

they changed extensively since their inception. One addition included in SAFETEA-LU is the Small Starts program. The Small Starts program enables projects with a lesser total capital cost and smaller requested share of New Starts funds to progress through a simplified and streamlined project evaluation and data collection process. In general, though, the information used by FTA for New and Small Starts project evaluation and rating purposes should arise as a part of the normal planning process.

FTA has been collecting project evaluation information from project sponsors under the existing OMB approval for this program (OMB No. 2132-0561). However, due to modifications in project evaluation criteria for the New Starts program and the addition of the Small Starts program, it became apparent that some information required might be beyond the scope of ordinary planning activities.

SAFETEA-LU created additional requirements for before-and-after data collection for purposes of Government Performance and Results Act reporting as a condition of obtaining a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) or a Project Construction Grant Agreement (PCGA).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 38,760 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.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2009-0037]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration invites public comment about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew the following information collection: Metropolitan and Statewide Transportation Planning (OMB Number: 2132-0529). The information to be collected for this program is to evaluate proposed New and Small Starts projects. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on April 27, 2009.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before September 8, 2009. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaStar Matthews, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366-2295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Metropolitan and Statewide Transportation Planning.

Abstract: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) jointly carry out the federal mandate to improve urban and rural transportation. 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303 and 5304 and 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135 authorize the use of federal funds to assist Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), States, and local public bodies in developing transportation plans and programs to serve the transportation needs of urbanized areas over 50,000 in population and other areas of States outside of urbanized areas. The information collection activities involved in developing the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Long Range Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) are necessary to identify and evaluate the transportation issues and needs in each urbanized area and throughout every state. These products of the transportation planning process are essential elements in the reasonable planning and programming of federally funded transportation investments.

In addition to serving as management tools for MPOs and State DOTs, the UPWP and State Planning and Research (SP&R) Work Program are used by both FTA and FHWA to monitor the transportation planning activities of those agencies. It is also needed to establish national out year budgets and regional program plans, develop policy on using funds, monitor State and local compliance with national technical emphasis areas, respond to Congressional inquiries, prepare Congressional testimony, and ensure efficiency in the use and expenditure of federal funds by determining that planning proposals are both reasonable and cost-effective. 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 and 23 U.S.C. 134(h) require the development of TIPs for urbanized areas; STIPs are mandated by 49 U.S.C. Section 5304 and 23 U.S.C. 235(f) for an entire State. After approval by the Governor and MPO, metropolitan TIPs in attainment areas are to be incorporated directly into the STIP. For nonattainment areas, FTA/FHWA must make a conformity finding on the TIPs before including them into the STIP. The complete STIP is then jointly reviewed and approved or disapproved by FTA and FHWA. These conformity findings and approval actions constitute the determination that States are complying with the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 235 and 49 U.S.C. Section 5304 as a condition of eligibility for federal-aid funding. Without these documents, approvals and findings, capital and/or operating assistance cannot be provided.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 38,760 hours.

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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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Office of Analysis, Research, and Technology Forum

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting/forum.

SUMMARY: FMCSA's Office of Analysis, Research, and Technology (ART) invites interested persons to participate in a forum regarding updating its 5-Year Strategic Plan (2010-2015). FMCSA is seeking input from industry leaders via two public Stakeholder Forums in order to identify and discuss key safety related challenges and opportunities facing the motor carrier industry, and to solicit ideas on research objectives that FMCSA should consider in developing its strategic plan—as well as on potential projects and programs that would help meet those safety research objectives. As a participant in the forum, attendees will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed mission, vision and strategic objectives (goals) for the 5-Year Strategic Plan, and provide any additional insights they feel will be important to the FMCSA.

Where and When:

Meeting # 1. Hyatt Place Denver Airport, 16250 E. 40th Ave., Aurora, CO 80011, on Thursday August 13, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Meeting # 2. Booz Allen Hamilton Conference Center, Hamilton 2011, 8283 Greensboro Dr., McLean, VA 22102, on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration: Space will be limited to the first 30 registered participants for each forum. To attend the forum, send an e-mail to: karen.robin@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Martin R. Walker, Office of Analysis, Research and Technology, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 385-2364 or e-mail martin.r.walker@dot.gov Or, contact Karen Robin in the same office at (202) 385-2373 or e-mail karen.robin@dot.gov Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ART is currently in the process of updating its 5-Year Strategic Plan, which was last issued in 2005. The updated plan seeks to articulate the ART's mission to reduce the number and severity of commercial motor vehicle crashes by expanding FMCSA's knowledge portfolio of available technological, behavioral, and operational approaches for addressing safety challenges in the motor carrier industry.

Forum attendees will receive an Information Packet on current programs the Office of Research and Technology is working on. While the forum will be open to the public, it will be limited to the space available. Individuals requiring special needs/ accommodations (sign, reader, etc.), please call Karen Robin at (202) 385-2373 or e-mail karen.robin@dot.gov.

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David Anewalt,

Acting Associate Administrator for Research and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 6478

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 6478, Alcohol and Cellulosic Biofuel Fuels Credit.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 5, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Robert Kennedy at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129,

1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3403, or through the Internet at Robert.J.Kennedy@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Alcohol and Cellulosic Biofuel Fuels Credit.

OMB Number: 1545-0231.

Form Number: Form 6478.

Abstract: Use Form 6478 to figure your alcohol and cellulosic biofuel fuels credit. You claim the credit for the tax year in which the sale or use occurs. The credit is determined under IRC section 40 and consists of the alcohol mixture credit, alcohol credit, small ethanol producer credit and cellulosic biofuel producer credit.

Current Actions: We deleted 3 lines in compliance with IRC section 40. We also deleted 8 lines to reflect changes made during the processing cycle of the 2008 Form 6478. This results in a total burden decrease of 8,811.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,300.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 6 hours, 48 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 22,473.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection