

ruling also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of GSCC. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-GSCC-98-03 and should be submitted by October 21, 1998.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>3</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-98-4489]

#### Notice of Request for Clearance of a New Information Collection: Food Service Highway Signs Study

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a new information collection described in more detail under Supplementary Information. This information collection provides for a study to be conducted by the FHWA to determine the practices of the States regarding specific food service signs as described in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 30, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears in the heading of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ernest Huckaby, HHS-10, Room 3414, (202) 366-9064, Office of Highway Safety, Federal Highway

Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Food Service Highway Signs Study.

*Background:* The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Section 1213(g), directs the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation to conduct a study of States' practices for specific food service signs described in sections 2G-5.7 and 2G-5.8 of the MUTCD. TEA-21 requires that the study shall examine, at a minimum: (a) the practices of all States for determining businesses eligible for inclusion on such signs; (b) whether States allow businesses to be removed from such signs and the circumstances for such removal; (c) the practices of all States for erecting and maintaining such signs, including the time required for erecting such signs; and (d) whether States contract out the erection and maintenance of such signs. A report to Congress is due not later than one year after the enactment of TEA-21 on the results of the study, including any recommendations and, if appropriate, modifications to the MUTCD.

MUTCD criteria for specific service signing is described in sections 2G-5.7 and 2G-5.8 of the Manual. TEA-21 provided modified criteria in MUTCD, Section 1217, Eligibility, paragraph (f), Information Services, as follows:

A food business that would otherwise be eligible to display a mainline business logo on a specific service food sign described in section 2G-5.7(4) of part IIG of the 1988 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways under the requirements specified in that section, but for the fact that the business is open 6 days a week, cannot be prohibited from inclusion on such a food sign.

*Respondents:* Departments of Transportation in 50 States and Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 104 hours.

*Frequency:* This is a one-time collection.

*Public Comments Invited:* Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) the necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality,

utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance for this information collection.

*Electronic Availability:* An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the **Federal Register** electronic bulletin board service (telephone number: 202-512-1661). Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** WWW site at: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs).

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.48; P.L. 105-178.

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**Frederick G. Wright,**

*Director, Office of Budget and Finance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Discretionary Cooperative Agreement To Support Biomechanics Research

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Amendment of agency announcement published August 10, 1998 and August 13, 1998, **Federal Register** Volume 63, No. 153 and 156, respectively.

**SUMMARY:** The original dates for receipt of applications (September 30, 1998 and October 5, 1998) are hereby extended to 3 pm on November 20, 1998.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

**Joseph N. Kianianthra,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Research and Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4470]

#### Pipeline Safety: Meetings of Pipeline Safety Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).