DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket FTA–2008–0001]

Notice of Establishment of Emergency Relief Docket for Calendar Year 2008

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As provided in 49 CFR Part 601, Subpart D (72 FR 910, Jan. 9, 2007), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must, by January 31 of each year, establish an Emergency Relief Docket so grantees and subgrantees affected by national or regional emergencies may request relief from administrative requirements set forth in policy statements, circulars, guidance documents and regulations. By this notice, FTA is establishing an Emergency Relief Docket for calendar year 2008.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrator in his/her sole discretion shall determine the need for opening the Emergency Relief Docket. It may be opened at the request of a grantee or subgrantee, or on the Administrator’s own initiative. When the Emergency Relief Docket is opened, FTA will post a notice on its Web site, at http://www.fta.dot.gov. In addition, a notice will be posted in the docket.

In the event a grantee or subgrantee believes the Emergency Relief Docket should be opened and it has not been opened, that grantee or subgrantee may submit a petition in duplicate to the Administrator, via U.S. mail, to: Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; via telephone, at: (202) 366–4043; or via fax, at (202) 366–3472, requesting opening of the Docket for that emergency and including the information set forth below.

All petitions for relief from administrative requirements must be posted in the docket in order to receive consideration by FTA. The docket is publicly accessible and can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, via the Internet at www.regulations.gov. Petitions may also be submitted by U.S. mail or by hand delivery to the DOT Docket Management Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

In the event a grantee or subgrantee needs to request immediate relief and does not have access to electronic means to request that relief, the grantee or subgrantee may contact any FTA regional office of FTA headquarters and request that FTA staff submit the petition on their behalf.

Any grantee or subgrantee submitting petitions for relief or comments to the docket must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and docket number FTA–2008–0001. Grantees and subgrantees making submissions by mail or hand delivery should submit two copies.

A petition for relief shall:
(a) Identify the grantee or subgrantee and its geographic location;
(b) Specifically address how an FTA requirement in a policy statement, circular, or agency guidance will limit a grantee’s or subgrantee’s ability to respond to an emergency or disaster;
(c) Identify the policy statement, circular, guidance document and/or rule from which the grantee or subgrantee seeks relief; and
(d) Specify if the petition for relief is one-time or ongoing, and if ongoing identify the time period for which the relief is requested. The time period may not exceed three months; however, additional time may be requested through a second petition for relief.

A petition for relief from administrative requirements will be conditionally granted for a period of three (3) business days from the date it is submitted to the Emergency Relief Docket. FTA will review the petition after the expiration of the three business days and review any comments submitted thereto. FTA may contact the grantee or subgrantee that submitted the request for relief, or any party that submits comments to the docket, to obtain more information prior to making a decision. FTA shall then post a decision to the Emergency Relief Docket. FTA’s decision will be based on whether the petition meets the criteria for use of these emergency procedures, the substance of the request, and the comments submitted regarding the petition. If FTA does not respond to the request for relief to the docket within three business days, the grantee or subgrantee may assume its petition is granted for a period not to exceed three months until and unless FTA states otherwise.

FTA reserves the right to reopen any docket and reconsider any decision made pursuant to these emergency procedures based upon its own initiative, based upon information or comments received subsequent to the three business day comment period, or at the request of a grantee or subgrantee upon denial of a request for relief. FTA shall notify the grantee or subgrantee if it plans to reconsider a decision. FTA decision letters, either granting or denying a petition, shall be posted in the appropriate Emergency Relief Docket and shall reference the
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping 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 collection and the expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on November 26, 2007 (72 FR 66026–66028).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 3, 2008.

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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: Evaluation Surveys for Impaired Driving and Safety Belt Interventions.

OMB Number: 2127–0646.

Type of Request: Revision of the previously approved collection of information.

Abstract: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proposes to conduct a series of telephone surveys that will examine the effectiveness of multiple National and State Click It or Ticket mobilizations and impaired driving crackdowns designed to curb impaired driving and/or raise belt use. The National and State telephone surveys would be conducted during the mid 2008–mid 2011 time period. Since Congress has authorized NHTSA to spend millions of dollars annually to conduct National and State mobilizations, NHTSA must account for whether these initiatives were effective. The National telephone surveys will be administered to randomly selected samples of 1,600 persons age 18 and older. State surveys will be administered according to media markets where paid media was purchased and can range from as few as 400 participants per media market surveyed in a State. An essential part of this evaluation effort is to compare baseline and post-intervention measures of attitudes, intervention awareness, and (relevant) self-reported behavior to determine if the interventions were associated with changes on those indices.

Affected Public: Randomly selected members of the general public in telephone households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 27,467 hours (164,800 interviews averaging 10 minutes each).

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


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket Number NHTSA–2008–0021]

U.S. DOT Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

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

ACTION: Request for public comment on 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, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 31, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by DOT Docket No. NHTSA–2008–0021] by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• Mail: Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Telephone: 1–800–647–5527.

• Fax: 202–493–2251.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this proposed collection of information. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

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 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit http://DocketInfo.dot.gov.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Complete copies of this request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Dennis