

from 49 U.S.C. 21103(A)(4)(a) allowing covered train employees to initiate an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days followed by 24, rather than 48, hours off duty. Additionally, ASLRRRA explains that the waivers have had no negative impact on safety, and have provided benefits for the railroads, shippers, and employees.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by March 2, 2012 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

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 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 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or online at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

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**Ron Hynes,**

*Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[DOT Docket No. NHTSA-2011-0045]

#### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), on March 30, 2011 (76 FR 17746) the agency published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting public comment on the proposed information collection abstracted below.

In further compliance with the PRA, the agency now publishes this second notice announcing the submission of its proposed collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and notifying the public about how to submit comments on the proposed collection to OMB during the 30-day comment period.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 16, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Burton, NHTSA 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W46-492, NTI-200, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Burton's telephone number is (202) 366-2685. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a

document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day public comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment 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 collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- iii. How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- iv. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

(1) *Title:* 23 CFR, 1200.10(d), Uniform Safety Program Cost Summary Form for Highway Safety Plan.

*OMB Number:* 2127-0003.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* For the Highway Cost Summary, the public is 50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, the Virgin Islands and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

*Abstract:* Each State shall have a highway safety program approved by the Secretary, designed to reduce traffic accidents and deaths, injuries, and property damage resulting there from. Such program shall be in accordance with uniform guidelines promulgated by the Secretary to improve driver performance, and to improve pedestrian performance, motorcycle safety and bicycle safety. Under this program, States submit the Highway Safety Program and other documentation explaining how they intend to use the grant funds. In order to account for funds expended under these priority areas and other program areas, States are required to submit a Program Cost Summary. The Program Cost Summary is completed to reflect the State's proposed Allocation of funds (including

carry-forward funds) by program area, based on the projects and activities identified in the Highway Safety Plan.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 570.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 57.

(2) *Title:* 23 CFR, 1345, Occupant Protection Incentive Grant—Section 405.

*OMB Number:* 2127–0600.

*Affected Public:* For Section 405, the public is 50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas and the Virgin Islands.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* An occupant protection incentive grant is available to states that can demonstrate compliance with at least four of six criteria. Demonstration of compliance requires submission of copies of relevant seat belt and child passenger protection statutes plan and/or reports on statewide seat belt enforcement and child seat education programs and possibly some traffic court records. In addition, States eligible to receive grant funds must submit a Program Cost Summary (Form 217), allocating section 405 funds to occupant protection programs.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,736.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 56.

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.

**Mary D. Gunnels,**

*Associate Administrator, Regional Operations and Program Delivery.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

#### Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics; Request for Nominations

**AGENCY:** Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA),

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for Nominations to the Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS).

**SUMMARY:** The BTS solicits nominations for interested persons to serve on the ACTS. The ACTS is composed of BTS stakeholders who advise the Director on the quality, reliability, consistency, objectivity, and relevance of transportation statistics and analyses collected, supported, or disseminated by the BTS and DOT.

**DATES:** Nominations for the ACTS must be received on or before January 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Deborah D. Johnson, ACTS Liaison at the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room E34–316, Washington, DC 20590 at (202) 366–8578 or email at [deborah.johnson@dot.gov](mailto:deborah.johnson@dot.gov). Send nominations with complete contact information and biography or the completed application in written form (for self-nominations) to the above street address. This notice and the DOT F 1120.1 application form are available on the Internet at [http://www.bts.gov/programs/advisory\\_council\\_on\\_transportation\\_statistics/](http://www.bts.gov/programs/advisory_council_on_transportation_statistics/).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 (Pub. L. 102–240), directed the Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) to establish an advisory Council on Transportation Statistics. In 2005, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU) codified the requirement for the ACTS in 49 U.S.C. Section 111 (See Section 5601 of SAFETEA–LU). The functions of the ACTS are to: (1) Advise the Director on the quality, reliability, consistency, objectivity, and relevance of transportation statistics and analyses collected, supported, or disseminated by BTS and DOT; (2) provide input to and review the congressional report required by 49 U.S.C. Section 111(d)(4); and (3) advise the Director of BTS on methods to encourage cooperation and interoperability of transportation data collected by BTS, the operating administrations of DOT, States, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and private sector entities [http://www.bts.gov/programs/advisory\\_council\\_on\\_transportation\\_statistics/charter.html](http://www.bts.gov/programs/advisory_council_on_transportation_statistics/charter.html).

Committee members must not be officers or employees of the Federal Government and serve without pay on staggered 3-year terms. The Director may allow a member, when attending meetings of the Committee or a subcommittee, reimbursement of expenses authorized under Section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code and the Federal Travel Regulation, 41 CFR part 301, relating to per diem, travel, and transportation.

The President's Memorandum of June 18, 2010, concerning lobbyists on Agency boards and commissions (75 FR 35995, 6/23/10) directed the heads of Executive departments and agencies not to make any new appointments or reappointments of federally registered lobbyists to advisory committees and other boards and commissions. Pursuant to the President's directive, BTS will not consider for appointment to the ACTS any individual who is subject to the registration and reporting requirements of the Lobbying Disclosure Act (2 U.S.C. 1605).

The Designated Federal Officer anticipates calling Committee meetings approximately twice each year. Meetings are open to the general public, except as provided under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.). Notice of each meeting is published in the **Federal Register** at least 15 calendar days prior to the date of the meeting.

##### II. Request for Nominations

The BTS seeks nominations for membership to the ACTS from among its stakeholder groups. The ACTS is composed of not fewer than nine and not more than 11 members appointed by the BTS Director, who are not officers or employees of the United States. Each member shall have expertise in transportation data collection or analysis or application; except that one member shall have expertise in economics, one member shall have expertise in statistics, and one member shall have experience in transportation safety. At least one member shall be a senior official of a State department of transportation. Members shall include representation of a cross-section of transportation community stakeholders.

The Agency is required under FACA to appoint members of diverse views and interests to ensure the committee is balanced with appropriate consideration of background. All Committee members must be able to attend at least one meeting each year in person or by teleconference. Interested persons should have a commitment to improving transportation statistics and have knowledge of transportation