

and vessel and port safety; (2) representatives of owners and operators of vessels, professional mariners, recreational boaters, and the recreational boating industry; (3) individuals with an interest in maritime law; and (4) Federal and State officials with responsibility for vessel and port safety.

Each member serves for a term of 3 years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem may be provided.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

If you are selected, we may require you to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). We may not release the report or the information in it to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: July 19, 1999.

R.C. North,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 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 extension of currently approved collections. 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 March 12, 1999, (FR 64, page 12399).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 30, 1999. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB

receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Street on (202) 267-9895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Exemptions for Air Taxi and Commuter Air Carrier Operations.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0633.

Form(s) N/A.

Affected Public: The respondents are an estimated 1559 air taxi operators and commuter air carriers.

Abstract: This collection is used to expedite the FAA's issuance of operating authority for small charter air carriers, and protect the competitive interests of these carriers and relieve the safety concerns of the traveling public with regard to the operations of these carriers. Under 14 CFR, Part 298 both air taxi operators and commuters are required to register with DOT and provide proof of liability insurance for all of the aircraft used by the operator.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 793 burden hours annually.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FAA 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 23, 1999.

Patricia W. Carter,

Acting Manager, Standards and Information Division, APF-100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Jefferson, Cleveland, Lincoln, Bradley, and Drew Counties, Arkansas

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

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 the Arkansas Counties of Jefferson, Cleveland, Lincoln, Bradley, and Drew.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Romero, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 3128 Federal Office Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3298, telephone: (501) 324-5625; or Dale Loe, Consultant Coordinator, Assistant Chief Engineer for Design, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203, telephone: (501) 569-2301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct a four-lane, divided, fully controlled access highway facility located on new alignment. Several alternatives and locations will be considered, including the "no-action" alternative in which roads are constructed in accordance with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan, with the exception of the proposed facility. The approximate length of the project is 50 miles.

The proposed transportation facility, also known as the "Southeast Arkansas I-69 Connector", would improve regional travel, safety, intermodal connectivity, and economic development by providing a north-south interstate-quality highway connecting Interstates 30 and 40 in Little Rock, Arkansas via U.S. 65 (Future Interstate Route I-530), to the proposed I-69 near the Monticello and Warren, Arkansas vicinity. The I-69 corridor is identified as a "high priority corridor" on the National Highway System that would provide a NAFTA transportation corridor of national significance from Sarnia, Ontario, Canada through Port Huron, Michigan and Indianapolis, Indiana to Memphis, Tennessee and would continue southward to Houston, Texas and end at the border with Mexico.