DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2007–29113]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration invites public comment about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval of the following new information collection: Customer Service Surveys of FTA Grantees and Stakeholders. The information to be collected from the surveys covered in this request will provide FTA with a means to gather data directly from its customers. The surveys will be used to assess how FTA’s services are perceived by customers and stakeholders, determine opportunities for improvement and establish goals to measure results. The surveys will be limited to data collections that solicit voluntary opinions and will not involve information that is required by regulations. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on June 8, 2007.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before October 5, 2007. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Customer Service Surveys of FTA Grantees and Stakeholders (OMB Number 2132–New).

Abstract: 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 will provide FTA with a means to gather data directly from its customers. The information obtained from the surveys will be used to assess how FTA’s services are perceived by customers and stakeholders, determine opportunities for improvement and establish goals to measure results. The surveys will be limited to data collections that solicit voluntary opinions and will not involve information that is required by regulations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,800 hours.

ADDRESS: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FTA 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.


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. 2007–29111]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval to renew the following information collection: 49 U.S.C. 5335(a) and (b) National Transit Database. The information to be collected will be used to accumulate mass transportation financial and operating information using a uniform system of accounts and records. Congress created the NTD to be the repository of transit data for the nation, on which to base public transportation service planning. Section 3023 of SAFETEA–LU amended 49 U.S.C. 5335 to require recipients of 49 U.S.C. 5311 grants to submit an annual report containing total annual revenue; sources of revenue; total annual operating costs; total annual capital costs; fleet size and type; and related facilities: revenue vehicle miles and ridership. The addition of this requirement for recipients of 49 U.S.C. section 5311 does not affect the existing NTD data collection from urbanized area agencies, including the mandatory NTD reporting requirement for recipients of 49 U.S.C. section 5307 grants (Urbanized Area Formula grants). FTA will not require these smaller rural agencies to submit the same level of detail to the NTD as a system in an urbanized area. FTA will only require the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to submit a one-page form for each rural agency in the State that is the recipient or beneficiary of grants under 49 U.S.C. 5311. Most State DOTs already produce reports for their State legislatures with this summary data. Additionally, FTA will require each State DOT to report the number of counties in the State that are served by recipients of grants under 49 U.S.C. 5311. For purposes of this data collection, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will report as States (by 49 U.S.C. 5307(1)). The U.S. Virgin Islands is an urbanized area for purposes of FTA grantmaking and does not receive grants under 49 U.S.C. section 5311. Additionally, FTA will require this report from federally-recognized Native American tribes that are direct recipients of grants under 49 U.S.C. 5311 and whose information is not included in a report of a State DOT. The reporting requirements for this program have been developed after years of consultation with State DOTs and rural transit agencies.

On November 30, 2005, FTA published in the Federal Register [70 FR 71950, November 30, 2005] the procedures and start dates for mandatory annual reporting that State DOTs must follow when submitting
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) below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on March 14, 2007 (72 FR 11931–11932).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 1, 2007.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Laurie Flaherty, Program Analyst, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., NTI–140, W44–322, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–2705 or via e-mail at laurie.flaherty@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: Request for Information, National E9–1–1 Implementation Coordination Office.

OMB Number: 2127–New.

Type of Request: New information collection request.

Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

A. Justification

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

The ENHANCE 911 Act of 2004 requires the establishment of a National E911 Implementation Coordination Office (National 9–1–1 Office), as a joint effort between the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). It delineates the responsibilities of the office to include a joint program to facilitate coordination and communication between Federal, State, and local emergency communications systems, emergency personnel, public safety organizations, telecommunications carriers, and telecommunications equipment manufacturers and vendors involved in the implementation of E–911 services. The NHTSA and NTIA intend to use the National 9–1–1 Office to work cooperatively with public and private 9–1–1 stakeholders to establish a vision for the future of 9–1–1 services in the Nation. The 9–1–1 constituency is a diverse group of entities, including:

Government Agencies:

• Local, State and Federal policy, regulation, and funding agencies.
• Local and State emergency communications agencies.
• Local, State and Federal emergency response agencies.

Non-Governmental Organizations:

• Professional and industry associations.
• Standards Development Organizations.
• Citizen and special interest advocacy organizations.
• Private emergency response and recovery organizations.
• Research and academic organizations.

IT/Telecommunications Service Providers:

• “Traditional” telecommunication service providers.
• “Public Safety/emergency” service providers.
• “Other” IT/telecommunication application service providers.
• IP-network access infrastructure/service providers.

IT/Telecommunications Equipment Providers:

• Equipment and support service suppliers to “traditional” telecommunication companies.
• Equipment and support service suppliers to IT network providers.
• “Public Safety/emergency services network” equipment providers.
• Personal communication device providers.
• Third party service providers such as telematics, poison control, medical alert, central alarm monitoring, relay services, and N–1–1 services e.g., 4–1–1, 5–1–1).

In order to collect information needed to develop and implement effective strategies that meet the National 9–1–1 Office’s mandate to provide leadership, coordination, guidance and direction to the enhancement of the Nation’s 9–1–1 services, NHTSA, in cooperation with NTIA, must utilize efficient and effective means of eliciting the input and opinions of its constituency groups. The proposed annual RFIs would assist the National 9–1–1 Office in addressing the myriad of issues posed by implementing new technologies in 9–1–1 services in a systematic, prioritized fashion, with active involvement of its constituency in this process.

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used.

The results of the proposed annual RFIs would be used by staff of the...