

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****[FTA Docket No. 2009-0027]****Notice of Request for Information Collection****AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), 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 approve a new information collection:

49 U.S.C. Section 5339—Alternatives Analysis Program.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before July 13, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that your comments are not entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (**Note:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) electronic docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

2. *Fax:* Office of Program Management 202-366-7951.

3. *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

4. *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to Internet users, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Juan Morrison, FTA Office of Program Management (202) 366-2053 or e-mail: [Juan.Morrison@dot.gov](mailto:Juan.Morrison@dot.gov).

**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:* 49 U.S.C. Section 5339—Alternatives Analysis Program (*OMB Number: 2132-NEW*).

*Background:* Under Section 3037 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the Alternatives Analysis Program (49 U.S.C. 5339) provides grants to States, authorities of the States, metropolitan planning organizations, and local government authorities to develop studies as part of the transportation planning process. The purpose of the Alternatives Analysis Program is to assist in financing the evaluation of all reasonable modal and multimodal alternatives and general alignment options for identified transportation needs in a particular, broadly defined travel corridor. The transportation planning process of Alternatives Analysis includes an assessment of a wide range of public transportation or multimodal alternatives, which will address transportation problems within a corridor or subarea; provides ample information to enable the Secretary to make the findings of project justification

and local financial commitment; supports the selection of a locally preferred alternative; and enables the local Metropolitan Planning Organization to adopt the locally preferred alternative as part of the long-range transportation plan. FTA intends to evaluate program implementation by collecting information such as project milestones and financial status reports.

**Respondents:** State and local government and Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

**Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents:** 28 hours for each of the respondents.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 840 hours.

**Frequency:** Annual.

Issued: May 7, 2009.

**Ann M. Linnertz,**

*Associate Administrator for Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****[Docket No. FTA-2009-0026]****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 approve the extension of the currently approved information collection: Tribal Transit Program.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before July 13, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that your comments are not entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (**Note:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) electronic docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

2. *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

3. *Mail*: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

4. *Hand Delivery*: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

*Instructions*: You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to Internet users, without change, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Ms. Lorna Wilson, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-0893, or e-mail: [lorna.wilson@dot.gov](mailto:lorna.wilson@dot.gov).

**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*: Tribal Transit Program (OMB Number: 2132-0567).

*Background*: FTA's Tribal Transit Program provides financial assistance to federally recognized Indian tribes for

public transportation services on and around Indian reservations located in rural areas. Eligibility is based on the statutory provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5311—Nonurbanized Area Formula Program. The provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Title 49 U.S.C. 5311, 49 CFR Part 18—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments (the Common Grant Rule), and prudent administration of federal grant funds dictate that grantor agencies review applications for federal assistance to assure eligibility and other criteria, as appropriate, and monitor approved projects to ensure timely expenditure of federal funds by grant recipients. Information collected under this program is structured to comply with federal mandates. The reporting requirements are submitted by recipients in two stages: The application stage and the project management stage.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) established funding for the Tribal Transit Program. This program is a \$17,000,000 discretionary grant program to support capital investments for public transit services that serve Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages.

To meet the requirements of the ARRA, FTA requested an emergency approval from OMB for the Tribal Transit Program. OMB approved FTA's emergency request on March 17, 2009. FTA published a **Federal Register** notice on March 23, 2009, for Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

*Respondents*: State and local governments, tribal governments, businesses or other for-profit institutions, non-profit institutions and small business organizations.

*Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents*: Approximately 45 hours for each of the 71 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*: 3,195 hours.

*Frequency*: Annual.

Issued: May 7, 2009.

**Ann M. Linnertz,**

*Associate Administrator for Administration.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 316X);  
STB Docket No. AB-866 (Sub-No. 2X)]

#### **Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Mecklenberg County, VA, and Granville County, NC; North Carolina & Virginia Railroad Co., Inc., Virginia Southern Railroad Division— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Mecklenberg County, VA, and Granville County, NC**

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and North Carolina & Virginia Railroad Co., Inc., Virginia Southern Railroad Division (NCVA) (collectively, applicants), have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over a 15.25 mile line of railroad between milepost D-37.9, south of Clarksville, VA, and milepost D-53.15, at O&H Junction, near Oxford, NC, in Mecklenberg County, VA, and Granville County, NC (the line).<sup>1</sup> The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 23927, 27507 and 27565.

Applicants have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial

<sup>1</sup> NCVA was authorized to lease the line and a connecting portion of a line between milepost D-0.0 and milepost D-37.9 (northern portion) from NSR. NSR has agreed to lease the northern portion to the Buckingham Branch Railroad Company (BBRR), and NCVA has assigned its common carrier obligation over that portion of the line north of Clarksville to BBRR. See *Buckingham Branch Railroad Company—Change in Operators Exemption—Rail Line in Nottoway, Lunenburg, Charlotte, and Mecklenberg Counties, VA*, STB Finance Docket No. 35226 (STB served May 7, 2009).