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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, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 9, 1997 (62 FR 17277).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 18, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Judith Street, Federal Aviation Administration, Corporate Information Division, ABC-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., (202) 267-9895, Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application.

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

OMB Control Number: 2120-0557.

Affected Public: Air Carriers and Public Agencies.

Abstract: The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) authorizes airports to impose passenger facility charges. This collection is necessary in order to implement the Statute and carry out a passenger facility charge as required by

Section 9113 of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990.

Estimated Annual Burden Hour: 26,742.

Number of Respondents: 450.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT 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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Transit Administration

Participation in the National Advanced Rural Transportation Systems' Traveler Information Services in Tourism Areas Field Operational Test

AGENCIES: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (USDOT).

ACTION: Notice; request for participation.

SUMMARY: The USDOT is interested in evaluating the benefits associated with the application of traveler information services in rural tourism areas. This request for participation solicits applications from both public-public (e.g., State DOT-Chamber of Commerce) and public-private (e.g., National Park Service-private industry) partnerships to conduct a field operational test. The purpose of this test would be to evaluate the benefits of using advanced traveler information systems in rural tourist areas involving State or national parks, or other tourist areas (public or private) that experience seasonal or annual traffic flow congestion.

DATES: Responses to this announcement must be submitted by 4 p.m., e.t., on or before August 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Responses to this solicitation must be submitted directly to the Federal Highway Administration, Office of Traffic Management and ITS Applications, Rural Action Team, HTV-3, 400 Seventh St., SW., Room 3401, Washington, D.C. 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R. Dale Thompson, FHWA, Office of Traffic Management and ITS Applications, Rural Action Team, (202) 366-0640; or Mr. Ronald Boenau, FTA, Office of Mobility Innovation, Rural Action Team, (202) 366-0195; or Mr. Raymond Resendes, ITS Joint Program Office, Rural Action Team, (202) 366-2182; or Ms. Beverly Russell, FHWA, Office of the Chief Counsel (202) 366-1355, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of the Plan and Electronic Access

Copies of the Advanced Rural Transportation Systems Strategic Plan, which describes the program goals and the critical program areas, are available from ITS America, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20024, telephone (202) 484-4847. Electronic copies are available on the ITS America Internet Home Page, <http://www.itsa.org>.

Background

Title VI, part B of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), Pub. L. 102-240, 105 Stat. 1914, 2189, provided the Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems Act which set the foundation for the National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program. Under ISTEA, the USDOT has taken the lead in conducting ITS research, development, and operational testing activities to lay the foundation for the application of existing and emerging technologies and systems to improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system.

Early ITS efforts were driven by the desire to address growing transportation problems in urban areas and in inter-urban corridors. While many of the technologies and systems aimed at solving these problems also have application outside urban settings, the market structure, application logistics, and motivating factors underlying their deployment vary considerably from urban to rural areas. The Federal ITS