

with the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304 as a condition of eligibility for federal-aid funding. Without these documents, approvals and findings, FTA and FHWA cannot provide capital and/or operating assistance.

The FTA and FHWA updated their method for estimating the annual burden hours of the transportation planning programs on respondents to reflect the Final Rule on Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning and Metropolitan Transportation Planning. On July 6, 2012, the President signed into law Public Law 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and on December 4, 2015, signed into law Public Law 114-94, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST). The MAP-21 makes significant changes to the statewide and nonmetropolitan planning process and the metropolitan transportation planning process, and the FAST makes minor changes to existing provisions. As a result, FHWA and FTA have issued a final rule that makes the regulations consistent with current statutory requirements. The rule is central to the implementation of the overall performance management framework created by MAP-21.

The changes to the FHWA/FTA statewide and nonmetropolitan and metropolitan transportation planning regulations (23 CFR part 450 and 49 CFR part 613) make the regulations consistent with current statutory requirements. Major regulatory revisions include a new mandate for States and MPOs to take a performance-based approach to planning and programming; a new emphasis on the nonmetropolitan transportation planning process, by requiring States to have a higher level of involvement with nonmetropolitan local officials and providing a process for the creation of regional transportation planning organizations (RTPOs); a structural change to the membership of the larger MPOs; a new framework for voluntary scenario planning; and a process for programmatic mitigation plans. The revised burden hour estimates reflect the annual compliance burden of the requirements in the Final Rule on Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published on May 27, 2016.

Respondents: State Departments of Transportation and MPOs.

Estimated Annual Burden on

Respondents: 9,109 hours for each of the 461 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 4,199,279 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

William Hyre,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2016-0041]

Proposed General Directive 17-1; Stop Signal Overruns on Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation Systems

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed general directive; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FTA has placed in the docket and on its Web site a proposed General Directive to address safety risks associated with stop signal overruns. The proposed directive follows FTA's review and analysis of data and information submitted in response to the agency's *Safety Advisory 16-1: Stop Signal Overruns*, for Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation System operations during calendar year 2015.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 20, 2017. Any comments filed after this deadline will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Please identify your submission by Docket Number [FTA-2016-0041] through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Submit electronic comments and other data to <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *U.S. Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation; 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building, Ground Floor, at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, at (202) 493-2251.

Instructions: You must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and Docket Number (FTA-2016-0041) for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Due to security procedures in effect since October 2001, mail received through the U.S. Postal Service may be subject to

delays. Parties submitting comments should consider using an express mail firm to ensure their prompt filing of any submissions not filed electronically or by hand. If you wish to receive confirmation that FTA received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review U.S. DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000, at 65 FR 19477 or <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

Electronic Access and Filing: This document and all comments received may be viewed online through the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Assistance and guidelines for electronic submission and retrieval are available on the Web site 24 hours each day, 365 days a year. Please follow the instructions. An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the Office of Federal Register's home page at <https://www.federalregister.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For program matters, Candace Key, Acting Director, Office of System Safety, (202) 366-9178 or Candace.Key@dot.gov or Aloha Ley, Chief, Safety Assurance and Risk Management Division, (202) 366-4979 or Aloha.Ley2@dot.gov. For legal matters, Scott Biehl, Senior Counsel, (202) 366-0826 or Scott.Biehl@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 49 CFR 670.25, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is proposing a General Directive to address the combination of unsafe conditions and practices that lead to stop signal overruns and the risks of death or personal injury or damage to property or equipment. The proposed directive follows FTA's review and analysis of data and information submitted in response to the agency's *Safety Advisory 16-1: Stop Signal Overruns*, for rail transit operations during calendar year 2015. FTA's review of the data and information gathered in response to *Safety Advisory 16-1: Stop Signal Overruns*, for rail transit operations during calendar year 2015 indicates that RFGPTSs experience stop signal overruns with varying frequencies, and that most SSOAs do not actively investigate these events. Further, the responses to *Safety Advisory 16-1* indicate a lack of standard practice, definitions and requirements in the rail transit industry to protect against unauthorized passing of stop signals.

