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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests and Comment Requests

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as well as information collection packages submitted to OMB for clearance, in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

I. The information collection(s) listed below require(s) extension(s) of the current OMB approval(s) or are proposed new collection(s):

*Waiver of Benefit Payments—0960-0533.* Form SSA-149 is required to document the fact that benefits due are not being paid, because the beneficiary (for personal reasons) has requested nonreceipt. Personal reasons can range from religious, patriotic, or political beliefs to situations where continued receipt of payment causes some adverse effect. The respondents are beneficiaries who waive entitlement to benefit payments.

*Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 8 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

II. The information collection(s) listed below have been submitted to OMB:

1. *Application for Special Age 72-or-Over Monthly Payments—0960-0096.* The information collected on form SSA-19 is used by SSA to determine entitlement of individuals to special age

72-or-over payments. The respondents are applicants who file for the special payment.

*Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 5 hours.

2. *State Agency Report of Obligations for SSA Disability Program—0960-0421.* The information collected on form SSA-4513 is used by SSA in a detailed analysis and evaluation of costs incurred by the State Disability Determination Services (DDS) in making determinations of disability for SSA and to determine funding levels for each DDS. The respondents are State DDS offices.

*Number of Respondents:* 54.

*Frequency of Response:* 4.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 216 hours.

3. *Statement for Determining Continuing Eligibility for Supplemental Security Income Payments—0960-0416.* The information collected by the Social Security Administration on form SSA-8203 is used to determine whether SSI recipients have met and continue to meet all statutory and regulatory requirements for SSI eligibility and whether they have been and are still receiving the correct payment amount. The information collected will also assist agencies administering Medicaid programs in ascertaining the legal liability of third parties to pay for care and services. The respondents are recipients of SSI benefits or their representative payees.

*Number of Respondents:* 552,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 17 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 156,400 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be directed within 30 days to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Laura Oliven, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC. 20503

(SSA) Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to him at the address listed above.

Dated: June 20, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Albany County, NY

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT).

**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 Albany County, New York.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harold J. Brown, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 9th Floor, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, Telephone: (518) 431-4127, or Bonny J. Cawley, Regional Director, New York State Department of Transportation, Region 1, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, New York 12208, Telephone: (518) 474-6178.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the NYSDOT, on behalf of the county of Albany and town of Colonie, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve Albany Shaker Road and Watervliet Shaker Road in Albany County. The proposed improvements involve the reconstruction of Albany Shaker Road from Route 7 to Watervliet Shaker Road for a distance of 1.9 miles, and Watervliet Shaker Road from Karner Road/Vly Road to Albany Shaker Road for a distance of 1.5 miles. Both roadways are located in the town of Colonie.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) taking no action; (2) widening the existing tow-lane highways to four lanes; and (3) constructing new four-lane highways on new locations. Incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives will be design variations of grade, alignment and traffic flow patterns.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, State and local agencies, and to private organizations