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COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED ON HIGHWAY-TRANSIT RULE

The comment period on the proposed regulation covering the preparation of environmental impact statements for highway and transit projects has been extended to Dec. 3, the Department of Transportation said today.

The draft regulation originally published in the Federal Register on Oct. 15 would establish environmental policy and procedures and provide for citizen participation in formulating the final rule. It also would set environmental goals and provide for protection of the environment during the construction and operation of highway and mass transit projects.

The extension of the comment period from Nov. 14 to Dec. 3 was made in response to requests from environmentalists, state and local officials and other interested parties.

The proposed regulation appeared in the Oct. 15 issue of the Federal Register. Copies of the draft rule also may be obtained from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, Office of Public Affairs (UPA-1), Washington, D.C. 20590.

Comments, preferably in triplicate, should be sent to the Federal Highway Administration, Docket 79-26, Room 4206 (HCC-10), Washington, D.C. 20590.

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