Notice of Request for Revisions of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the revisions of the following information collection: Nondiscrimination as it Applies to FTA Grant Programs.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before May 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that your comments are entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

   Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (Note: The U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT’s) electronic docket is no longer accepting submissions.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at www.regulations.gov. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.


4. Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M–30, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Instructions: You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to Internet users, without change, to www.regulations.gov.

You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit www.regulations.gov.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to www.regulations.gov at any time. Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M–30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alana Kuhn, Office of Civil Rights, (202) 366–1412, or email at AlanaKuhn@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: Nondiscrimination as It Applies to FTA Grant Programs (OMB Number: 2132–0542)

Background: The Federal Transit Laws, 49 U.S.C. 5332(b), provide that “no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or age be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any project, program or activity funded in whole or in part through financial assistance under this Act.” This applies to employment and business opportunities and is considered to be in addition to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Any FTA applicant, recipient, sub-recipient, and contractor who employ 100 or more transit-related employees and requests or receives capital or operating assistance in excess of $1 million in the previous Federal fiscal year, or requests or receives planning assistance in excess of $250,000 in the previous Federal fiscal year must implement all of the EEO Program elements. Agencies that have between 50–99 transit-related employees are required to prepare and maintain an EEO Program that includes the statement of policy, dissemination plan, designation of personnel, assessment of employment practices, and a monitoring and reporting system.

Respondents: Transit agencies, States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 25 hours for each of the 97 EEO submissions.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,425 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

William Hyre, Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice To Rescind Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Gateway Corridor Project From Saint Paul to Woodbury in Ramsey and Washington Counties, Minnesota

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Rescind Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The FTA, in cooperation with the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRA) and the Metropolitan Council, is issuing this notice to advise the public that the NOI to prepare an EIS for the proposed Gateway Corridor project from Saint Paul to Woodbury in Ramsey and Washington Counties, Minnesota, is being rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Reggie Arkell, Community Planner, Federal Transit Administration, Region V, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606, phone 312–886–3704, email reginald.arkell@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FTA, as the lead federal agency, in cooperation with WCRRA and the Metropolitan Council, published a NOI in the Federal Register on February 12, 2014 (79 FR 8530–8532) to prepare an EIS for the proposed Gateway Corridor project. The Gateway Corridor project is a planned transitway approximately nine miles in length located in Ramsey and Washington Counties in the eastern part of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, Minnesota. The project is located in a corridor generally parallel to...
Interstate 94 [I–94]. The purpose is to provide improved public transportation between downtown Saint Paul with its east side neighborhoods and the suburban cities of Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, and Woodbury. Since the NOI was published, through the environmental review and locally preferred alternative decision-making process, the potential project length has been reduced by approximately three miles and the transit technologies under evaluation have been reduced from light rail transit, bus rapid transit (BRT), and managed lanes to only BRT. Both these changes have minimized the potential impact of the proposed action. FTA, WCRRA, and the Metropolitan Council anticipate that an environmental assessment (EA), leading to a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONS1), would be the appropriate class of action under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for this project. Therefore, the FTA has decided to rescind the NOI for the EIS.

Comments and questions concerning the proposed actions should be directed to FTA at the address provided above.

Marisol R. Simón, Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Global Positioning System Adjacent Band Compatibility Assessment Workshop VI

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST–R), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Department of Transportation will host its sixth workshop on the Global Positioning System (GPS) Adjacent Band Compatibility Assessment effort. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the results from testing of various categories of GPS/GNSS receivers and networks, timed and space-based receivers, as well as use-case scenarios for these categories. This workshop is open to the general public by registration only. For those who would like to attend the workshop, please use the following link to register: https://volpecenterevents.webex.com/volpecenter/events/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8b1c57d844d6cceda24a06286e4ac48. You must include:

- Name
- Organization
- Telephone number
- Mailing and email addresses
- Attendance method (WebEx or on site)
- Country of citizenship

The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this workshop for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please contact Stephen Mackey (contact information listed below) with your request by close of business March 24, 2017.

DATES: Date/Time: March 30, 2017 10:00AM–4:00PM (Eastern Daylight Time).


Several days leading up to the workshop, an email containing the agenda, dial-in, and WebEx information will be provided.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The goal of the GPS Adjacent Band Compatibility Assessment Study is to evaluate the adjacent radio frequency band power levels that can be tolerated by GPS/GNSS receivers, and advance the Department’s understanding of the extent to which such power levels impact devices used for transportation safety purposes, among other GPS/GNSS applications. The Department obtained input from broad public outreach in development of its GPS Adjacent Band Compatibility Assessment Test Plan that included four public meetings with stakeholders on September 18 and December 4, 2014, and March 12 and October 2, 2015, public issuance of a draft test plan on September 9, 2015 (see 80 FR 54368), and comments received regarding the test plan. The final test plan was published March 9, 2016 (see 81 FR 12564) and requested voluntary participation in this Study by any interested GPS/GNSS device manufacturers or other parties whose products incorporate GPS/GNSS devices. In April 2016, radiated testing of GNSS devices took place in an anechoic chamber at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory at the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) facility in New Mexico. Additional lab testing was conducted in July 2016 at Zeta Associates in Fairfax, Virginia and MITRE Corporation in Bedford, Massachusetts. Initial test results were presented at a fifth public workshop on October 14, 2016 (see 81 FR 68105).


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Audrey Farley, Executive Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary


Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection(s): Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (DOT) invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves Transportation Drug and Alcohol Testing. The information to be collected will be used to document tests conducted and actions taken to ensure safety in the workplace and/or is necessary because under the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, DOT is required to implement a drug and alcohol testing program in various transportation-related industries. DOT is required to publish this notice in the Federal Register in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments to this notice must be received by May 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Web Site: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.
- Mail or Hand Delivery: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey