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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2017-0012]

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: The 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 are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by July 17, 2017

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number FHWA-2017-0012 by any of the following methods:

Web site: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Esther Strawder, 202-366-6836, Office of Safety, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from: 8:30a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Roadway Safety Data Capability Assessment.

Background: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is initiating a large-scale effort to expand its relationships with the States to develop a better understanding of their data capabilities and conditions of data collection. The effort, known as the Roadway Safety Data Capabilities Assessment, will be conducted in 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The two major objectives are to (1) create a mechanism by which a national and State-specific gap analyses could be conducted to identify opportunities to improve capabilities and (2) provide tools and assistance to assist States in overcoming those gaps. The results will provide a detailed understanding (for FHWA and the States themselves) of the needs for complete, accurate roadway, crash, and traffic volume data for use in safety analysis. The assessment will yield both a quantitative understanding of each State's capability (using a capability maturity model) and State-specific action plans in the key areas of:

- Roadway inventory data collection and technical standards
- Data analysis tools and uses
- Data management and governance
- Data integration and expandability
- Performance management

The results will also be useful for States and FHWA in their efforts to develop programs and make improvements in roadway safety management.

Respondents: 50 State DOT participants the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Frequency: Once every 5 years.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 36 hours per participant over a year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 1,728 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2017-0010]

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: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of a new information collection. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on March 28, 2017. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by June 16, 2017.

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-2017-0010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Scurry, 609-637-4207, Office of Safety, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 840 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 202, West Trenton, NJ, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Background: The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

(Pub. L. 114–94) continues the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) as a core federal-aid program with the purpose to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal lands. The HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads that focuses on performance.

The existing provisions of Title 23 U.S.C. Sections 130, Railway-Highway Crossings Program, as well as implementing regulations in 23 CFR 924, remain in effect. Included in these combined provisions are requirements for State DOTs to annually produce and submit to FHWA by August 31 reports related to the implementation and effectiveness of their HSIPs, that are to include information on: (a) Progress being made to implement HSIP projects and the effectiveness of these projects in reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries [Sections 148(h)]; and (b) progress being made to implement the Railway-Highway Crossings Program and the effectiveness of the projects in that program [Sections 130(g) and 148(h)], which will be used by FHWA to produce and submit biennial reports to Congress. To be able to produce these reports, State DOTs must have safety data and analysis systems capable of identifying and determining the relative severity of hazardous highway locations on all public roads, based on both crash experience and crash potential, as well as determining the effectiveness of highway safety improvement projects. FHWA provides an online reporting tool to support the annual HSIP reporting process. Additional information is available on the Office of Safety Web site at <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/resources/onrpttool/>. Reporting into the online reporting tool meets all report requirements and USDOT Web site compatibility requirements. The information contained in the annual HSIP reports provides FHWA with a means for monitoring the effectiveness of these programs and may be used by Congress for determining the future HSIP program structure and funding levels.

Respondents: 51 State Transportation Departments, including the District of Columbia.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 250 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,750 hours (51 states at an average of 250 hours each).

Electronic Access: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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

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Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2017–0009]

Proposed Third Renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Assigning Certain Federal Environmental Responsibilities to the State of Utah, Including National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Authority for Certain Categorical Exclusions (CEs)

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of proposed MOU, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA and the State of Utah, acting by and through its Department of Transportation (State), propose a renewal of the State's participation in the State Assumption of Responsibility for Categorical Exclusions. This program allows FHWA to assign to States its authority and responsibility for determining whether certain designated activities within the geographic boundaries of the State, as specified in the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), are categorically excluded from preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act. An amended MOU would renew the State's participation in the program. The MOU will be amended by incorporating the following change: FHWA may terminate the State's participation in this program if FHWA provides the State a notification of noncompliance, and a period of not less than 120 days to take corrective action as FHWA determines necessary, and if the state fails to take satisfactory corrective action as determined by FHWA (Section 1307 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation [FAST] Act [Pub. L. 114–94]).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by DOT Document

Management System (DMS) Docket Number [FHWA–2017–0009], by any of the methods described below. Electronic or facsimile comments are preferred because Federal offices experience intermittent mail delays from security screening.

Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site. Facsimile (Fax): 1–202–493–2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For access to the docket to view a complete copy of the proposed MOU, or to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/> at any time or to 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Mr. Edward Woolford, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 2520 West 4700 South, Suite 9A, Salt Lake City, UT 84129; by email at Edward.woolford@dot.gov or by telephone at 801–955–3524. The FHWA Utah Division Office's normal business hours are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Mountain), Monday-Friday, except for Federal Holidays. For State: Mr. Brandon Weston, Environmental Services Director, Utah Department of Transportation, 4501 South 4700 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84129; by email at Brandonweston@Utah.gov or by telephone at 801–965–4603. The Utah Department of Transportation's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mountain), Monday-Friday, except for State and Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access: Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register's home page at: <http://www.archives.gov/> and the Government Printing Office's database: <http://www.fdsys.gov/>. An electronic version of the proposed MOU may be downloaded by accessing the DOT DMS docket, as described above, at <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

Background: Section 326 of Title 23 U.S. Code, creates a program that allows the Secretary of the DOT (Secretary), to assign, and a State to assume, responsibility for determining whether certain highway projects are included within classes of action that are categorically excluded (CE) from