

minutes per institution, for a total response time of 18.75 hours.

3. Right-of-way managers in the 50 state departments of transportation, selected city and county transportation agencies and selected private sector real estate services, engineering and consulting firms will be surveyed to assess market perception of the need for a Uniform Act focused right of way certification program. A brief survey form, with approximately 20 questions, will be utilized as an initial information gathering tool. A link to this survey form will be sent via e-mail to the respondent and the survey form will be completed on-line, with telephone follow-up only as required to obtain a clarification on information provided. In addition, as a follow-up and validation of the initial survey, a 90-minute focus group session will be held. Twenty individuals, selected from those who responded to the original survey, will meet in a focus group during, or in conjunction with a national or major regional meeting of right of way professionals, such as the American Association of State Transportation Officials (AASHTO) national right of way committee meeting.

- *Respondents:* 100 survey respondents (54 state or territory transportation agencies, and 46 selected other city and county and private sector respondents).

- *Frequency:* This will be a one-time survey and follow-up focus group meeting.

- *Estimated Total Annual Burden:* The average response time for the survey is estimated to be 30 minutes, for a total of 50 hours. In addition, it is estimated that survey follow-up by e-mail or telephone will be required of 25% of the respondents for a total of 25 respondents at an average of 10 minutes, for a total response time of 4.17 hours. Twenty individuals will attend the focus group for 90 minutes each for a total of 30 hours. The total response time for the survey, follow-up and focus group meeting will be approximately 84.2 hours. The total annual burden for the entire survey (all three groups) is estimated to be approximately 110 hours.

#### Regulatory Notices

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume

65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on March 21, 2003 (68 FR 13979). No comments were received. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by June 2, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Tim Penney, (202) 366-2698, Office of Planning, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Information on Tribal Government Transportation Programs.

*Abstract:* FHWA proposes to fund a Synthesis project through the National Cooperative Highway Research Program. The project goal is to gather information on tribal governments' transportation programs. The information will include funding information, staffing, and administration of transportation projects and programs. Information will also be requested from tribal governments on cooperative projects with state and local governments. The information will be used to prepare a summary of how tribal transportation programs are funded and staffed, and how tribal governments administer programs with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, FHWA, and state and local governments. The information will be evaluated and best practices will be identified. The information will be shared with tribal governments and states for their use in developing and enhancing effective transportation programs for tribal governments.

*Affected Public:* 100 tribal government transportation staff.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* The estimated average burden is 2 hours per respondent. The FHWA goal is to get information from 100 tribal governments at a minimum. The estimated total annual burden is 200 hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Petition for Special Approval of Alternate Standard

In accordance with §238.21 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for approval of an Alternate Standard of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.