

the U.S. Representative to the IMO Subcommittee in developing the U.S. position on those issues raised at the IMO Subcommittee meetings. The U.S. SOLAS Working Group serves as an excellent forum for the U.S. maritime industry to express their ideas and participate in the international rulemaking process. All members of the maritime industry are encouraged to send representatives to participate in the development of U.S. positions on those issues affecting your maritime industry and remain abreast of all activities ongoing within the IMO.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: CDR Jim Stamm, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSE), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-2206.

Dated: September 17, 1996.  
Stephen M. Miller,  
*Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*  
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#### [Public Notice No. 2453]

#### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Ocean Dumping; Notice of Meeting

The subcommittee on Ocean Dumping of the Shipping Coordinating Committee will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 1996, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to obtain public comment on the issues to be addressed October 28–November 8, 1996, at the Special Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the London Convention of 1972, which regulates ocean dumping. The results of Nineteenth Meeting of the Scientific Group, held in May 1996, will also be an item for discussion.

The public meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20460, in the Eighth Floor Conference Room of the West Tower. Interested members of the public are invited to attend, up to the capacity of the room. Upon entering the West Tower, those without government identification should dial 260-8199 to obtain clearance.

For further information, please contact Mr. Bryan Wood-Thomas, Office of International Activities, telephone (202) 260-6983.

Dated: October 2, 1996.  
Stephen M. Miller,  
*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*  
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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Office of the Secretary

##### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation (DOT).  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. The ICRs describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burdens. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on July 15, 1996 (FR 61, page 36954-36955).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 6, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sylvia Barney, (202) 366-6680, and refer to the OMB Control Number.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

1. *Title:* Title VI As It Applies to FTA Grant Programs.

*Type of Request:* Extension to a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2132-0540.

*Affected Public:* FTA grant recipients.

*Abstract:* Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states: "No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." This information collection is required by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Title VI Regulation, 28 CFR Part 42, Subpart F (Section 42.406), and DOT Order 1000.12. FTA policies and requirements are designed to clarify and strengthen these regulations. This requirement is applicable to all applicants, recipients, and sub

recipients receiving Federal financial assistance. Experience has demonstrated that a program requirement at the application stage is necessary to assure that benefits and services are equitably distributed by grant recipients. The requirements prescribed by the Office of Civil Rights accomplish that objective while diminishing possible vestiges of discrimination among FTA grant recipients. FTA's assessment of this requirement indicated that the formulation and implementation of the Title VI program should occur with a decrease in costs to such applicants and recipients.

All FTA grant applicants, recipients, and sub recipients are required to submit applicable Title VI information to the FTA Office of Civil Rights for review and approval. If FTA did not conduct pre-award reviews, solutions would not be generated in advance and program improvements could not be integrated into projects. FTA's experience with pre-award reviews for all projects and grants suggests this method contributes to maximum efficiency and cost effectiveness of FTA dollars and has kept post-award complaints to a minimum. Moreover, the objective of the Title VI statute can be more easily attained and beneficiaries of FTA funded programs have a greater likelihood of receiving transit services and related benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* The estimated annual burden is 2,883 hours.

2. *Title:* Nondiscrimination As It Applies to FTA Grant Programs.

*Type of Request:* Extension to a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2132-0542.

*Affected Public:* FTA grant recipients.

*Abstract:* All entities receiving Federal financial assistance from FTA are prohibited from discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age, or disability. To ensure that FTA's equal employment opportunity (EEO) procedures are followed, FTA requires grant recipients to submit written EEO plans to FTA for approval. FTA's assessment of this requirement shows that the formulating, submitting, and implementing of EEO programs should minimally increase costs for FTA applicants and recipients.

To determine a grantee's compliance with applicable laws and requirements, grantee submissions are evaluated and analyzed based on the following criteria. First, an EEO program must include an EEO policy statement issued by the chief executive officer covering all

employment practices, including recruitment, selection, promotions, terminations, transfers, layoffs, compensation, training, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. Second, the policy must be placed conspicuously so that employees, applicants, and the general public are aware of the agency's EEO commitment.

