airport and metropolitan area, and points in between.

The Tier I EIS will be carried out in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR part 1500 et seq.) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), FRA's Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts (64 FR 28545; May 26, 1999), and FHWA regulations (23 CFR part 771 et seq.).

In addition to NEPA, the Tier I EIS will address other applicable statutes, regulations, and executive orders, including the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, the Endangered Species Act, and Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice.

The goals of the EIS are to: (1) Examine the regional transportation implications of the project concept; (2) evaluate the modal and technology alternatives available to provide HSGT between the two cities; (3) develop and evaluate location alternatives; and (4) determine the logical segments to be carried forward for detailed evaluation in subsequent (Tier II) environmental documents.

In a Tier I EIS, alternatives will be evaluated at a broad level of analysis. Proposed alternatives include a No-Build Alternative (used as a baseline for comparison of all alternatives), HSGT in a corridor that roughly parallels Interstate-75, one or more corridors utilizing a portion of an existing CSX transportation rail line, and a corridor that roughly parallels U.S. Route 411. Other possible corridor locations are expected to be identified during the alternatives development phase of the study.

GDOT will contact appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other organizations and individuals who have previously expressed interest, or are known to be interested, in this proposal to describe the proposed scope and solicit comments. Formal scoping meetings have been scheduled as indicated above.

Additional public information meetings and public hearings will be held during the development of the Tier I EIS. Public notice will be given of the times and locations of scoping meetings, public information meetings, and public hearings. The Draft Tier I EIS will be made available for review and comment prior to the public hearings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are 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 Tier I EIS should be directed to GDOT at the addresses provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 16, 2007.

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Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Atlanta, GA.

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Associate Administrator for Railroad Development, Federal Railroad Administration, Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: New London County, CO

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for proposed transportation improvements to 12.3 miles (21 km) of Interstate 95 (I–95) in New London County, Connecticut.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bradley D. Keazer, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 628–2 Hebron Avenue, Suite 303, Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033, telephone (860) 659–6703, ext. 3009; or Edgar T. Hurle, Transportation Planning Director, Bureau of Policy and Planning, Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131–7546, telephone: (860) 594–2005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal for transportation improvements to I–95 between interchanges 70 and 84 in the towns of Old Lyme, East Lyme, Waterford and New London, Connecticut for a distance of approximately 12.3 miles (21 km).

Improvements to the I–95 corridor are considered necessary to improve safety and to provide for increases in projected traffic volumes. Alternatives under consideration include, but are not limited to: (1) Taking no action; and (2) addition of a third travel lane in each direction. The EIS will use data and findings from two major deficiency and needs studies entitled ''Southeastern Connecticut Corridor Study'' dated January 1999 and ''I–95 Corridor Feasibility Study, Branford to Rhode Island'' dated December 2004. Copies of these studies are available from ConnDOT's Office of Environmental Planning at the address shown above.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and elected officials, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. Public scoping meetings, public hearings and public informational meetings will be held. Public notice will be given of the date, time and place of these meetings and hearings. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearings. An Internet Web site will be established to provide information on the project which may be accessed at *http://www.et.gov/dotinfo/*.

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. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to either the FHWA or ConnDOT at the addresses provided above.

(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 CFR 771

Dated: Issued on August 15, 2007.

Bradley D. Keazer,

Division Administrator, Hartford, Connecticut.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Sunshine Act Meetings; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors

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

TIME AND DATE: October 4, 2007, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

PLACE: This meeting will take place telephonically. Any interested person may call Mr. Avelino Gutierrez at (505)