

their seat belt use rates. The interim rule published on September 1, 1998 promulgates the Uniform Criteria for State Observational Surveys of Seat Belt Use (hereafter, Uniform Criteria) to provide guidance to the States on the seat belt use rate information to be submitted under this new program for calendar year 1998 and beyond.

Section 157 requires the Secretary to allocate funds to States that achieve a seat belt use rate in the preceding two years that is higher than the national average use rate or, failing that, a seat belt use rate that is higher than the highest seat belt use rate achieved by the State during specified previous calendar years. In order to make the calculations necessary to allocate funds under this provision, State seat belt use rate information extending back to calendar year 1996 is needed. For calendar years 1996 and 1997, seat belt use rate information submitted by the States is required to be weighted by the Secretary to ensure national consistency in methods of measurement. Beginning in calendar year 1998, States must measure seat belt use rates following criteria established by the Secretary, to ensure that the measurements are "accurate and representative." In accordance with that mandate, this interim final rule establishes uniform criteria for States to follow in conducting surveys of seat belt use, starting with surveys conducted in calendar year 1998.

Affected Public: State agencies, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 17,942.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Robinson, NHTSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at 202/366-9456.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, 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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Vanester M. Williams,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-4765]

Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Coast Guard "Optimize Training Infrastructure" Initiative

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent; notice of meetings and request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is extending the comment period on the notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 1998 (63 FR 64309) concerning the "Optimize Training Infrastructure" (OTI) Initiative. The initiative involves an assessment of the Coast Guard's training activities, methods, and facilities. The notice announces the Coast Guard's intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and asks for public comments. The deadline for comments is changed from December 24, 1998, to January 6, 1999.

DATES: Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before January 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may mail your comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1998-4765), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, the NEPA process, and NEPA documents, contact Ms. Susan Boyle, Environmental Branch Chief of the Coast Guard Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific; telephone: 510-437-3973; e-mail: CoastGuard@ttsfo.com. For questions on the OTI Initiative, contact LCDR Keith Curran, Reserve and Training Directorate, Coast Guard Headquarters; telephone: 202-267-2429; e-mail: CoastGuard@ttsfo.com. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the

docket, contact Ms. Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation; telephone: 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard received a request to extend the deadline for public comments because the original deadline's proximity to two major holidays might limit public comment.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

F.L. Ames,

RADM, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) DOT.

ACTION: Change from environmental impact statement to environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental assessment will be prepared instead of an environmental impact statement for a proposed project in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David W. Cough, P.E., District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 228 Walnut Street, Room 536, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101-1720, Telephone (717) 221-3411, or Raymond S. Hack, P.E., District Engineer, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, 45 Thomas Run Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017, Telephone (412) 429-5001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PADOT), will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) instead of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve access to and egress from the Parkway West (Routes 60, 30, 22). A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the project was published in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 1989. The original project proposed the construction of two new interchanges (Settlers Cabin Interchange and the Robinson-Collier Interchange) and widening Campbells Run Road, a two-lane County road, to four lanes. The proposed project currently includes one interchange (Settlers Cabin Interchange) and widening Campbells Run Road to three lanes. The limits of the project

have been decreased and preliminary environmental and engineering studies have shown that the proposed project will have no significant impacts, and an EA will be prepared accordingly. The EA for the project will be made available for agency and public review and comment. EA availability will be advertised in local newspapers, and EA documents placed in local depositories. Based on the impacts of the current alternatives under study, this project is likely to result in a Finding of No Significant Impact.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the FHWA or PennDOT at the addresses noted above.

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

David Cough,

District Engineer, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors on Thursday, January 14, 1999. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. The letter designations that follow each item mean the following: (I) is an information item; (A) is an action item; (D) is a discussion item. The General Session includes the following items: (1) Introductions and ITS America Antitrust Policy and Conflict of Interest Statements; (2) Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes for August 5, 1998, and October 11, 1998 (A); (3) U.S. Federal ITS Initiatives Report (I/D); (4) Executive Committee Report (I); (5) Coordinating Council Report (A); (6) National ITS Deployment Strategy Project (I); (7) State Chapters Task Force and Council Report (I); (8) Electronic Commerce Blue Ribbon Panel (I); (9) ITS America Association/Congressional

Report (I); (10) Report of the ITS World Congresses—Seoul World Congress Overview, Toronto World Congress Update/Other International Activities, Ratification of Approval of International Affairs Council Charter, Membership and Officers; (11) 1999/2001 ITS America Annual Meetings (I/D); (12) President's Report (External Issues) (I); (13) Other Business. 3:30 p.m. Business Session (US DOT participants excused; Board Members, ITS America Members and Staff Only.) (14) Report of the Finance Committee—Ratification of the Executive Committee Approval of the 1999 Budget, 1998 Budget Status, and the Strategic Plan. (A); (15) President's Report (Internal Issues), Membership Report (I); (16) Proposed Bylaws Revisions (A); (17) Presentation of the Slate of Nominees for the Board and Coordinating Council Positions and Officers of the Board and State Chapters Council (A); (18) Other Business; (19) Adjournment until April 1999, Board of Directors Meeting #30 held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C.

ITS AMERICA provides a forum for national discussion and recommendations on ITS activities including programs, research needs, strategic planning, standards, international liaison, and priorities.

The charter for the utilization of ITS AMERICA establishes this organization as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. app. 2, when it provides advice or recommendations to DOT officials on ITS policies and programs. (56 FR 9400, March 6, 1991).

DATES: The Board of Directors of ITS AMERICA will meet on Thursday, January 14, 1999, from 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, the Virginia Suite, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. Phone #: (202) 328-2000; Fax#: (202) 234-0015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue SW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20024. Persons needing further information or who request to speak at this meeting should contact Marlene Vence-Crampton at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-2904 or by FAX at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Mary C. Pigott, FHWA, HVH-1, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-9230. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. (23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Issued on: December 11, 1998.

Jeffrey Paniati,

Deputy Director, ITS Joint Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-98-4907]

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to revise the following currently approved information collection:

Customer Service Surveys.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before February 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 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 postcard/envelope. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Yvonne Griffin, Office of Budget and Policy, (202) 366-1727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) the necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (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 approval of this information collection.

Title: Customer Service Surveys (OMB Number: 2132-0559).

Background: Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards,"