

rating should arise as a part of the normal planning process.

FTA has been collecting project evaluation information from project sponsors under the existing OMB approval for this program (OMB No. 2132-0561). However, due to modifications in the project evaluation criteria and FTA evaluation and rating procedures for the New Starts program and the addition of the Small Starts program, it became apparent that some information now required might be beyond the scope of ordinary planning activities. In particular, SAFETEA-LU creates additional requirements for before-and-after data collection as a condition of obtaining a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) or a Project Construction Grant Agreement (PCGA).

Respondents: State and local government.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: Approximately 275 hours for each of the 135 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 37,070 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

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Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2010-0038]

Notice of Request for the Approval of 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 the following information collection:

Metropolitan and Statewide Transportation Planning.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before December 13, 2010.

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:* 202-366-7951.

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: Candace Noonan, Office of Planning and Environment, (202) 366-1648, or *e-mail:* candace.noonan@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: Metropolitan and Statewide Transportation Planning.

OMB Number: 2132-0529.

Background: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) jointly carry out the federal mandate to improve urban and rural transportation. 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303 and 5304 and 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135 authorize the use of federal funds to assist Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), States, and local public bodies in developing transportation plans and programs to serve the transportation needs of urbanized areas over 50,000 in population and other areas of States outside of urbanized areas. The information collection activities involved in developing the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) are necessary to identify and evaluate the transportation issues and needs in each urbanized area and throughout every state. These products of the transportation planning process are essential elements in the reasonable planning and programming of federally funded transportation investments.

In addition to serving as management tools for MPOs and State DOTs, the UPWP and State Planning and Research (SP&R) Work Program are used by both FTA and FHWA to monitor the transportation planning activities of those agencies. It is also needed to establish national out year budgets and regional program plans, develop policy on using funds, monitor State and local compliance with national technical emphasis areas, respond to Congressional inquiries, prepare Congressional testimony, and ensure efficiency in the use and expenditure of federal funds by determining that planning proposals are both reasonable and cost-effective. 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 and 23 U.S.C. 134(h) require the development of TIPs for urbanized areas; STIPs are mandated by 49 U.S.C. Section 5304 and 23 U.S.C. 235(f) for an entire State. After approval by the Governor and MPO, metropolitan TIPs in attainment areas are to be incorporated directly into the STIP. For nonattainment areas, FTA/FHWA must make a conformity finding on the TIPs before including them into the STIP. The complete STIP is then jointly reviewed and approved or disapproved

by FTA and FHWA. These conformity findings and approval actions constitute the determination that Sates are complying with the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 235 and 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303 and 5304 as a condition of eligibility for federal-aid funding. Without these documents, approvals and findings, capital and/or operating assistance cannot be provided.

Respondents: State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and MPOs.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 621 hours for each of the 436 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 270,756 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Issued: October 6, 2010.

Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in Vermont

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, the Southern Connector/ Champlain Parkway in the City of Burlington, Chittenden County, Vermont. Those actions grant approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before April 11, 2011. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Mr. Kenneth R. Sikora, Jr., Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, P.O. Box 568, Montpelier, Vermont 05601-0568; telephone: (802) 828-4573; e-mail: Kenneth.Sikora@dot.gov. The FHWA Vermont Division Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (eastern time). For the Vermont Agency of Transportation: Mr. Wayne Davis,

Project Supervisor, Vermont Agency of Transportation, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, Vermont 05633; telephone: (808) 828-5609; e-mail:

Wayne.Davis@state.vt.us. The Vermont Agency of Transportation's normal business hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (eastern time).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FHWA, has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1) by issuing approvals for the following highway project in the State of Vermont: the Southern Connector/ Champlain Parkway, Federal-aid Project Number MEGC-M5000(1), in the City of Burlington, Chittenden County. The project will consist of approximately 2.3 miles of a two-lane roadway with turning lanes on both new location and existing roadways. The project will begin at the western terminus of I-189 at Shelburne Street (U.S. Route 7) and will extend westerly and then northerly to the City Center District (CCD) at the intersection of Pine Street and Main Street. The general purposes of the project are to improve access from the vicinity of the interchange of I-189 and U.S. Route 7 to the Burlington CCD and the downtown waterfront area; and to improve circulation, reduce congestion, and improve safety on the local roadways in the project study area. The project includes a section of previously constructed roadway that has never been opened to traffic, new alignment from the end of the previously constructed section to Lakeside Avenue, and existing roadway along Lakeside Avenue and Pine Street. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the project, approved on September 22, 2009, in the FHWA Record of Decision (ROD) issued on January 13, 2010, and in other documents in the FHWA project files. The FSEIS, ROD, and other project records are available by contacting the FHWA or the Vermont Agency of Transportation at the addresses provided above. The FHWA FSEIS and ROD can also be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/progdev/Sections/LTF/SouthernConnectorSEIS/SouthernConnectorFSEIS.htm>.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-

4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128].

2. *Land:* Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].

3. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*].

4. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations.

(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 U.S.C. 139(I)(1).

Issued on: October 6, 2010.

Kenneth R. Sikora, Jr.,

Environmental Program Manager, Montpelier, Vermont.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on the Route 250 Bypass Interchange at McIntire Road Project in Virginia

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1). The actions relate to the Route 250 Bypass Interchange at McIntire Road project in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before April 11, 2011.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a claim arising under Federal law seeking judicial review of a permit, license, or approval issued by a Federal agency for a highway or public transportation capital project shall be barred unless it is filed within 180 days after publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing that the permit, license, or approval is final