DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Request for Information on Transit Safety Concerns

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, United States Department of Transportation (DOT)

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is extending the comment period for the request for information (RFI) regarding FTA’s Public Transportation Safety Program (Safety Program), which was published on July 15, 2021, with the original comment period closing on August 16, 2021.

DATES: Comments are requested by September 22, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may file comments identified by docket number FTA–2021–0011 by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to https://www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.


• Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• Fax: (202) 493–2251.

Instructions: For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Public Participation heading of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Privacy Act: Except as provided below, all comments received into the docket will be made public in their entirety. The comments will be searchable by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You should not include information in your comment that you do not want to be made public. You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78) or at https://www.transportation.gov/privacy.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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.

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 May 4, 2021 FTA published a 60-day notice (86 FR 23781) 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: Clean Fuels Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 2132–0573.

Type of Request: The Clean Fuels Grant Program was developed to assist non-attainment and maintenance areas in achieving or maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and carbon monoxide (CO). The program also supported emerging clean fuel and advanced propulsion technologies for transit buses and markets for those technologies. The Clean Fuels Grant Program was repealed under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21). However, funding previously authorized for programs repealed by MAP–21 remain available for their originally authorized purposes until the period of availability expires, the funds are fully expended, the funds are rescinded by Congress, or the funds are otherwise reallocated.

Respondents: State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Annual Respondents: 4.

Estimated Total Burden Hours per Respondent: 2 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 8 hours.

Frequency: Annually.

Nadine Pemberton,
Director Office of Management Planning.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a letter submitted to the docket dated August 11, 2021, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), on behalf of more than 1,300 member organizations, requested a 60-day extension of the comment period seeking input on public transit safety concerns published in the Federal Register on July 15, 2021 (86 FR 37400). As justification for this extension, APTA cited increased grant activity, the recent passage of an infrastructure bill, and ongoing responses to the COVID–19 pandemic as pulling transit systems in many directions. APTA believes an extension of time would facilitate its members’ ability to formulate thoughtful and proactive information responsive to FTA’s request for information.

Given the importance of public transportation safety and the need for a more fulsome dialogue on upcoming safety needs and priorities, FTA believes an extension of time is justified. Although APTA requested FTA extend the comment period for 60 additional days, commenters have already had 30 days in which to review and consider the questions posed in the RFI, and FTA believes an additional 30 days in which to submit comments is adequate, given FTA’s desire to move forward expeditiously with this important safety initiative.

FTA is not republishing the Questions to the Public in this document. Instead, please refer to the July 15, 2021 RFI (86 FR 37400) to view the original questions regarding safety concerns and issues recommended for additional assessment and potential action at the Federal level.

Public Participation
How do I prepare and submit comments?

To ensure that your comments are filed correctly, please include the docket number provided [FTA–2021–0011] in your comments.

Please submit your comments, including any attachments, to the docket following the instructions given above under ADDRESSES. Please note, if you are submitting comments electronically as a PDF (Adobe) file, these documents must be scanned using an Optical Character Recognition process, the Agency to search and copy certain portions of submissions. If submitting via mail, hand delivery, or courier, please provide two printed copies.

How can comments submitted by other people be read?

Comments received may be read at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001. The hours of the docket are indicated above in the same location. Comments may also be viewed on the internet, identified by the docket number at the heading of this notice, at http://www.regulations.gov.

Please note, the RFI will serve as a planning document. The RFI should not be construed as policy, a solicitation for applications, or an obligation on the part of the Government.

Gail Lyssy, Acting Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request on Burden Related to the Application for Exemption From Social Security and Medicare Taxes and Waiver of Benefits

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the burden related to the application for exemption from Social Security and Medicare taxes and waiver of benefits.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 22, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to Kinna Brewington, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Application for Exemption from Social Security and Medicare Taxes and Waiver of Benefits.

OMB Number: 1545–0064.

Regulation Project/Form Number: Form 4029.

Abstract: Form 4029 is used by members of recognized religious groups to apply for exemption from social security and Medicare taxes under Internal Revenue Code sections 1402(g) and 3127. The information is used to approve or deny exemption from social security and Medicare taxes.

Current Actions: There is no change to the burden previously approved.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Responses: 3,754.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 61 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,792.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

• Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic,