

| CFR section <sup>1</sup>                                                                                                                                                                               | Respondent universe | Total annual responses                          | Average time per responses | Total annual burden hours | Total cost equivalent <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 229.315(b)—Railroad maintenance of Operations and Maintenance Manual containing all documents related to installation, maintenance, repair, modification, & testing of a product subject to this part. | 754 railroads ..... | 3 filings of manuals .....                      | 1 minute .....             | .05 hour .....            | 3.87                               |
| —(c) Configuration management control plan.                                                                                                                                                            | 754 railroads ..... | 3 filings of revised plans.                     | 1 minute .....             | .05 hour .....            | 3.87                               |
| 229.317(a)—Training and qualification program—Establishment and implementation of training qualification program for products subject to this subpart.                                                 | 754 railroads ..... | 90 filings of new or revised training programs. | 1 minute .....             | 1.50 hours .....          | 116.16                             |
| —(b) Employees trained under RR program.                                                                                                                                                               | 754 railroads ..... | 10,000 trained employees' records.              | 1 minute .....             | 166.67 hours .....        | 12,906.92                          |
| —(f) Periodic refresher training of employees.                                                                                                                                                         | 754 railroads ..... | 1,000 re-trained employees' records.            | 1 minute .....             | 16.67 hours .....         | 1,290.92                           |
| —(g) RR regular and periodic evaluation of effectiveness of its training program.                                                                                                                      | 754 railroads ..... | 90 evaluations .....                            | 2 hours .....              | 3.00 hours .....          | 232.32                             |
| —(h) RR record of individuals designated as qualified under this section.                                                                                                                              | 754 railroads ..... | 10,000 electronic records.                      | 1 minute .....             | 166.67 hours .....        | 12,906.92                          |
| Total <sup>4</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                               | 754 railroads ..... | 8,829,303 responses ..                          | N/A .....                  | 232,348 hours .....       | 17,585,665                         |

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 8,829,303.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 232,348 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$17,585,665.

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 a respondent is not required to respond to, conduct, or sponsor a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

<sup>1</sup> The current inventory exhibits a total burden of 3,815,751 hours while the total burden of this notice is 232,348 hours. As part of its review of this ICR renewal, FRA determined many of the previous estimates were preliminary, outdated, or duplicative. Moreover, FRA removed locomotive safety requirements outside the scope of the PRA, thus decreasing the total estimates accordingly in this notice.

<sup>2</sup> The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the Surface Transportation Board's 2020 Full Year Wage A&B data series using the appropriate employee group hourly wage rate that includes a 75-percent overhead charge.

<sup>3</sup> FRA is proposing to create a new form for use by passenger railroads, Form F 6180-49AP (Passenger Locomotive Inspection and Repair Record), under OMB Control Number 2130-0035. Once the new form is approved, FRA will move this under the proposed 49 CFR 229.22 of OMB 2130-0035.

<sup>4</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Transit Administration**

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2021-0008]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describe the nature of the information collection and their expected burdens.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 22, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

*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. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tia Swain, Office of Administration, Management Planning Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop TAD-10, Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-0354 or [tia.swain@dot.gov](mailto:tia.swain@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13, Section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 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), 1320.12. On April 30, 2021 FTA published a 60-day notice (86 FR 23030) in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments on the ICR that the agency was seeking OMB approval. FTA received no comments after issuing this 60-day notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c).

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections 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 that 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. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

*Title:* Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

*OMB Control Number:* 2132–0572.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a previously approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield

quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Federal Transit Administration and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: Timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency's services will be unavailable.

The Agency will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
  - The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
  - The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
  - Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;
  - Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
  - Information gathered is used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;
  - Information gathered is not used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
  - Information gathered yields qualitative information; the collections are not designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.
- Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful

information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential nonresponse bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

*Current Action:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondents:* 10,000.

*Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents:* 7,582 hours.

*Frequency:* Annual.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2021–0009]

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

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