We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposed policy because of the comments received.

Background

The proposed policy provides a method of demonstrating compliance with the lumbar load criteria of §25.562(c)(2). It is based on an FAA funded research project that developed a component test methodology for demonstrating that a replacement bottom cushion would not produce a higher lumbar load than a certificated bottom cushion for a seat certificated to §25.562(c)(2). The proposed method provides a simplified means of demonstrating compliance with §25.562(c)(2) and will streamline the seat certification process by reducing the costs and time associated with seat certification.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 25, 2005.

Ali Bahrami,
Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Policy Statement No. ANM–115–05–10]

Replacing Restraint Systems on Forward and Aft Facing Seats

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed policy; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of proposed policy on Replacing Restraint Systems on Forward and Aft Facing Seats.

DATES: Send your comments on or before May 11, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Address your comments to the individual identified under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Thompson, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Standardization Branch, ANM–113, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98055–4056; telephone (425) 227–1157; fax (425) 227–1232; e-mail: Michael.T.thompson@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The proposed policy is available on the Internet at the following address: http://www.airweb.faa.gov/rgl. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed policy. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
- For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed policy.
- Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting.

We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy.

We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposed policy because of the comments received.

Background

The FAA has issued Amendment 25–64 to provide an increased level of safety to seated occupants. Seat performance, including the restraint system, under dynamic conditions as defined in §25.562, is an important consideration of this amendment.

Replacing a restraint system on a seat certificated under §25.562 requires new dynamic test(s) to be conducted using the actual seat. These dynamic tests can be costly and time-consuming. The FAA conducted research and found an acceptable new method of certifying restraint systems using a rigid seat fixture instead of the actual seat during dynamic tests. This method will significantly reduce the cost and time associated with certifying replacement restraint systems. This policy memorandum presents this new means of compliance.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 25, 2005.

Ali Bahrami,
Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Fairfield County and New Haven County, CT

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (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 proposed transportation improvements to 32 miles (52 km) of Interstate Route 84 (I–84) in Fairfield County and New Haven County, Connecticut.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bradley D. Keazer, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 628–2 Hebron Avenue, Suite 303, Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033, telephone (860) 659–6703, ext. 3309; or Edgar T. Hurle, Transportation Planning Director, Bureau of Policy and Planning, Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131–7546, telephone: (860) 594–2920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal for transportation improvements to I–84 in the towns of Danbury, Bethel, Brookfield, Newtown, Southbury, Middlebury and Waterbury, Connecticut for a distance of approximately 32 miles (52 km).

Improvements to the I–84 corridor are considered necessary to improve safety and to provide for increases in projected traffic volumes. Alternatives under consideration include, but are not limited to: (1) Taking no action; (2) transit operation service; (3) transportation system management; (4) addition of a third travel lane in each direction; (5) addition of a third travel lane in each direction with congestion pricing; and (6) addition of a third travel lane in each direction for use as managed travel lanes.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, the I–84 Corridor Deficiencies/Needs Study Project Advisory Committee, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. Public scoping meetings, public hearings and public informational meetings will be held.
Public notice will be given of the time and place of these meetings and hearings. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearings. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to either the FHWA or ConnDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 CFR part 771.
Issued on: March 31, 2005.

Bradley D. Keazer,
Division Administrator, Hartford, Connecticut.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA–2005–20892]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to revise the following currently approved information collection:

Customer Service Surveys

DATES: Comments must be submitted before June 10, 2005.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Yvonne Griffin, Office of Budget and Policy. (202) 366–1727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: Customer Service Surveys (OMB Number: 2132–0559).

Background: Executive Order 12862, “Setting Customer Service Standards,“ requires FTA to identify its customers and determine what they think about FTA’s service. The surveys covered in this request for a blanket clearance will provide FTA with a means to gather data directly from its customers. The information obtained from the surveys will be used to assess the kind and quality of services customers want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. The surveys will be limited to data collections that solicit voluntary opinions and will not involve information that is required by regulations.

Respondents: State and local government, public transit operators, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), transit constituents, transit manufacturers, and private transit operators.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 50 hours for each of the 911 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 456 hours.

Frequency: Annual.
Issued: April 4, 2005.

Ann M. Linnertz,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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 December 10, 2004, Vol. 69, No. 237, Pages 71871–71872.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 11, 2005.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: Highway Safety Program Cost Summary.

OMB Number: 2127–0003.

Type of Request: Extension to a previously approved collection of information.

Abstract: The Highway Safety Plan identifies State’s traffic safety problems and describes the program and projects to address those problems. In order to account for funds expended, States are required to submit a HS–217 Highway Safety Program Cost Summary. The Program Cost Summary is completed to reflect the state’s proposed allocations of funds (including carry-forward funds) by program area, based on the projects and activities identified in the Highway Safety Plan.


Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5570.

ADDRESSES: 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.