

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

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (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 Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on October 23, 1996 [FR 61, page 55067].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Weaver, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2811.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Maritime Administration

Title: 46 CFR Part 298—Title XI Obligation Guarantees.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0018.

Form Number(s): MA-163.

Affected Public: Individuals/businesses interested in obtaining loan guarantees for construction/reconstruction of vessels satisfying criteria under the Act.

Abstract: Under title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1271-1279) (the Act), the Maritime Administration (MARAD) is authorized to execute a full faith and credit guarantee by the United States of debt obligations issued to finance or refinance the construction or reconstruction of vessels. In November 1994, the title XI program was expanded to permit issuance of loan guarantees for financing export vessels built in the United States and for shipyard modernization and improvement projects.

Need and Use of the Information: Prior to execution of a loan guarantee, the Act requires the Secretary of Transportation must, among other things, make determinations of economic soundness of the project and financial and operating capability of the applicant. The Secretary of Transportation has delegated this authority (See 49 CFR 1.66(e)) to the

Maritime Administrator. The information collected is necessary to evaluate the project and capabilities, make the required determinations, and administer any agreements executed upon approval of loan guarantees.

Annual Burden: 2,000 hours.

Address: Send all comments to the Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer.

Comments: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

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Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (DOT) announces a meeting of the DOT Partnership Council (the Council). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

TIME AND PLACE: The Council will meet on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, at 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, rooms 10234-10238, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The rooms are located on the 10th floor.

TYPE OF MEETING: These meetings will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should contact DOT to obtain appropriate accommodations.

POINT OF CONTACT: John E. Budnik or Jean B. Lenderking, Corporate Effectiveness Division, M-13, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., room 9425, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9439 or (202) 366-8085, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of diversity within the Department of Transportation and to provide updates on ongoing Partnership Council activities.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: We invite interested persons and organizations to submit comments. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Mr. John Budnik or Ms. Jean Lenderking at the address shown above. Comments should be received by February 18, 1997 in order to be considered at the February 26 meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 29, 1997.

For the Department of Transportation.

John E. Budnik,

Associate Director, Corporate Effectiveness Division.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 97-004-Notice 1]

Motor Vehicle Bystander Care Survey; Proposed Information Collection

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on data collection.

SUMMARY: NHTSA will conduct a telephone survey as a major component of a two-site evaluation of its *Bystander Care* program. In accordance with the agency's mandate to reduce fatalities and economic loss resulting from motor vehicle crashes, the Bystander Care program was established to encourage passerby to stop at rural crash sites, render life-saving assistance, and summon emergency medical services (EMS). The program is designed to raise public awareness of the importance of bystander care, and to teach the few basic skills necessary to recognize an emergency, start victims' breathing, stop victims' bleeding, and contact EMS. The data from the survey will be used to evaluate the extent to which the bystander care messages have reached the public in targeted areas, the extent to which these messages were successful in changing attitudes towards providing emergency care, and the extent to which the program improved knowledge needed to successfully provide emergency care.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted April 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Docket Section, Room 5109, Docket #97-004, No. 1, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.