and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.—5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility’s Web site at http://www.regulations.gov.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the document, 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), or at http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 9, 2011.

Robert C. Lauby,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.

[FR Doc. 2011–29616 Filed 11–15–11; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4910–06–P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA–2011–0068]

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 (OMB) approval to renew the following information collection: 49 U.S.C. Section 5320—Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program.

The information collected is to monitor projects and satisfy Congressional requests. The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on August 29, 2011 (Citation 76 FR 53714). No comments were received from that notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before December 16, 2011. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5320—Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program.
Abstract: Section 3021 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU), as amended, established the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program (Transit in Parks Program—49 U.S.C. 5320). The program is administered by FTA in partnership with the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service. The program provides grants to Federal land management agencies that manage an eligible area, including but not limited to the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Reclamation; and State, tribal and local governments with jurisdiction over land in the vicinity of an eligible area, acting with the consent of a federal land management agency, alone or in partnership with a Federal land management agency or other governmental or non-governmental participant. The purpose of the program is to provide for the planning and capital costs of alternative transportation systems that will enhance the protection of national parks and Federal lands; increase the enjoyment of visitors’ experience by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources; reduce congestion and pollution; improve visitor mobility and accessibility; enhance visitor experience; and ensure access to all, including persons with disabilities. Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,220 hours.

ADDRESSES: 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.

Dated: November 9, 2011.

Ann M. Linnertz,
Associate Administrator for Administration.

[FR Doc. 2011–29524 Filed 11–15–11; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4910–57–P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA–2011–0067]

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 (OMB) to extend the approval of the following information collection:

49 U.S.C. Section 5330—Rail Fixed Guideway Systems, State Safety Oversight. The information collected is used to monitor the safety of the rail transit agencies. The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on August 29, 2011 (Citation 76 FR 53713). No comments were received from that notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before December 16, 2011. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 5330 requires States to designate a State Safety Oversight (SSO) agency to oversee the safety and security of each rail transit agency within the State’s jurisdiction. To comply with Section 5330, SSO agencies must develop program standards which meet FTA’s minimum requirements. In the Program Standard, which must be approved by FTA, each SSO agency must require each rail transit agency in the State’s jurisdiction to prepare and implement a System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) and System
Security Plan (SSP). The SSO agency also requires the rail transit agencies in its jurisdiction to conduct specific activities, such as accident investigation, implementation of a hazard management program, and the management of an internal safety and security audit process. SSO agencies review and approve the SSPs and SSPPs of the rail transit agencies. Once every three years, States conduct an on-site review of the rail transit agencies in their jurisdictions to assess SSPP/SSP implementation and to determine whether these plans are effective and if they need to be updated. SSO agencies develop final reports documenting the findings from these on-site reviews and require corrective actions. SSO agencies also review and approve accident investigation reports, participate in the rail transit agency’s hazard management program, and oversee implementation of the rail transit agency’s internal safety and security audit process. SSO agencies review and approve corrective action plans and track and monitor rail transit agency activities to implement them.

Collection of this information enables each SSO agency to monitor each rail transit agency’s implementation of the State’s requirements as specified in the Program Standard approved by FTA. Without this information, States would not be able to oversee the rail transit agencies in their jurisdictions. Recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) have encouraged States and rail transit agencies to devote additional resources to these safety activities and safety oversight in general.

SSO agencies also submit an annual certification to FTA that the State is in compliance with Section 5330 and an annual report documenting the State’s safety and security oversight activities. FTA uses the annual information submitted by the States to monitor implementation of the program. If a State fails to comply with Section 5330, FTA may withhold up to five percent of the funds appropriated for use in a State or urbanized area in the State under section 5307. The information submitted by the States ensures FTA’s compliance with applicable federal laws, OMB Circular A–102, and 49 CFR part 18, “Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments.”

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 142,393 hours.

ADDRESSES: 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5316—Job Access and Reverse Commute Program.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 5316, the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program, authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to states for areas with a population of less than 200,000 and designated recipients in urbanized areas of 200,000 persons or greater to transport welfare recipients and other low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to employment. Grant recipients are required to make information available to the public and to publish a program of projects which identifies the subrecipients and projects for which the State or designated recipient is applying for financial assistance. FTA uses the information to determine eligibility for funding and to monitor the grantees’ progress in implementing and completing project activities. FTA collects performance information annually from designated recipients in rural areas, small urbanized areas, other direct recipients for small urbanized areas, and designated recipients in urbanized areas of 200,000 persons or greater. FTA collects milestone and financial status reports from designated recipients in large urbanized areas on a quarterly basis. The information submitted ensures FTA’s compliance with applicable Federal laws.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 122,374 hours.

ADDRESSES: 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.

Issued on: November 7, 2011.

Ann M. Linnertz,
Associate Administrator for Administration.


BILLING CODE 4910–07–P