



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with Tillamook County, is issuing this notice to inform the public that FHWA has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on January 18, 2018 based on the October 18, 2017 Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Cape Meares Road Relocation Project. The EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA Regulations set forth in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500 to 1508, including the guidelines for determining the significance of proposed federal action (40 CFR 1508.27), and with FHWA Regulations contained in 23 CFR Part 771.

Lead Agency and File Number: FHWA, file number OR TILLAMOOK B780(1)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Chariarse, Environmental Specialist at FHWA, at jennifer.chariarse@dot.gov or (360) 619-7700. Copies of the FONSI and EA are available for viewing or download from the Tillamook County's Project website at <http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/pw/Projects.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Cape Meares Road Relocation Project is to restore service on Cape Meares Loop Road and reopen this section of the Three Capes Scenic Route which provides visitor access to Cape Meares National Wildlife Refuge and Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint and Lighthouse. The project would also provide nearby communities and visitors to the area with a tsunami escape route and an emergency detour route when landslides and roadway closures close other routes.

The EA evaluated a Preferred Alternative and a No Build Alternative, which were advanced after FHWA considered a reasonable range of alternatives during the project's alternatives analysis. FHWA has decided to implement the Preferred Alternative evaluated in the EA as the project's Selected Alternative. Comments received through the public involvement and EA review process were considered in this decision. Based on the evidence and analysis in the EA, FHWA determined that the Selected Alternative will not result in significant impacts on the human environment. As a result of these findings, FHWA determines that an environmental impact statement is not required by section 102(2)(C) of NEPA or its implementing regulations.

Issued on January 18, 2018 by Dan Donovan, Chief of Business Operations, FHWA. Vancouver, Washington.