DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

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

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected cost and burden. Section 3507 of Title 44 of the United States Code, as adopted by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, requires that agencies prepare a notice for publication in the Federal Register, requesting emergency processing for 90 days effective July 23, 1996, in accordance with criteria set forth in that Act, for Oshkosh Video Survey, 2120-####. In carrying out its responsibilities, OMB also considers public comments on the proposed forms and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. OMB approval of an information collection requirement must be renewed at least once every three years.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the DOT/FAA information collection request should be forwarded, as quickly as possible, to Edward Clarke, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10202, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judith Street, ABC–100; Federal Aviation Administration; 800 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20591; Telephone number (202) 267–9895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year the system Safety Office produces a videotape entitled “VFR Arrival Procedures: Oshkosh ‘96” for the Oshkosh Fly-In in August. To better serve our customers need for this information and our distribution procedures, we will be asking pilots who fly into Oshkosh a few short questions on the availability and usefulness of the videotape. This is a one day, one time survey.

Title: Oshkosh Video Survey.

OMB control number: 2120-####.

Abstract: The System Safety Office will use this information to serve the needs of its customers better. Per their suggestions, the System Safety Office may be able to add information to the video or add distribution points.

Respondents: An estimated 100 pilots who flew into Oshkosh for the annual fly-in.

Frequency: One time oral survey.

Burden: One minute, 13 seconds per respondent for a total of 2 hours and 2 minutes.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 5, 1996.

Phillip A. Leach,

Information Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Benton County, AR and McDonald County, MO

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Benton County, Arkansas and McDonald County, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendall L. Meyer, Environment/Design Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 3128 Federal Office Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201–3298, Telephone: (501) 324–6430; Don Neumann, District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, P.O. Box 1787, 209 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, Telephone: (573) 636–7104; Reid Beckel, Consultant Coordinator, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203–2261, Telephone: (501) 569–2163; or Richard Walter, District Engineer, Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, 3901 East 32nd Street, P.O. Box 1445, Joplin, Missouri 64802, Telephone: (417) 629–3300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed improvement to U.S. 71 in Benton County, Arkansas and McDonald County, Missouri. The proposed improvement may involve the reconstruction and widening of U.S. 71 from Bella Vista, Arkansas to Pineville, Missouri, a total distance of approximately 26 kilometers (16 miles). Information contained in the Final EIS for U.S. 71 improvements beginning at I–44 in Jasper County, Missouri and passing through Newton and McDonald Counties to existing U.S. 71 at the Missouri Arkansas state line, approved by the FHWA on August 3, 1992, will be utilized for this EIS.

Improvements to the corridor include improving U.S. 71 to a four-lane, fully controlled access facility with Interstate standards to meet anticipated traffic demands and to improve roadway safety. Alternatives under consideration include relocation of U.S. 71 on new alignment, improving the existing facility and the no-action alternative.

The proposed improvements would improve the capacity of the existing route and increase regional mobility along a proposed ultimate route extending from Kansas City, Missouri to Shreveport, Louisiana. This project is one of several projects identified as “high priority corridors” on the National Highway System that would provide a transportation corridor of national significance from Kansas City to Shreveport. This proposed improvement will draw new traffic through northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri and serve as both a short-term and long-term economic stimulus, promoting development in this currently rural area. Major metropolitan areas lying along this “high priority corridor” include Kansas City, Kansas-Missouri; Joplin, Missouri; Fayetteville, Arkansas; Fort Smith, Arkansas; Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas; and Shreveport, Louisiana.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and EIS should be directed to any of the individuals at the appropriate address provided above. A formal scoping meeting is scheduled for July 30, 1996 at Bella Vista, Arkansas. Invitation letters providing details of the scoping meeting and describing the proposed action will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies. Several public meetings, including a public hearing, will be held during the preparation of the EIS. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearings. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372.)
regarding intergovernmental consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: July 3, 1996.

Wendall L. Meyer,
Environment/Design Specialist, FHWA, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 96–073; No. 1]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

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

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collections 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 new 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 four collections of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket and notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Section, Room 5109, NHTSA, 400 Seventh St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB Clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that one original plus 2 copies of the comments be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Mr. Ed Kosek, NHTSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 6123, Washington, D.C. 20590. Mr. Kosek’s telephone number is (202) 366–2589. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Clearance Number.

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 four proposed collections of information:

Production System for Mandatory Installation of Air Bags In All Passenger Cars and Light Trucks

Type of Request—Reinstatement of clearance.

OMB Clearance Number—2127–0535.

Form Number—This collection of information uses no standard forms.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval—September 1, 1998.

Summary of the Collection of Information—NHTSA must ensure that motor vehicle manufacturers comply with a new provision in the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act requiring that 95 percent of all new passenger cars manufactured on or after September 1, 1996 but before September 1, 1997 shall be equipped with inflatable restraints accompanied by lap/shoulder safety belts for both front outboard seating positions, and 100 percent thereafter. Similarly, 80 percent of all new light trucks, small buses, and multipurpose passenger vehicles manufactured on or after September 1, 1997 but before September 1, 1998 shall be so equipped, and 100 percent thereafter.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information—In order to ensure manufacturers are complying with the 1991 statute, NHTSA needs reports from manufacturers of new passenger cars and new light truck, small buses, and multipurpose passenger vehicles. For each report, the manufacturer will provide (in addition to administrative necessities such as identity, address) numerical information from which NHTSA will be able to determine whether a manufacturer complies with the percentage phase-in requirements. The required numerical information will include the total number of each vehicle type manufactured during the production year that are equipped with airbags, and the total number of each vehicle type produced.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)—NHTSA anticipates that no more than 23 vehicle manufacturers will be affected by the reporting requirements. NHTSA does not believe any of these 23 manufacturers is a small business (i.e., one that employs less than 500 persons) since each manufacturer employs more than 500 persons. Manufacturers of passenger cars must file one report. Similarly, manufacturers of light trucks, small buses, and multipurpose passenger vehicles must file one report.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information—NHTSA estimates that each manufacturer will need 24 hours to prepare a report, at a cost of $30.00 per hour. Thus, the number of estimated reporting burden hours a year on manufacturers (23 manufacturers multiplied by 1 report multiplied by 24 hours for each report) is 552, at a cost of $16,560 for each report that they must submit.

NHTSA estimates that each manufacturer will incur 12 burden hours a year in recording and keeping the information. Thus, the total recordkeeping burden on the manufacturers (23 manufacturers multiplied by 1 report multiplied by 12 hours) is 276 hours. Assuming a cost of $30.00 an hour, the total recordkeeping cost per manufacturer per year is $8,280.00 for each report that they must submit.

49 CFR Section 551.45—Designation of Agent

Type of Request—Reinstatement of clearance.

OMB Control Number—2127–0040.

Form Number—This collection of information uses no standard forms.