

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****[Docket No. FRA–2018–0008–N–5]****Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the renewal Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On April 26, 2018, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 10, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the ICR to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer. Comments may also be sent via email to OMB at the following address: [oir-submissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir-submissions@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, RRS–21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W33–497, Washington, DC 20590 (Telephone: (202) 493–6292); or Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Administration, Office of Information Technology, RAD–20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W34–212, Washington, DC 20590 (Telephone: (202) 493–6132).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), and 1320.12. On April 26, 2018, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on the ICR for which it is now seeking OMB approval. See 83 FR 18391. FRA

received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve this proposed collection of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect.

*Comments are invited on the following ICR regarding:* (1) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires.

*Title:* Steam Locomotive Inspection and Maintenance Standards (Formerly Steam Locomotive Inspection).

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0505.

*Abstract:* The Locomotive Boiler Inspection Act (LBIA) of 1911 required each railroad subject to the Act to file copies of its rules and instructions for the inspection of locomotives. The original LBIA was expanded to cover all steam locomotives and tenders, and all their parts and appurtenances. As amended, this Act requires railroads to inspect and repair steam locomotives to ensure they operate safely. Per the LBIA, the Steam Locomotive Inspection and Maintenance Standards (49 CFR part 230) were established to provide more specific standards that ensure steam locomotive safety. Currently, as amended in 1999, the collection of information for part 230 is used primarily by tourist or historic railroads and by locomotive owners/operators to track steam locomotive service days and

show that required inspections and maintenance are complete. The collection of information is also used by FRA and State rail safety inspectors to verify compliance with required inspection and maintenance standards, helping ensure steam locomotives are “safe and suitable” for service.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change of a current information collection.

*Affected Public:* Steam Locomotive Owners/Operators.

*Form(s):* FRA–1; FRA–2; FRA–3; FRA–4; FRA–5.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 4,868.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 18,865 hours.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor and a respondent is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****Program Guidance for Metropolitan Planning Program and State Planning and Research Program Grants: Availability of Final Circular**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final circular.

**SUMMARY:** The FTA has placed on its website final guidance in the form of FTA Circular 8100.1D, “Program Guidance For Metropolitan Planning and State Planning and Research Program Grants.” The final circular updates the Circular 8100.1C, “Program Guidance For Metropolitan Planning and State Planning and Research Program Grants,” to reflect various changes in law and to incorporate provisions of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

**DATES:** September 10, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victor Austin, Office of Planning and