

their own for purposes of complying with NEPA. FHWA will coordinate with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on cultural resources and develop a Section 4(f) Evaluation as appropriate. In addition, FHWA will solicit comments by circulating the final environmental impact statement and send out letters describing our intentions and changes that have occurred to the project to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, private organizations, and citizens who have previously been involved or are known to have an interest in this proposal. Finally, notice of the document's availability will be published in local newspapers.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are identified and addressed, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Frederick County, Maryland

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent.

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SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public and interested agencies that an environmental impact statement will no longer be prepared for the proposed East Street Extended project in the City of Frederick, Maryland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was prepared by the City of Frederick and approved by the Federal Highway Administration, and a public hearing was conducted in 1983. The project was placed on hiatus following the public hearing and was recently reinitiated in a scaled back version as a project being undertaken in cooperation with the City

of Frederick and the Maryland State Highway Administration.

We have determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is no longer the appropriate level of documentation to assess the changes for the revised proposed project because of the reduced level and extent of environmental impacts. Instead, an Environmental Assessment/Section 4(f) Evaluation will be prepared and circulated for public and agency review and comment for 45 days beginning on August 3, 1998. The limits of the proposed project originally extended from north of 9th Street to the vicinity of I-70 (interchange at I-70 and Walser Drive) and included improvements in the existing East Street corridor as well as an extension of East Street on new location from its current terminus to an interchange at I-70 and Walser Drive. The revised proposed project now consists only of the extension to the I-70 interchange. A public hearing will be conducted in late August 1998.

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

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