

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[DOT Docket No. FHWA-99-5693]

Notice of Request for Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection: A Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements in 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 renew its clearance of the currently approved information collection identified below under Supplementary Information.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 19, 1999.

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. 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 envelope or postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tom Howard, (202) 366-2833, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: A Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics.

OMB Number: 2125-0032.

Background: The data described in the Guide are collected under the authority of 23 U.S.C. 307, 23 CFR 1.5, and 23 CFR 420.105(b). The data are used by the Federal, State, and local levels of government for transportation policy decision making. The data are published annually in FHWA's Highway Statistics and Our Nation's Highways. In addition, the FHWA is required to provide a biennial report to Congress, The Status of the Nation's Surface Transportation System: Conditions and Performance, Biennial

Report to Congress, to determine future highway needs (23 U.S.C. 307(h)). The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century (Pub. L. 105-178, as amended by Public Law 105-206) significantly increased the amount of Federal funds that rely on State-reported motor fuel as an apportionment factor in distributing Federal funds to the States. The Guide provides for the collection of information by describing policies and procedures for assembling statistical data from the existing files of State agencies on motor-vehicle registration and fees, motor-fuel use and taxation, driver licensing, highway taxation and finance, and other related subjects, and the reporting of these data to the FHWA.

Respondents: State and local governments of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the four territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, and Virgin Islands).

Estimated Average Burden Per Response: The estimated average annual reporting burden per response is 825.6 hours for the States and the District of Columbia; and 20 hours for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and each of the four territories.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 42,206 hours.

Frequency: The respondents are required to report on an annual basis.

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 as FHWA will continue to reassess its reporting requirements in terms of need and burden; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information; and (5) developing an interactive software to make future data reporting more user friendly. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of 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.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 307; 23 CFR 1.5; 23 CFR 420.105(b); and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Director, Office of Information and Management Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-99-5692]

Notice of Request for Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection: Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)—Field Manual**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 FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its clearance of the currently approved information collection identified below under Supplementary Information.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Getzewich, (202) 366-0175, Highway Systems Performance, Office of Highway Policy Information, Federal Highway Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)—Field Manual.

OMB Number: 2125-0028.

Background: The data for the HPMS are collected under authority of 23