FTA requests public comment on this proposed General Directive, which is available in its entirety on the FTA public Web site at <http://www.transit.dot.gov/tso.html> and in Docket No. FTA-2016-0041 at www.regulations.gov. Following a summary and analysis of the public comment, FTA will issue a final General Directive, and a notice of the availability of that final General Directive in the **Federal Register**, with a Web link to the agency's responses to the public comment.

Carolyn Flowers,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0154; Notice No. 2016-23]

Hazardous Materials: Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on Information Collection Approvals.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval and extension for four Information Collection Requests (ICRs). Specifically, this notice announces the following: OMB approval and extension until February 28, 2018 for OMB Control No. 2137-0586, "Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training & Planning Grants"; OMB approval and extension until March 31, 2019 for OMB Control No. 2137-0628, "Flammable Hazardous Materials by Rail Transportation"; and OMB approval and extension until June 30, 2019 for both OMB Control No. 2137-0613, "Subsidiary Hazard Class and Number/Type of Packagings," and OMB Control No. 2137-0510, "Radioactive (RAM) Transportation Requirements."

DATES: The expiration dates for the ICRs approved by OMB are February 28, 2018; March 31, 2019; or June 30, 2019, as indicated under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Steven Andrews or T. Glenn Foster, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (PHH-12), Pipeline and

Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Andrews or T. Glenn Foster, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (PHH-12), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (*see* 5 CFR 1320.8(s)) and specify that no person is required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PHMSA has received OMB approval for renewal of the following ICRs:

OMB Control Number: 2137-0586.
Title: "Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training & Planning Grants."
Expiration Date: February 28, 2018.
OMB Control Number: 2137-0628.
Title: "Flammable Hazardous Materials by Rail Transportation."
Expiration Date: March 31, 2019.
OMB Control Number: 2137-0613.
Title: "Subsidiary Hazard Class and Number/Type of Packagings."
Expiration Date: June 30, 2019.
OMB Control Number: 2137-0510.
Title: "Radioactive (RAM) Transportation Requirements."
Expiration Date: June 30, 2019.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 11, 2017.

William S. Schoonover,

Associate Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Solicitation of Proposals for Designation of Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to designate Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers.

SUMMARY: *Beyond Traffic* is the Department of Transportation's ("DOT" or the "Department") draft 30-year framework for the future (the full report

can be found here: <https://www.transportation.gov/BeyondTraffic>). It lays out key trends that will affect the future of our transportation system. To further this understanding, the DOT is requesting proposals from applicants to form an initial network of multiple centers, focused—through academic activities and programs—on delivering solutions to the challenges outlined in *Beyond Traffic*. These entities will be designated as "USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers" and will serve as thought leaders responsible for continuing the conversation surrounding the future of transportation. USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Center activities could include identifying possible solutions in their megaregion (*Beyond Traffic*, p. 25), including but not limited to: Evaluating and researching new technologies relevant to tackling transportation challenges with the megaregion, identification and development of training approaches for the megaregion's future transportation workforce, and convening practitioners, public and private leaders within the megaregion to help identify specific actions that can be taken in the megaregion to address its challenges over the 30 years.

DATES: Proposals must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EST on December 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Final proposals must not exceed 4 pages in length, and must be submitted electronically to: BeyondTraffic@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this notice, please contact BeyondTraffic@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is requesting applications to be designated as a USDOT Beyond Traffic Innovation Center. Read this notice in its entirety so that you have all the information you need to determine whether you would like to submit a proposal.

Description: In the enabling legislation that established the DOT, the Secretary of Transportation is vested with the responsibility to report on current and future conditions of our transportation system. With the Nation's transportation system experiencing repeated impacts due to population growth, changes in climate, a stressed freight network, and inaction to address these impacts, such a discourse could not come at a more crucial time. *Beyond Traffic 2045: Trends and Choices* has been developed by a team of Departmental experts, with input from the public, to conduct a comprehensive examination of our Nation's transportation system. In the fall of