

roadway is paralleled by narrow paved shoulders used as sidewalks and by multiple overhead utilities situated adjacent to intensive development. Only a handful of signalized intersections exist along the Strip, complicating the ability of pedestrians to get across the street. Options are limited to further expand the roadway network to address the considerable traffic congestion that remains on the Strip from single-occupant autos and tour buses. No public transit service is currently available in the corridor. The problem is expected to grow worse over time as venues continue to grow in popularity and as more venues are added.

Transit needs will be evaluated in this corridor to address the congestion problems along the Strip. The core study-area boundary involves a roughly ten-mile-long corridor. It is generally bounded: On the north by the Red Route west of Roark Creek and the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad east of Roark Creek; on the east by the rail line; on the south by parkland paralleling Lake Taneycomo and the Yellow Route; and on the west by the Taney/Stone County line. Alternatives to be considered will include: (1) Taking no action (no-build); (2) transportation systems management; (3) transit; (4) fixed guideway transit (including elevated options with park-n-ride facilities and feeder bus/shuttle vans); and (5) other alternatives discovered during the scoping process.

The social, economic, and environmental effects of the transit options will be evaluated in the project study. The impact areas to be addressed include: Land use effects; visual/aesthetic effects; community, business and economic impacts; traffic and parking; public safety; utilities effects; relocations; water quality; floodplains; natural systems impacts; air quality; noise and vibration; energy impacts; cultural and historic resources; etc. Potential environmental justice issues and financial considerations will also be addressed along with secondary, cumulative and construction impacts.

In accordance with FTA policy, all federal laws, regulations, and executive orders affecting project development including but not limited to the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality and FTA regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508, and 23 CFR part 771) the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Executive Order 12898 regarding environmental justice, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, and Section 4(f) of the DOT Act, will be addressed.

In addition, FTA New Starts regulation (49 CFR part 611) will be applied, which requires the submission of specific information to FTA from the applicant to support initiating preliminary engineering in conjunction with the NEPA process.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. The study will include a number of public involvement outreach activities. Letters setting out the problem statement, purpose and need, project goals and objectives, effectiveness measures, and describing the range of alternatives to be considered along with the study schedule will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. A Project Oversight Committee (POC), providing input from a broad range of community interests, is being established and will be furnished with the same information.

Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to assist in addressing the full range of alternatives and to identify any significant potential project impacts. In addition, a public hearing will be held after the Draft EIS has been circulated for public and agency review and comment. Comments or questions concerning the proposed action and the Draft EIS should be directed to the FTA at the address provided above.

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Mokhtee Ahmed,

Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2004–18039]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on a proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995, as part of the OMB approval process, Federal agencies must solicit public comments on proposed collections of information.

This document describes a collection of information for which NHTSA seeks emergency processing for approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You should mention the docket number of this document in your comments and submit your comments in writing to: Docket Management, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590.

You may call the Docket at 202–366–9324. You may visit the Docket from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Dorothy Nakama, Office of the Chief Counsel, at (202) 366–2992. Her Fax number is: (202) 366–3820. You may send mail to her at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day public comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) 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;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comment on the following collection of information.

Information To Ensure Safety of Hydrogen Fueled Vehicles

Type of Request—Emergency processing (5 CFR 1320.13).

OMB Clearance Number—None.

Form Number—This collection of information would use no standard forms.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval—90 days from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information—In order to fulfill its statutory responsibility to reduce traffic accidents and deaths and injuries resulting from traffic accidents, NHTSA has begun to focus on the safe use of hydrogen as a motor vehicle fuel. To ensure that the hydrogen fueled vehicles that will soon appear on the Nation's highways meet the need for motor vehicle safety, NHTSA plans to ask motor vehicle manufacturers for information about measures each vehicle manufacturer has taken to ensure the safety of hydrogen fueled vehicles. Specifically, NHTSA will ask for information on the steps and actions the vehicle manufacturer is taking to ensure the safety of these vehicles, including refueling issues. NHTSA is also asking that the manufacturers identify those vehicle safety-related issues that they believe must be addressed in the future in order to help assure that production of hydrogen fueled vehicles are safe for public use.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)—NHTSA will send letters to ten motor vehicle manufacturers that have plans to manufacture hydrogen fueled vehicles. This is a one time collection of information. The submission of information in response to this request will be voluntary.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information—NHTSA estimates that it will take each manufacturer 30 hours to provide information on safety in its hydrogen fueled vehicles. Thus, NHTSA estimates that the total burden hours on the public will be 300 hours. There are no recordkeeping burdens associated with this collection.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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Jacqueline Glassman,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 3, 2004.

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 July 15, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0191.

Form Number: IRS Form 4952.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Investment Interest Expense Deduction.

Description: Form 4952 is used by taxpayers who paid or accrued interest on money borrowed to purchase or carry investment property. The form is used to compute the allowable deduction for interest on investment indebtedness and the information obtained is necessary to verify the amount actually deducted.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 800,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping	39 min.
Learning about the law or the form.	12 min.
Preparing the form	24 min.
Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS.	13 min.

Frequency of response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 2,700,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0199.

Form Number: IRS Form 5306-A.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Approval of Prototype Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) or Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees of Small Employers (SIMPLE IRA Plan).

Description: This form is used by banks, credit unions, insurance companies, and trade or professional associations to apply for approval of a Simplified Employee Pension Plan or

Savings Incentive Match Plan to be used by more than one employer. The data collected is used to determine if the prototype plan submitted is an approved plan.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 5,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping	15 hr., 46 min.
Learning about the law or the form.	1 hr., 23 min.
Preparing, copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS.	1 hr., 42 min.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 94,400 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0409.

Form Number: IRS Forms 211/211(SP).

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Form 211: Application for Reward for Original Information; and Form 211(SP): Solicitud de Recompensa por Informacion Original (Spanish Version).

Description: Forms 211/211(SP) are the official application forms used by persons requesting rewards for submitting information concerning alleged violations of the tax laws by other persons. Such rewards are authorized by Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 7623. The data is used to determine and pay rewards to those persons who voluntarily submit information.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,200.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 2,800 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0800.

Regulation Project Number: Reg. 601.601.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Rules and Regulations.

Description: Persons wishing to speak at a public hearing on a proposed rule must submit written comments and an outline within prescribed time limits, for use in preparing agendas and allocating time. Persons interested in the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule may submit a petition for this. IRS considers the petitions in its deliberations.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal