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10/20/2017 – Regulatory Streamlining Reform on Trump Administration DOT Agenda

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) published a proposed rule that would establish a pilot program authorizing up to five States to conduct environmental reviews and approve projects under State regulations instead of under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOT is proposing this pilot program pursuant to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), which included a title design to "streamline" regulatory burdens. [Comments must be received by **November 27, 2017** (reference: Docket No. FHWA-2016-0037. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments].

See also:

(1) DOT published a proposed rule seeking input from the public on reducing regulatory burdens in compliance with Executive Orders 13771, 13777, & 13783. Pursuit to the President's E.O.'s DOL is reviewing its existing regulations and other agency actions to evaluate their continued necessity, determine whether they are crafted effectively to solve current problems, and evaluate whether they potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources. As part of these reviews, the Department invites the public to provide input on existing rules and other agency actions that are good candidates for repeal, replacement, suspension, or modification. [Comments must be received by **November 1, 2017** (reference: Docket No. DOT-OST-2017-0069. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Any late filings will be considered if practicable].

(2) DOT is [seeking](#) comments on a separate proposal to revise DOT regulations implementing NEPA section 4(f). DOT agencies propose to modify the FHWA/FTA Environmental Impact and Related Procedures due to changes to the environmental review process made by the FAST Act and to modify the Parks, Recreation Areas, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges, and Historic Sites regulations due to new exceptions created by the FAST Act. [Firms interested in commenting on this rulemaking must submit their views by **November 28, 2017** (reference: Docket No. FHWA-2015-0011. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments].