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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: City of Baton Rouge and Unincorporated Parts of East Baton Rouge Parish, LA

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Withdrawal of notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed highway project in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana has been withdrawn. The Louisiana Department of Transportation of Development (LDOTD) is not planning to pursue the project as proposed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William C. Farr, Program Operations Manager, 5304 Flanders Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, Telephone: (225) 757-7615, or Ms. Michele Deshotels, Environmental Impact Program Manager, LDOTD, Section 28, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245, Telephone: 225-248-4192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent was published (63 FR 16616) to prepare an EIS on a proposal to improve Interstate 10 through Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The proposed project included the construction of an additional lane in the east and west bound directions in order to provide an eight-lane freeway facility, interchange improvements to address safety and capacity problems, as well as frontage road additions and extensions. It would also have included congestion management measures consisting of ramp metering, incident management, park and ride lots, transit improvements and demand management strategies.

The proposed project began at the eastern end of the Mississippi River Bridge and extended eastward along Interstates 10 and 12 to points immediately east of the interchanges with Essen Lane. The proposed construction was approximately 11.2 kilometers (7 miles) long from the western terminus to the eastern terminus of Interstate 10 and 9.7 kilometers (6 miles) from Interstate 110 to Interstate 12.

Public involvement activities completed included neighborhood meetings, steering committee activities, newsletters and public meetings which were used to obtain input from citizens who may have been affected by the proposal. All of the neighborhood meetings were open to all citizens and advertised in the Baton Rouge media to solicit general public participation.

To ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified comments and suggestions were invited from all interested parties to be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic assistance Program Number 20.205 Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations Implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding inter-governmental consultation on federal program and activities apply to this program)

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Division Administrator, Baton Rouge, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. FMCSA-98-4334 and FMCSA-98-3637 (formerly FHWA-98-4334 and FHWA-98-3637)]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the FMCSA's decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), for 13 individuals.

DATES: This decision is effective April 5, 2001. Comments from interested persons should be submitted by May 4, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-

addressed, stamped postcard or you may print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the vision exemptions in this notice, Ms. Sandra Zywockarte, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, (202) 366-2987; for information about legal issues related to this notice, Mr. Joe Solomey, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1374, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access and Filing

You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Document Management System (DMS) at: <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Acceptable formats include: MS Word (versions 95 to 97), MS Word for Mac (versions 6 to 8), Rich Text File (RTF), American Standard Code Information Interchange (ASCII)(TXT), Portable Document Format (PDF), and WordPerfect (versions 7 to 8). The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the web site.

An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded by using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may also reach the Office of the Federal Register's home page at: <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's database at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Background

Thirteen individuals have requested renewal of their exemptions from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) which applies to drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. They are Joe F. Arnold, Gary A. Barrett, Ivan L. Beal, Johnny A. Beutler, Richard D. Carlson, David J. Collier, Loras G. Knebel, Dexter L. Myhre, James H. Oppliger, Stephanie D. Randels, Duane L. Riendeau, Darrell L. Rohlf, and Robert A. Wagner. Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31316(e), the FMCSA may grant an exemption for a renewable 2-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved