FMCSA determined that an additional field to determine if the delay is due to a customer request or actual delay would require funding and time that is not currently available. Furthermore, given that not all States currently use CSTIMs, FMCSA cannot justify pursuing this route at this time, but will continue discussions with AAMVA for future efforts, as appropriate.

Several comments addressed how the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of collected information. One commenter indicated that they believe the burden is minimal as it stands. Another commenter suggested that as States become accustomed to this annual data collection, States will be able to collect data in a timelier manner.

One commenter suggested the burden could be minimized by not requiring a year’s worth of data to be accumulated and calculated. The commenter suggested that FMCSA distribute a quarterly “snapshot” survey to collect wait times across different seasons and different locales, or to work with AAMVA to readily produce this information in CSTIMs. FMCSA did not intend for every CDL skills test to be included in the average and has provided more concrete instructions for States to collect data that is meaningful while not being overly burdensome.

FMCSA has considered the suggestion for a quarterly snapshot survey, and will include a voluntary quarterly survey after the first annual survey. This has been accurately updated in burden estimates and in the information collection package.

Finally, one commenter reported that if they are required to modify their systems to provide the information subject to this ICR, grant funding would be necessary and it would require a long time period to complete these efforts. FMCSA does not intend for States to be required to modify their existing systems, and believes most of the information required should be readily available to a certain degree of granularity.

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 FMCSA to perform it’s functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

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