

Portage), approximately 35 miles. The project limits also include WIS 30 from East Washington Avenue to I-39/90/94, I-94 from I-39/90 to Dane County N, US 151 from I-39/90/94 to Main Street in Sun Prairie, and the I-39/90/94, US 51 & WIS 19 "triangle" in DeForest, including operational areas of influence at each interchange. The preliminary purpose of this project identified by FHWA and WisDOT is to address infrastructure needs; highway safety issues and design deficiencies; accommodate existing and projected traffic volumes; and improve the transportation system's ability to support local and regional tourism economies. There will be opportunities for public and agency involvement in further defining the Purpose and Need of the project.

FHWA's decision to prepare an EIS is based on the initial environmental investigation that indicates the proposed action is likely to have significant impacts on the environment, including wetlands. The study began preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the corridor, but due to project complexity and funding limitations, FHWA and WisDOT have decided to prepare a Tiered EIS instead of a traditional EIS. The Tier 1 EIS will analyze the project on a broad scale and identify a preferred corridor location for potential future improvements. The Tier 1 EIS will evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts for a range of alternatives within the existing I-39/90/94 corridor and improvements along other corridors.

More detailed analysis will be prepared for a 6.6 mile portion of the corridor from Columbia County Highway CS to the I-39/WIS 78 interchange. The purpose of the more detailed analysis is to address bridge structural needs at the Wisconsin River crossing due to the limited remaining operational life. The analysis would examine the impacts of construction and identify a preferred alternative; this analysis would ensure that bridge replacement could occur within the necessary time frame (by 2025).

Subsequent Tier 2 environmental documents will be prepared with a greater degree of engineering detail for specific improvements in the remainder of the corridor. The alternative analysis in the Tier 2 documents will include, but is not limited to, the alternatives that have been developed as part of the previous EIS study.

The Tier 1 EIS will be prepared in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 139, 23 CFR 771 and 40 CFR parts 1500-1508. Completion of the Tier 1 EIS and the

Record of Decision (ROD) is expected in 2018.

Public involvement is a critical component of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will occur throughout the development of the draft and final Tier 1 EIS. All environmental documents will be made available for review by federal and state resource agencies and the public. Specific efforts to encourage involvement by, and solicit comments from, minority and low-income populations in the project study area will be made, with public involvement meetings held throughout the environmental document process. Public notice will be given as to the time and place of public involvement meetings. A public hearing will be held after the completion of the Draft Tier 1 EIS.

Inquiries about the EIS can be sent to [robert.knorr@dot.wi.gov](mailto:robert.knorr@dot.wi.gov). A public Web site will be maintained throughout the study to provide information about the project and allow for on-line public comment (<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/399094/default.aspx>). To ensure the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action and this notice should be directed to the FHWA address provided above.

Projects receiving Federal funds must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and Executive Order 12898 "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations." Federal law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, sex, or country of national origin in the implementation of this project. It is also Federal policy to identify and address any disproportionately high and adverse effects of federal projects on the health or environment of minority and low income populations to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway 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; 49 CFR 1.48.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2015-0014]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by November 23, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID 2015-0014 by any of the following methods:

*Web site:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

*Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cliff Pearson, 202-366-9488, [clifford.pearson@dot.gov](mailto:clifford.pearson@dot.gov); Office of Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Fixed Residential Moving Cost Schedule

*Background:* Relocation assistance payments to owners and tenants who move personal property for a Federal or federally-assisted program or project is governed by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (Uniform Act). 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 24, is the implementing regulation for the Uniform Act. 49 CFR 24.301 addresses payments for actual and reasonable moving and related expenses. The fixed residential moving cost schedule is an administrative alternative to reimbursement of actual moving costs. This option provides flexibility for the agency and affected property owners and tenants. The FHWA requests the State Departments of Transportation (State DOTs) to analyze moving cost data periodically to assure that the fixed residential moving cost schedules accurately reflect reasonable moving and related expenses. The regulation allows State DOTs flexibility in determining how to collect the cost data in order to reduce the burden of government regulation. Updated State fixed residential moving costs are submitted to the FHWA electronically.

*Respondents:* State Departments of Transportation (52, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico).

*Frequency:* Once every 3 years.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 24 hours per respondent.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 24 hours for each of the 52 State Departments of Transportation. The total is 1,248 burden hours, once every 3 years, or 416 hours annually.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: September 18, 2015.

**Michael Howell,**

*Information Collection Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2125-0025; OMB control Number 2125-0586]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection; State Right-of-Way Manuals

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a revision of a currently approved collection, which is summarized in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by November 23, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID 2125-0025 by any of the following methods:

*Web site:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

*Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosemary Jones, 202-366-2042, Office of Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* State Right-of-Way Operations Manuals.

*Background:* It is the responsibility of each State Department of Transportation (State) to acquire, manage and dispose of real property in compliance with the legal requirements of State and Federal laws and regulations. Part of providing assurance of compliance is to describe

in a right-of-way procedural (operations) manual the organization, policies and procedures of the State to such an extent that these guide State employees, local acquiring agencies, and contractors who acquire and manage real property that is used for a federally funded transportation project. Procedural manuals assure the FHWA that the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (Uniform Act) will be met. The State responsibility to prepare and maintain an up-to-date, right-of-way procedural manual is set out in 23 CFR 710.201(c). The regulation allows States flexibility in determining how to meet the manual requirement. This flexibility allows States to prepare manuals in the format of their choosing, to the level of detail necessitated by State complexities. Each State decides how it will provide service to individuals and businesses affected by Federal or federally-assisted projects, while at the same time reducing the burden of government regulation. States are required to update manuals to reflect changes in Federal requirements for programs administered under Title 23 U.S.C. In addition to the annual updates, further lengthy updates of each manual will be required due to the amending of 23 CFR part 710 and 49 CFR part 24 regulations, as prompted by the enactment of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The updated State manuals may be submitted to FHWA electronically or made available by posting on the State Web site.

#### *Respondents:*

*Regular update of manual*—52 State Departments of Transportation, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico (52 respondents)

*23 CFR part 710 regulatory revisions*—52 State Departments of Transportation, including District of Columbia and Puerto Rico (52 respondents)

*49 CFR part 24 regulatory revisions*—two additional DOT Modes with 50 large grantees each (100 respondents) & 12 additional agencies with 12 grantees (12 respondents) 112 respondents

#### *Frequency:*

*Regular update of manual*—Annual basis and certify every 5 years.

*23 CFR part 710 regulatory revisions*—a one-time collection.

*49 CFR part 24 regulatory revisions*—a one-time collection.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:*

*Regular update of manual*—15 hours.

*23 CFR part 710 regulatory revisions*—225 hours.