The data derived from written EEO and affirmative action plans will be used by the Office of Civil Rights in monitoring grantees' compliance with applicable EEO laws and regulations. This monitoring and enforcement activity will ensure that minorities and women have equitable access to employment opportunities and that recipients of Federal funds do not discriminate against any employee or applicant because of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or age, or disability.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** The total estimated annual burden is 6,000 hours.

**3. Title:** Reporting of Technical Activities by FTA Grant Recipients.

**Type of Request:** Extension to a currently approved information collection.

**OMB Control Number:** 2132-0549

**Affected Public:** FTA grant recipients.

**Abstract:** 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303 and 5313 (a) and (b) 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 future transportation needs of urbanized areas over 50,000 in population and States throughout the nation. As part of this effort, MPOs are required to consider a wide range of goals and objectives and to analyze alternative transportation system management and investment strategies. These objectives are measured by definable activities such as suburban mobility planning and other related activities.

The information collected by these forms is used to report annually to Congress, the Secretary, and to the FTA Administrator on how grantees are responding to national emphasis areas and congressional direction, and allows FTA to track grantees' use of Federal planning and research funds.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** The total estimated burden is 150 hours.

**4. Title:** Bus Testing Program.

**Type of Request:** Extension to a currently approved information collection.

**OMB Control Number:** 2132-0550

**Affected Public:** FTA grant recipients.

**Abstract:** 49 U.S.C. Section 5323 © provides that no Federal funds

appropriated or made available after September 30, 1989, may be obligated or expended for the acquisition of a new bus model (including any model using alternative fuels) unless the bus has been tested at the Bus Testing Center (Center) in Altoona, Pennsylvania. 49 U.S.C. Section 5318(a) further specifies that each new bus model is to be tested for maintainability, reliability, safety, performance (including braking performance), structural integrity, fuel economy, emissions, and noise.

The operator of the Bus Testing Center, the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute (PTI), is under contract to the FTA. PTI operates and maintains the Center, and establishes and collects fees for the testing of the vehicles at the facility. Upon completion of the testing of the vehicle at the Center, a test report is provided to the manufacturer of the new bus model. The bus manufacturer certifies to an FTA grantee that the bus the grantee is purchasing has been tested at the Center. Also, grantees about to purchase a bus use this report to assist them in making their purchasing decisions. PTI maintains a reference file for all the test reports which are made available to the public.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** The total estimated annual burden is 50 hours.

**5. Title:** Prevention of Alcohol Misuse in Transit Operations.

**Type of Request:** Extension to a currently approved information collection.

**OMB Control Number:** 2132-0557.

**Abstract:** The Omnibus

Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 (Pub.L. 102-143, October 28, 1991, now codified in relevant part at 49 U.S.C. Section 5331) requires any recipient of Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Sections 5309, 5307, or 5311 or under 23 U.S.C. Section 103(e) (4) to establish a program designed to help prevent accidents and injuries resulting from the misuse of drugs and alcohol by employees who perform safety-sensitive functions. FTA's regulation, 49 CFR Part 654, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse in Transit Operations," effective March 17, 1994, requires recipients to submit to FTA annual reports containing data which summarize information concerning the recipients' alcohol testing program, such as the number and type of test given, number of positive test results, and the kind of safety-sensitive function the employee performs. FTA uses these data to ensure compliance with the rule, to assess the misuse of alcohol in the transit industry, and to set the random testing rate. The data will also be used to assess the

effectiveness of the rule in reducing the misuse of alcohol among safety-sensitive transit employees and making transit safer for the public.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** The total estimated annual burden is 32,480 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention OST 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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Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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## Coast Guard

[CGD 96-044]

### Documentation and Marine Safety for an International, Private-Sector, Tug of Opportunity System

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting; supplemental information.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides a summary of the sections of the Interim Report that will be discussed at the meeting on an international, private-sector tug of opportunity system (ITOS) to be held on October 17, 1996. Notice of this meeting was published in the Federal Register on September 12, 1996. This second notice provides additional information to improve the quality of input from the public at the meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held October 17, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written statements and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before October 10, 1996. Other comments should reach the Coast Guard on or before October 30, 1996.