

109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On May 9, 2016, FTA published a 60-day notice (81 FR 28158) in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments on the ICR that the agency was seeking OMB approval. FTA received no comments after issuing this 60-day notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507 (b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

OMB Control Number: 2132–0576.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. Section 5339, the Bus and Bus Facilities Program, was originally authorized by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP–21). The program was reauthorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Section 3017. This program authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to provide funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological

changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.

Funding is provided through formula allocations and competitive grants. With the passing of the FAST Act, two competitive grant programs were added: 5339(b) for bus and bus facility projects and 5339(c) for bus and bus facility projects that support low and zero-emission vehicles. Eligible recipients include 5307 Direct Recipients, States and Federally Recognized Tribes. Eligible sub-recipients include those recipients that receive a grant under the formula or discretionary programs and may allocate amounts from the grant to sub-recipients that are public agencies or private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation. Recipients apply for grants electronically and FTA collects milestone and financial status reports from designated recipients and states on a quarterly basis. The information submitted ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws.

Annual Estimated Total Burden Hours: 60,650 hours.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer. Alternatively, comments may be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget, at the following address: oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov.

Comments are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

William Hyre,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA–2016–0033]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collections and their expected burdens. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on May 9, 2016 (81 FR 28157).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 2, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tia Swain, Office of Administration, Management Planning Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop TAD–10, Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366–0354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13, Section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On May 9, 2016, FTA published a 60-day notice (81 FR 28157) in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments on the ICR that the agency was seeking OMB approval. FTA received no comments after issuing this 60-day notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is

published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5337, the State of Good Repair Grants Program.

OMB Control Number: 2132–0577.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. Section 5337, the State of Good Repair Grants Program was authorized by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP–21). It was reauthorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Section 3015. This program authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to designated recipients to maintain, replace, and rehabilitate high intensity fixed guideway systems and high intensity motorbus systems. Eligible recipients include state and local government authorities in urbanized areas with high intensity fixed guideway systems and/or high intensity motorbus systems operating for at least seven years. Projects are funded at 80 percent federal with a 20 percent local match requirement by statute. FTA will apportion funds to designated recipients. The designated recipients will then allocate funds as appropriate to recipients that are public entities in the urbanized areas. FTA can make grants to direct recipients after sub-allocation of funds. Recipients apply for grants electronically, and FTA collects milestone and financial status reports from designated recipients on a quarterly basis. The information submitted ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws.

Annual Estimated Total Burden Hours: 9,120 hours.

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Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer.

Alternatively, comments may be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget, at the following address: oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov.

Comments are Invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

William Hyre,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Acceptance of Applications for the Award of Two Maritime Security Program Operating Agreements

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of application period for the Maritime Security Program.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is issuing this request for applications for eligible vessels to enroll in two Maritime Security Program (MSP) Operating Agreements, subject to the availability of appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of the Maritime Security Act of 2003, Public Law 108–136, div. C, title XXXV, as amended by Section 3508 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, Public Law 112–239 (NDAA 2013). The MSP maintains a fleet of active, commercially viable, militarily useful, privately owned vessels to meet national defense and other security requirements and to maintain a United States presence in international commercial shipping. This request for applications provides, among other things, application criteria and a deadline for submitting

applications for vessel enrollment in the MSP.

DATES: Applications for the enrollment of two vessels must be received no later than November 2, 2016. Applications should be submitted to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below.

ADDRESSES: Application forms and instructions are available on the MARAD Web site at <http://www.marad.dot.gov/ships-and-shipping/strategic-sealift/maritime-security-program-msp/>. Applications shall be addressed to the Director, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W25–310, Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William G. McDonald, Director, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, (202) 366–0688. For military utility questions, call Mr. Tim Boemecke, United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), (618) 220–1452.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 53102(a) of Title 46, United States Code, directs the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary), in consultation with the Secretary of Defense (SecDef), to establish a fleet of active, commercially-viable, militarily-useful, privately-owned vessels to meet national defense and other security requirements. Payments to participating operators are subject to the availability of appropriations and are limited to the following amounts: \$3.5 million per ship for FY 2016, \$4.99995 million per ship for FY 2017, \$5.0 million per ship for FY 2018 through 2020, \$5.233463 million per ship for FY 2021, and \$3.7 million per ship for FY 2022 through FY 2025. Consistent with the National Security Requirements section below, participating operators are required to make their commercial transportation resources available upon request by SecDef during times of war or national emergency.

Application Criteria

The NDAA 2013 amended the procedures in 46 U.S.C. 53103(c) for awarding new MSP Operating Agreements. Namely, it established a revised priority system whereby applications would first be evaluated on the basis of vessel type, as determined by Department of Defense (DOD) requirements, with secondary consideration then provided to the citizenship status of the applicant.