DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA–2012–0048 ]

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’s (OMB) approval to renew the following information collection:

Transit Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment Projects

The information collected is necessary to determine eligibility of applicants and ensure mass transportation service at a minimum cost. The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on July 9, 2012 (Citation 77 FR 40409). No comments were received from that notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before November 5, 2012. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Transit Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment Projects.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 5312(a) authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants or contracts for research, development, demonstration and deployment projects, and for evaluation of technology of national significance to public transportation, that the Secretary determines will improve mass transportation service or help transportation service meet the total urban transportation needs at a minimum cost. In carrying out the provisions of this section, the Secretary is also authorized to request and receive appropriate information from any source. The information collected is submitted as part of the application for grants and cooperative agreements and is used to determine eligibility of applicants. Collection of this information also provides documentation that the applicants and recipients are meeting program objectives and are complying with FTA Circular 6100.1D and other federal requirements.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 11,240 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Distracted Driving Grant Program

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21), the Department of Transportation (DOT) announced the availability of funding authorized for distracted driving grants on August 24, 2012. In this notice, DOT is extending the application submission deadline announced in the notice of availability of funding to February 28, 2013.

DATES: This notice is effective October 5, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Associate Administrator, Regional Operations and Program Delivery, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Telephone number: 202–366–2121; Email: Maggi.Gunnels@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 6, 2012, the President signed into law the “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act” (MAP–21), Public Law 112–141, which created a new distracted driving grant program. DOT recently published a notice of funding availability (NOFA) for the distracted driving grant program, 77 FR 51610 (Aug. 24, 2012), which established an application deadline of October 9, 2012 for FY 2013 grants. Today’s notice extends that application deadline to February 28, 2013. Applications for FY 2013 distracted driving grants must now be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on February 28, 2013.

Authority: Pub. L. 112–141, Section 31105; 23 U.S.C. 405(e) (as set forth in MAP– 21); delegation of authority at 49 CFR §§ 1.94 and 1.95.

Issued on: October 1, 2012.
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Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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