

interested parties. If you have any information regarding historic resources, endangered species, or other sensitive issues that could be affected by this project, please notify this office. Also, please indicate if you would be interested in being notified at the completion of historic resources studies.

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

(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.)

Issued on: January 29, 2002.

Maiser Khaled,

District Engineer, Sacramento, California.

[FR Doc. 02-5758 Filed 3-8-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-22-M

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Westchester County, New York

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), 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 a proposed highway project in Westchester County, New York.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert A. Dennison III, P.E., Regional Director, NYSDOT Region 8; Eleanor Roosevelt State Office Building; 4 Burnett Boulevard; Poughkeepsie, NY 12603; Telephone: (845) 431-5750; or, Robert E. Arnold, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, Room 719, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207; Telephone: (518) 431-4127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve NYS Route 9A in Westchester County, New York. The proposed improvements will involve the reconstruction of approximately 2.5 miles of the existing route from just south of Route 119 to just north of Route 100C in the Towns of Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant and Village of Elmsford. The improvements

to Route 9A are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand and to improve safety. Also, included in this proposal is the replacement of the existing Route 100C bridge over Route 9A and a new I-287 eastbound exit ramp to Route 9A.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no actions; (2) widening and reconstructing Route 9A; (3) widening and reconstructing Route 9A and providing a new eastbound Cross Westchester Expressway (Route I-287) off ramp; (4) widening and reconstructing 9A, providing new eastbound Cross Westchester Expressway (Route I-287) off ramp, and improving access to major industrial/commercial area; and (5) constructing a bypass on new alignment in association with the widening and reconstruction of Route 9A. Incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives will be design variations of grade and alignment.

Letter describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in this proposal. A series of public information meetings will be held in the Town of Greenburgh between March 2002 and June 2003. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS, when prepared, will be available for public and agency review and comment. A formal NEPA scoping meeting will be held at the Greenburgh Town Hall, 320 Tarrytown Road, Elmsford, New York 10523, on Wednesday, March 27, 2002. At 3:30 P.M. a meeting will be held for Federal, State, and Local agencies and at 7:15 P.M. a meeting for the general public and all interested parties. Each meeting will be preceded by a 30-minute open house during which attendees can view concept plans and interact with project team members.

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 the NYSDOT or FHWA at the addresses provided above.

(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. 315; 23 CFR 771.123.

Issued on: February 25, 2002.

Douglas P. Conlan,

District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Albany, New York.

[FR Doc. 02-5759 Filed 3-8-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-22-M

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0601]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0601" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0601."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Loan Guaranty: Requirements for Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loans.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0601.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA is authorized to guarantee loans to veterans to refinance existing mortgage loans previously guaranteed by VA provided the veteran still owns the property used as security for the loan. Lenders must collect certain information concerning the veteran and the veteran's credit history (and spouse or other co-borrower, as