Description of Relief Sought: Drone Amplified, LLC (Drone Amplified) is seeking an exemption to commercially operate the DJI Matrice 600 small unmanned aircraft system (UAS) with line of sight operation, during the day, at altitudes under 400 feet above ground level (AGL), to operate for commercial agricultural related services by performing interior ignitions with the small UAS to aid firefighters performing prescribed burns in remote and sparsely populated locations.

For legal questions, please contact Mr. Jomar Maldonado, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366–1373, Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001, or via email at jomar.maldonado@dot.gov. Business hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access and Filing

A copy of the Project Management Plan Guidance is available for download and public inspection under the docket number noted above at the Federal eRulemaking portal at: http://www.regulations.gov. You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Federal eRulemaking portal at: http://www.regulations.gov. The Web site is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the Web site.


Background

Major projects are defined in 23 U.S.C. 106(h) as projects receiving Federal financial assistance with an estimated total cost of $500,000,000, or other projects as may be identified by the Secretary. Major projects are typically large, complex projects designed to address major highway needs and require the investment of significant financial resources. The preparation of a Project Management Plan, as required by 23 U.S.C. 106(h), ensures successful project delivery and the maintenance of public trust, support, and confidence throughout the life of the project. The Plans clearly define the responsibilities of the agency leadership and management team. Further, such plans document the procedures and processes to provide timely information to project decisionmakers.

The Project Management Plan Guidance replaces the existing January 2009 guidance. Current guidance is over 7 years old and in need of clarification. This new guidance is less prescriptive, in light of an increased understanding of Project Management Plans by FHWA and Project Managers. Further, a recent DOT Office of Inspector General audit expressed the need for more clarity in the guidance on when to prepare Project Management Plan updates. Finally, while current guidance includes best practices for managing major projects, these practices are not included in the new guidance. Rather, best management practices will be developed as a separate resource to be shared with project sponsors and FHWA staff.

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Authority: 23 U.S.C. 106(h); 49 CFR 1.85.


Walter C. Waidelich, Jr.,
Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harold Fink, Deputy Chief Engineer, New York State Department of Transportation, Hunters Point Plaza 47–40 21st Street, Long Island City, New York 11101, Telephone: (718) 482–4683; or Peter W. Osborn, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo O’Brien Federal Building, 7th Floor, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone: (518) 431–4127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on a proposal to improve access between the Hunts Point Peninsula and the Sheridan and Bruckner Expressways (I-895 and I-278).

The Hunts Point Peninsula is located in the South Bronx, New York, and is home to the Hunts Point Food Distribution Center, the largest food distribution facility in the nation. The Hunts Point Peninsula is also home to many industrial and commercial properties outside of the food distribution center. There is also a residential area in the northeastern portion of the peninsula. To access the food distribution center, vehicles must exit the interstate highway network and use local streets. The needs for the project are to improve access to and from the Hunts Point Peninsula and the Hunts Point Food Distribution Center/ commercial establishments, to address the existing non-standard geometric features of the Bruckner/Sheridan Interchange to improve operations, and to address infrastructure deficiencies on the Bruckner Expressway viaduct and ramps and truss bridge carrying westbound Bruckner Expressway and Bruckner Boulevard over Amtrak.

The purpose of the project is to provide improved access between the Hunts Point Peninsula and the Sheridan and Bruckner Expressways for automobiles and trucks traveling to and from the commercial businesses located on the peninsula. In addition, the project will address structural and operational deficiencies related to the existing infrastructure within the established project limits.

A reasonable range of alternatives is currently being developed and will be refined during the NEPA scoping process in consideration of agency and public comments received.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to Cooperating and Participating Agencies. Public and agency outreach will include a formal public scoping meeting, a public hearing, and meetings with Cooperating and Participating Agencies. Public notice will be given of the date, time, and location of the scoping meeting and hearing. To assist in determining the scope of issues to be addressed and identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action, the general public will have the opportunity to submit written comments at the scoping meeting and during a scoping comment period. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the NYSDOT and FHWA at the addresses provided above.


Peter W. Osborn, Division Administrator, Albany, New York.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration
Survey of Plant and Insular Tourist Railroads Subject to FRA Bridge Safety Standards

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for information.

SUMMARY: FRA is issuing this notice to supplement a prior notice and request for comments by which FRA requested railroads serving a plant, and moving railroad equipment over bridges within the plant, or the plant itself, to advise FRA by email or telephone if there are railroad bridges within the plant potentially subject to FRA Bridge Safety Standards. FRA also requested insular tourist railroads with tracks supported by one or more bridges to advise FRA of the existence of their bridges by email or telephone. This notice provides the email address railroads should use and extends the date to submit comments in response to the prior notice.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than July 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Killingbeck, Chief Engineer—Structures, Bridge & Structures Division, Office of Technical Oversight, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, 3rd Floor—West, Washington, DC, 20590, (202) 493–6251.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Email notifications responding to FRA’s notice and request for information published April 11, 2017 (see 82 FR 17498) should be sent to FRAPlantTouristSurvey@dot.gov and include the name of the plant or insular tourist railroad, that entity’s address (including city and State), and a contact name, telephone number, and email address. Notification may also be made by telephone to David Killingbeck at (202) 493–6251. The date for comments in response to the notice and request for information published in the Federal Register on April 11, 2017, has been extended to the date listed in the DATES section above.

John Seguin, Acting Chief Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of the Secretary
Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 this notice announces the Department of Transportation’s (Department) intention to reinstate an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number for the collection and posting of certain aviation consumer protection-related information from U.S. carriers and foreign carriers. On April 25, 2011, the DOT issued a final rule that, among other things, extended existing consumer protection requirements that previously applied only to U.S. carriers to foreign carriers and required that certain U.S. and foreign air carriers report tarmac delay information to the DOT for passenger operations that experience a tarmac delay time of 3 hours or more at a U.S. airport (See, DOT–OST–2010–0140). This request seeks to reinstate the control number that is associated with the information collection requirements in that rule, OMB Control Number 2105–0561.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 21, 2017. Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.


• Hand delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W–12/140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.