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [42 U.S.C. 300(f)-300(j)(6)]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271-1287]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931]; TEA-21 Wetlands Mitigation [23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(m), 133(b)(11)]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001-4128].

8. *Hazardous Materials*: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. 9601-9675]; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) [42 U.S.C. 6901-6992(k)].

9. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, 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(l)(1).

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Eighth Meeting—RTCA Special Committee 220: Automatic Flight Guidance and Control**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 220: Automatic Flight Guidance and Control meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 220: Automatic Flight Guidance and Control.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held October 12-14, 2010. October 12th and 13th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and October 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Wichita Airport Hilton, 2098 Airport Road, Wichita, Kansas, 67209-1941, USA. telephone (316) 945-5272, fax (316) 945-7620, *e-mail:* [Julie.Hill@hilton.com](mailto:Julie.Hill@hilton.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** (1) RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 220: Automatic Flight Guidance and Control meeting. The agenda will include:

- Welcome/Agenda Overview.
- Consider for Approval—New Document—*Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) for Automatic Flight Guidance and Control Systems and Equipment*, RTCA Paper No. 088-10/SC220-016.
- Continue Development of Installation Guidance White Papers.
- Wrap-up and Review of Action Items.
- Establish Dates, Location, Agenda for Next Meeting.
- Other Business.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.