

*Background:* 14 CFR Part 437 established requirements for the FAA's authority to issue experimental permits for reusable suborbital rockets to authorize launches for the purpose of research and development, crew training and showing compliance with the regulations. The information collected includes data required for performing a safety review, which includes a technical assessment to determine if the applicant can launch a reusable suborbital rocket without jeopardizing public health and safety and the safety of property. The applicant is required to submit information that enables FAA to determine, before issuing a permit, if issuance of the experimental permit would jeopardize the foreign policy or national security interests of the U.S.

*Respondents:* Approximately 10 applicants for experimental permits.

*Frequency:* Information is collected on occasion.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 18.6 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* An estimated 2,567 hours annually.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov), or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 13, 2013.

**Albert R. Spence,**

*FAA Assistant Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES-200.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, December 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the National Housing Center, 1201 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20005. This will be the 58th meeting of the COMSTAC.

The proposed schedule for the COMSTAC working group meetings on December 10 is below:

- Business/Legal (8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.)
- Systems (10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)
- Operations (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- International Space Policy—(3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)

The full Committee will meet on December 11. The meeting will address general issues relevant to the commercial space transportation industry, as well as reports and recommendations from the working groups.

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written statements for the COMSTAC members to consider under the advisory process. Statements may concern the issues and agenda items mentioned above and/or additional issues that may be relevant for the U.S. commercial space transportation industry. Interested parties wishing to submit written statements should contact Larry Scott, (the Contact Person listed below) in writing (mail or email) by November 26, 2013, so that the information can be made available to COMSTAC members for their review and consideration before the December 10 and 11 meetings. Written statements should be supplied in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and/or one electronic copy (no macros in Microsoft Word doc) via email.

Subject to approval, a portion of the December 11th meeting will be closed to the public (starting at approximately 2:00 p.m.).

An agenda will be posted on the FAA Web site at [www.faa.gov/go/ast](http://www.faa.gov/go/ast).

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Persons listed below in advance of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Scott, telephone (202) 267-7982; email [larry.scott@faa.gov](mailto:larry.scott@faa.gov), FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation (AST-3), 800 Independence Avenue SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591.

Complete information regarding COMSTAC is available on the FAA Web site at: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ast/advisory\\_committee/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/advisory_committee/).

Issued in Washington, DC, November 8, 2013.

**George C. Nield,**

*Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2013-0055]

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on June 21, 2013. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by December 20, 2013.

**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-2013-0055.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph Cheung, 202-366-6994 or Brian Fouch, 202-366-0744, Office of Safety Design Team, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Roadway Departure Safety Profile.

*Background:* Roadway departure fatalities account for 53 percent of all highway deaths in the United States. Identifying roadway departure crash types and locations is an important part of the FHWA Office of Safety's development of an internal Roadway Departure Strategic Plan. To assist in this effort, FHWA seeks to focus on the following primary emphasis areas based on crash type: overturning, opposite direction, and fixed-object crashes (particularly trees and utility poles). Recognizing that States face similar issues in preventing such crashes, the FHWA proposes to collect information from each State to identify and document methods and knowledge gained about addressing fixed object crashes. This includes gathering details and descriptions of State policies including design guidance, clear zone policies; case studies, innovative best practices, and notable strategies/projects to address fixed object crashes; studies or data that document the effectiveness of implemented countermeasures, policies, or design guidance in reducing the number and/or severity of vehicle crashes into roadside trees and utility poles and other fixed objects; and lessons learned. In addition to State policies, FHWA is interested in documenting any "special projects" that States have used to enhance roadside safety, such as the Colleton County I-95 Timber Harvest Project. The purpose of the project was to identify areas along interstate highways that would enhance forest health, improve and enhance aesthetics, and improve highway safety. The result of the project culminated in identifying 15 potential forestation thinning sites. By thinning these forested areas, the South Carolina DOT hopes to reduce the incidence of fixed-object crashes involving trees adjacent to the roadway. Such efforts are outside of State's typical design practices but can have a positive effect on roadside

safety. Additionally, FHWA would encourage States, as part of the information gathering, to share information about local efforts by cities and counties. Using the information gathered, FHWA will develop a Synthesis of State practices. A part of the survey will involve a set of questions to determine the current "State of the State" regarding Roadway Departure safety. From the information gathered, FHWA will develop a Roadway Departure Safety Profile Report for each State to support future technical assistance to the State DOTs, FHWA Division office, and local agencies.

The survey will be disseminated electronically, enabling respondents to answer questions via a link established specifically for the purposes of this survey.

*Respondents:* Approximately 52 representatives from State DOTs, Washington DC and Puerto Rico.

*Frequency:* One time survey.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* Approximately 16 hours per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Approximately 832 hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* 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 burdens; (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. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued On: November 14, 2013.

**Michael Howell,**

*Information Collection Officer*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Caddo Parish, Louisiana

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Revised Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this revised notice of intent to advise the public of modifications to the I-49 Inner City Connector Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The previous notice of intent described the I-49 Inner City Connector as an approximate 3.8 mile new freeway designed to connect existing I-49 to future I-49 North at its proposed junction with I-220 in Shreveport, Louisiana. During the public involvement process undertaken as part of the EIS, a build alternative utilizing an existing roadway was proposed and will be studied in the EIS. This alternative represents an approximate 12 mile connector to link existing I-49 at its junction with Louisiana Highway 3132 to future I-49 North at its proposed junction with I-220. This NOI revises the NOI issued on February 8, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Charles Bolinger, Division Administrator, Louisiana Division, Federal Highway Administration, 5304 Flanders Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 Telephone: 225-757-7600. See also the project Web site at <http://www.i49shreveport.com>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG), is preparing an EIS on a proposal to construct the I-49 Inner City Connector.

The I-49 Inner City Connector is freeway designed to connect existing I-49 to future I-49 North at its proposed junction with I-220 in Shreveport, Louisiana. The project's purpose and need are to provide connectivity between existing I-49 and future I-49 and is intended to improve economic opportunities by providing increased access to the interstate system. Alternatives currently under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; (2) constructing an elevated freeway on new location; (3) constructing a freeway that is partly elevated and partly at-grade on new location; and (4) upgrade and modification of existing roadways. Build alternatives for the I-49 Inner City Connector involve a travel distance of approximately three and one-half miles up to approximately 12 miles. Incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives will be design variations of grade and alignment.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments were sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously