the project’s performance using measures mutually agreed upon by FRA and the grantee to assess progress in achieving strategic goals and objectives.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts

For further information regarding this notice and the grants program, please contact Ms. Amy Houser, Office of Program Delivery, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W36–412, Washington, DC 20590; email: amy.houser@dot.gov; phone: 202–493–0303.

H. Other Information

All information submitted as part of or in support of any application shall use publicly available data or data that can be made public and methodologies that are accepted by industry practice and standards, to the extent possible. If the application includes information the applicant considers to be a trade secret or confidential or commercial or financial information, the applicant should do the following: (1) Note on the front cover that the submission “Contains Confidential Business Information (CBI)”; (2) mark each affected page “CBI”; and (3) highlight or otherwise denote the CBI portions.

DOT protects such information from disclosure to the extent allowed under applicable law. In the event DOT receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, DOT will follow the procedures described in its FOIA regulations at 49 CFR 7.17. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under that procedure will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

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Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration


Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections. This document describes the collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number NHTSA–2018–0057 using any of the following methods:

Electronic submissions: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.


Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.


Instructions: Each submission must include the agency name and the docket number for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kathy Sifrit, Contracting Officer’s Representative, Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NPD–320), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Sifrit’s phone number is 202–366–0868, and her email address is kathy.sifrit@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the Federal Register providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB’s regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

Title: Hazard Perception and Distracted Driving Training Intervention for Teens.

Type of Request: New information collection.

OMB Clearance Number: None. Requested Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to collect information from licensed teen drivers for a one-time voluntary study to evaluate Risk Awareness and Perception Training (RAPT), a hazard perception and distracted driving training intervention for teens to improve driving safety. NHTSA proposes to collect information from newly-licensed teen drivers to determine (1) their eligibility to participate in a study to evaluate RAPT hazard perception training; (2) their hazard perception performance before and after they complete RAPT or placebo training, and again six months after training; and (3) their driving exposure via driving logs to account for potential differences across participants. In addition, participants will agree to allow researchers to access their crash and citation records for the first six months of driving to support analyses of the effects of RAPT training on crash and citation rates.

These data will be analyzed to determine (1) whether, during the first six months of driving, new drivers who complete RAPT training have fewer crashes or traffic violations on their driving records than comparison group members who receive placebo training, (2) when they do crash, is there a difference in severity and at-fault between drivers who took RAPT training versus those who received placebo training, (3) is there a difference in driving exposure between those who
did and did not crash, and (4) is there an interaction between sex and training group as measured by crashes or crash type.

NHTSA will provide recruiting letters to an estimated 15,000 newly licensed drivers ages 16 through 19. Participation will be voluntary and solicited through the distribution of recruiting letters at Department of Motor Vehicle locations (DMVs) when new drivers obtain their license. The letter will contain the information a teen and their guardian(s) need to make an informed decision about participating in this study. Consent will be obtained through an informed consent agreement approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Consented study participants will be randomly assigned within age (16, 17, 18 or 19 years) and sex categories to either participation in the RAPT or the placebo condition. Participants in the RAPT condition will complete the training protocol, which will include questions about their driving exposure and crash history in addition to hazard recognition training. Those in the placebo condition will view a vehicle maintenance video and respond to the same driving exposure and crash/ offense history questions. The RAPT training protocol is a computerized training tool. Data regarding hazard perception skills before and after the training will be captured as part of the computerized program. Participants will also be invited to complete a six-month follow up test to see whether they retained the RAPT training. The initial invitation letter to participate in the study inclusion criteria, for a total of 12,542 hours. The total estimated burden includes: (1) the informed consent and completing the data collection and training protocol for a total of 7,500 hours. A subsample of 2,000 (of the 10,000) participants will also be asked to complete a one-week trip log. Completing the trip log will take an estimated 5 minutes per day or 35 minutes per week for a total of 1,167 hours. Finally, 7,500 (of the 10,000) participants will be asked to complete the six-month follow-up test lasting 15 minutes for a total of 1,875 hours.

The initial invitation letter will be presented to 15,000 teens in the first jurisdiction and 5,000 teens in the second. Teens and their guardian(s) are expected to take an average of 2 minutes each to review the letter, including study inclusion criteria, for a total of 2,000 hours (up to three respondents reviewing each letter). We expect to recruit 10,000 participants (half of the 20,000 invitees). Teens who agree to participate in the study are expected to spend 45 minutes reading and signing the informed consent and completing the data collection and training protocol for a total of 7,500 hours. A subsample of 2,000 (of the 10,000) participants will also be asked to complete a one-week trip log. Completing the trip log will take an estimated 5 minutes per day or 35 minutes per week for a total of 1,167 hours. Finally, 7,500 (of the 10,000) participants will be asked to complete the six-month follow-up test lasting 15 minutes for a total of 1,875 hours.

The total estimated burden for recruitment (2,000 hours), the initial training and data collection (7,500 hours), the trip log (1,167 hours) and the follow-up data collection (1,875) is 12,542 hours.


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