

Valley, Hudson, Harlem and New Haven). However, MNR's commuter rail lines in the Corridor are all oriented north and south and none cross the Hudson River.

The Tappan Zee Bridge opened to traffic in 1955 and carried an average of 18,000 vehicles daily. Today, approximately 135,000 vehicles cross the bridge on an average weekday, with volumes as high as 170,000 vehicles on some peak days. During the past 20 years, traffic volumes have grown significantly in the Corridor, by over 50 percent on the CWE and by more than 70 percent on the Tappan Zee Bridge. As a result, the Corridor experiences varying levels of traffic congestion throughout its 30-mile length. The steady increase in traffic demand over the years, together with only limited increases in roadway capacity and a paucity of east-west modal alternatives, have resulted in continual increases in travel time and delay. These problems are most acute in the vicinity of the Tappan Zee Bridge itself during the eastbound morning and westbound evening peak periods. This congestion is projected to worsen, detrimentally affecting mobility and the economic health and quality of life in the Corridor.

In addition to addressing the mobility needs in the Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Corridor, the Project will also address the structural needs of the Tappan Zee Bridge, the Corridor's most important infrastructure element.

3. Alternatives Being Considered

Based on previous studies, as well as numerous public meetings convened to discuss the matter, a preliminary list of alternatives has been developed to address the mobility and structural needs of the Corridor. The potential alternatives identified to date, which are expected to be supplemented during the public scoping process, have been organized into four broad categories as follows:

- *Transportation Demand/System Management Strategies*: these are generally lower cost management strategies intended to impact travel demand, choice of travel mode, or time of travel; or actions to improve the overall efficiency of the existing transportation system.
- *New/Improved Transit Services*: these are generally actions to improve existing transit services or add new ones that do not require the construction of major new transportation infrastructure in the Corridor.
- *River Crossing Improvements*: these include all of the various proposals put forward to rehabilitate or replace the

existing Tappan Zee Bridge with improved roadway and transit facilities. Bridge, tunnel, and combination bridge and tunnel solutions have been suggested.

- *Corridor Improvements*: these are the various proposals to upgrade and/or add new transportation infrastructure elsewhere in the Corridor such as new commuter rail, light rail or guided busway.

All alternatives will include maintaining the Interstate highway link. Through a process of technical evaluation and public input, the relatively large number of alternatives developed in the early stages of the AA's program will be reduced to a smaller set considered most likely to achieve the Project's goals and objectives. The reduced set of alternatives will be evaluated in the DEIS along with the No Build alternative.

4. Probable Effects

Impacts of the final set of Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Corridor-wide alternatives will be evaluated in the DEIS will summarize the results of coordination with federal, state, and local agencies; present the appropriate federal, state, and local regulations and policies; inventory and compile previous studies; describe the methodology used to assess impacts; identify the affected environment; predict and analyze the construction-related (short-term) and operational (long-term) impacts (direct, indirect, and cumulative) of reasonable alternatives; and identify opportunities and measures for mitigating significant adverse impacts.

- Specific scopes for the environmental studies to be conducted for the DEIS will be established during the public and agency scoping process. The DEIS analysis will cover relevant aspects of the natural and human environment expected to be affected by each alternative.

5. FHWA/FTA Procedures

Upon completion, the AA, and subsequently the DEIS, will be available for public and agency review and comment. Public hearings will be held on the DEIS within the study area. On the basis of the AA/DEIS and the public and Agency comments, a preferred alternative will be selected and fully described in the FEIS. Following completion of the FEIS a Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued by the federal lead agencies.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program 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.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 23 CFR 771.123

Dated: December 13, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2002-13272]

Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 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 collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on September 9, 2002 (67 FR 57270-57271).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 22, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Person at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Defects Investigation, 202-366-5210, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5326, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agency: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Title: Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Part 573.

OMB Number: 2127-0004.

Type of Request: Renewal.

Abstract: NHTSA's statute at 49 U.S.C. sections 30112 and 30116 through 30121 requires manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment to recall and remedy their products that do not comply with applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards or that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety. The manufacturer must notify NHTSA, owners, purchasers, and dealers of such defects and noncompliances.

To implement this authority, in 1978 NHTSA promulgated 49 CFR part 573,

Defect and Noncompliance Reports, (with amendments through 2002). This regulation sets out the following requirements, among others:

(1) Manufacturers are to provide specific information in reports that must be filed with NHTSA within five working days of a decision that a safety-related defect or noncompliance exists;

(2) Manufacturers are to submit quarterly reports to NHTSA on the progress of recall campaigns for six consecutive calendar quarters beginning with the quarter in which the campaign was initiated; and

(3) Manufacturers are to retain records of owners or purchasers of their products that have been involved in a recall campaign.

Affected Public: All manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment are required to comply with these requirements whenever a decision has been made that their products contain a defect or noncompliance. There have been more than 700 such reports provided annually to NHTSA by slightly more than 200 manufacturers in recent years, however, NHTSA estimates that about 26,000 manufacturers could be affected by this requirement. Additionally, all manufacturers must maintain records of the names and addresses of the owners of the products affected by the recalls.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The annual burden is estimated to be 15,844 hours.

Address: 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 NHTSA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Agency'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.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued on: December 17, 2002.

Kenneth N. Weinstein,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 16, 2002.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 22, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF)

OMB Number: 1512-0399.

Form Number: ATF Form 5400.21.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Applications Permit For User Limited Special Fireworks (18 U.S.C. Chapter 40, Explosives).

Description: Form is used to verify the eligibility of and grant permission to the holder to buy or transport explosives in interstate commerce on a one-time basis.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,800.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 18 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 540 hours.

Clearance Officer: Jacqueline White (202) 927-8930, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Room 3200, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[CO-68-87; CO-69-87; CO-18-90]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning existing final regulations, CO-68-87 and CO-69-87 (TD 8352), Final Regulations Under Sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; Pre-change Attributes, and CO-18-90 (TD 8531), Final Regulations Under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; Limitations on Corporate Net Operating Loss Carryforwards (§§ 1.382-4 and 1.382-2T).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 21, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Larnice Mack, (202) 622-3179, or through the internet (Larnice.Mack@irs.gov), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CO-68-87 and CO-69-87 (TD 8352), Final Regulations Under Sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; Pre-change Attributes, and CO-18-90 (TD 8531), Final Regulations Under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; Limitations on Corporate Net Operating Loss Carryforwards.

OMB Number: 1545-1120.

Regulation Project Number: CO-68-87; CO-69-87; CO-18-90.

Abstract: (CO-68-87 and CO-69-87) These regulations require reporting by a corporation after it undergoes an "ownership change" under Code