DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration
[Docket No. FHWA–2010–0176]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew an information collection. We published a Federal Register Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on August 19, 2010. We are required to publish this notice in the Federal Register by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by February 22, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may 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 DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA’s performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. All comments should include the Docket number FHWA–2010–0176.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Robertson, (202) 366–4814, or Dale Gray, (202) 366–0978, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Request Forms for Fund Transfers to Other Agencies and Among Title 23 Programs.
OMB Control Number: 2125–0620.
Background: Sections 1108, 1119(b), 1935, and 1936 of Public Law 109–59, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU) expanded the transferability of funds to other agencies and among programs. SAFETEA–LU establishes requirements for initiating the transferring of apportioned and allocated funds between entities and between projects and programs to carry out these provisions of law. The types of transfers affected by this notice are:

a. Transfer of funds from a State to the FHWA pursuant to U.S.C. Title 23, § 104(k)(3);

b. Transfer of funds from a State to a Federal Agency other than FHWA;

c. Transfer of funds from a State to another State;

d. Transfer of funds between programs; and,

e. Transfer of funds between projects.

The party initiating the fund transfer must fill out a FHWA transfer request form. Information required to fill out a transfer form will include the requester’s contact information, a description of the program/project the transfer will come from and go to, the fiscal year, the program code, a demo identification number or an urban area when applicable, and the amount to be transferred. The form must be approved by the applicable State Department of Transportation and concurred on by the correlating FHWA Division Office.

Respondents: 50 State Transportation Departments, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Frequency: As Needed.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: It is estimated that a total of 600 responses will be received annually, which would equal a total annual burden of 300 hours.


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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 (NHTSA), 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 August 16, 2010 (75 FR 50034–50036).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 22, 2011.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Cicchino, PhD, Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative, Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NTI–131), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE., W46–491, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Cicchino’s phone number is 202–366–2752 and her e-mail address is jessica.cicchino@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: The Effect of Entry-Level Motorcycle Rider Training on Motorcycle Crashes.

Type of Request: New information collection request.

Abstract: Motorcycle fatalities in the United States decreased in 2009 for the first time after steadily increasing for 11 years. However, even with this decline, the number of motorcycle fatalities in 2009 was nearly double that from a decade ago.

Motorcycle rider training is a part of most States’ motorcycle safety programs, and funds are set aside under Section 2010 of SAFETEA–LU in part to help States increase their motorcycle training. A study conducted by Billheimer (1998) found that trained riders with less than 500 miles of riding experience had a lower crash rate than untrained riders during the 6 months after training. Other studies conducted on the effectiveness of motorcycle rider training in the United States, however, have not found an effect of motorcycle rider training on crashes. Thus, the extent to which motorcycle rider training reduces crash involvement is unclear.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) plans on using information from surveys and archival records to examine the impact of entry-level motorcycle rider training on safe motorcycle riding, as one component of
a larger research project evaluating the effectiveness of rider training. Participation by respondents will be voluntary. Surveys will be used to collect information from motorcycle riders on topics such as demographics, miles and years of riding experience, purpose of riding, training history, self-reported crash history, alcohol use prior to riding, use of helmets and other protective gear while riding, and other behaviors pertaining to safe riding. Survey data will be supplemented by archival data on riders’ police-reported crashes, injuries, and motor vehicle citations. Data collected from motorcycle riders that have received entry-level rider training will be compared to data from untrained motorcycle riders.

Respondents will be asked to complete a survey three times during this study. The second survey will be completed 6 months after the first, and the third survey will be completed 18 months after the first. Surveys will be conducted electronically over the Internet when possible, with a pen-and-paper option available if preferred by the respondent.

Affected Public: NHTSA plans to recruit 1,250 motorcycle riders (625 trained and 625 untrained) for this study. Respondents will be novice motorcycle riders that have and have not completed an entry-level motorcycle rider training course. Participation will be solicited through motorcycle rider training courses, Departments of Motor Vehicles, motorcycle dealerships, motorcycle accessory shops, motorcycle trade shows, and at other locations where riders congregate. Trained and untrained riders will be matched on a number of characteristics, including demographics, riding experience, and self-reported safe and unsafe riding behaviors (such as speeding). To form matched pairs of 625 trained and 625 untrained riders, a total of up to 16,000 novice motorcycle riders will be screened (thus an additional 14,750 riders).

Estimated Total Burden: The total estimated burden is 1,541.5 hours. The burden for study participants is estimated to be 312.5 hours (1,250 respondents participating in 3 surveys, averaging 5 minutes each to complete), and the estimated burden for the additional riders that will be screened for the study is 1,229 hours (14,750 respondents participating in 1 screening survey, averaging 5 minutes to complete). The respondents would not incur any recordkeeping burden or recordkeeping cost from the information collection.

Comments are invited on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;

(iii) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) 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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Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.

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