

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of nominations for membership.

**SUMMARY:** The Department solicits nominations for membership to serve on the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC), which is intended to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation through the FAA Administrator concerning rulemaking activities, such as aircraft operations, airmen and air agency certification, airworthiness standards and certification, airports, maintenance, noise, and training.

**DATES:** The deadline for nominations for Committee members must be received on or before October 20, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Email all nomination materials to [9-awa-arac@faa.gov](mailto:9-awa-arac@faa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aliah Duckett, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, [9-awa-arac@faa.gov](mailto:9-awa-arac@faa.gov) or (202) 267-6952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee was established by the Secretary of Transportation on January 22, 1991 in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10. The purpose of ARAC is to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary through the FAA Administrator concerning rulemaking activities, such as aircraft operations, airmen and air agency certification, airworthiness standards and certification, airports, maintenance, noise, and training.

In particular, ARAC will provide advice and recommendations about significant safety initiatives that affect the aviation industry. The Committee is continuing, but it is subject to renewal every two years. The Committee is expected to meet three times annually. Unless otherwise required by law or approved by the Secretary, all meetings will be held virtually (or in a hybrid forum that does not require additional use of Federal funds).

In this notice, the Department is soliciting nominations for membership to the Committee. The Committee shall report to the Secretary and shall comprise approximately 30 members,

representing organizations directly and indirectly impacted by FAA regulations (e.g., aircraft owners and operators, airmen and flight crewmembers, airports, aircraft maintenance providers, aircraft manufacturers, public citizens and passenger groups, training providers, and labor organizations). Members are appointed by the Secretary of Transportation. Members will serve 2-year terms but may be reappointed. Past members of the advisory committee are welcome to apply. The Department is interested in ensuring membership is balanced fairly in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the advisory committee.

*Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:* Qualified individuals can self-nominate or be nominated by any individual or organization. To be considered for ARAC, nominators should submit the following information:

(1) Name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone, fax, and email address) of the individual requesting consideration;

(2) A letter of support from a company, union, trade association, academic, or nonprofit organization on letterhead containing a brief description of why the nominee should be considered for membership;

(3) A short biography of the nominee, including professional and academic credentials; and

(4) An affirmative statement that the nominee meets all Committee eligibility requirements and identifies which stakeholder group they would represent.

Please do not send company, trade association, or organization brochures or any other information. Materials submitted should total two pages or less. Should more information be needed, DOT staff will contact the nominee, obtain information from the nominee's past affiliations, or obtain information from publicly available sources, such as the internet.

Nominations must be received before October 20, 2025. Nominees selected for appointment to the Committee will be notified by return email and by a letter of appointment.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 12, 2025.

**Brandon Roberts,**

*Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2025-0202]

**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 November 18, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0202 by any of the following methods:

*Website:* 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:** Melissa Maiefski, [melissa.maiefski@dot.gov](mailto:melissa.maiefski@dot.gov), (402) 326-7960, or Gregory Danis, [gregory.danis@dot.gov](mailto:gregory.danis@dot.gov), (202) 366-4000, Office of Competitive Grants and Workforce Programs, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* National Scenic Byway Program (NSBP).

*Background:* The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) administers the NSBP. It was established by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 in Section 162 of

Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), and reauthorized and expanded significantly in 1998 under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century and again under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users in 2005. The NSBP is a grass-roots collaborative effort established to help recognize, preserve, and enhance selected roads throughout the United States. Before 2019, Congress last authorized discretionary NSBP funds in 2012 under the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012. Between 1992 and 2012, FHWA awarded over \$505 million in NSBP grants. In 2022, FHWA awarded approximately \$21.8 million in grants to 33 projects.

**Respondents:** The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), announcing up to \$34.3 million of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025 funding for the National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) discretionary grants, will be available for State DOTs and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes on *grants.gov*. FHWA is expecting roughly 200 applicants to apply for NSBP grant funding.

**Frequency:** NOFOs and grant solicitations will be published annually by FHWA but, are subject to the availability of funds in appropriations or, any legislation signed into law authorizing funds.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** 3 hours per respondent per applicant.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** It is expected that the respondents will complete approximately 200 applications for an estimated total of 600 annual burden hours.

**Title:** National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program (Culvert AOP).

**Background:** FHWA administers the Culvert AOP. It was established by Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in section 21203 of IIJA and codified at 49 U.S.C. 6703. The Culvert AOP Program prioritizes projects that would improve fish passage for: (A) anadromous fish stocks listed as an endangered species or a threatened species under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533); (B) anadromous fish stocks identified by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) that could reasonably become listed as an endangered species or a threatened species under that section; (C) anadromous fish stocks identified by the NMFS or the USFWS as prey for endangered species, threatened species,

or protected species, including Southern resident orcas (*Orcinus orca*); or (D) anadromous fish stocks identified by the NMFS or the USFWS as climate resilient stocks. 49 U.S.C. 6703(e)(1). The program also prioritizes projects that would open up more than 200 meters of upstream habitat for anadromous fish before the end of the natural habitat. Under IIJA, Congress authorized \$1 billion for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022 through 2026 to provide financial assistance to Culvert AOP Program eligible projects. In 2022, FHWA awarded \$196 million in grants to 59 tribal, state and, local governments to fix or remove 169 culvert barriers to improve fish passage.

**Respondents:** The NOFO announcing up to \$788.1 million of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, funding for Culvert AOP competitive grants will be available for tribal, state, and local governments on *grants.gov*. FHWA is expecting roughly 200 applicants to apply for Culvert AOP grant funding.

**Frequency:** NOFOs and grant solicitations may be published annually by FHWA but are subject to the availability of funds in appropriations or any legislation signed into law authorizing funds.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** 3 hours per respondent per applicant.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** It is expected that the respondents will complete approximately 200 applications for each program, for an estimated total of 600 annual burden 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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**Jazmyne Lewis,**

*Information Collection Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2025-0325]

#### NHTSA Safety Research Portfolio Public Meeting: Fall 2025 and Public Workshop on Automated Driving Systems

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will hold a public meeting on October 21–22, 2025, jointly organized by the NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Research and Behavioral Safety Research offices. The event will provide updates and insights into ongoing activities across NHTSA's research programs. The meeting will be held in-person and will feature panel presentations by representatives from both research offices. Each panel will conclude with an opportunity for the audience to ask technical questions related to the presented materials. Visual slides used in presentations will be made available in the public docket following the public meeting. The event will not be live streamed; however, panel presentations will be recorded and made available on the NHTSA website after the event. At the conclusion of the research presentations on October 22, 2025, the Agency will also host a special workshop on selected topics of interest related to Automated Driving Systems (ADS). The ADS workshop will not be livestreamed or recorded.

**DATES:** NHTSA will hold the Safety Research Portfolio public meeting on October 21–22, 2025. The ADS workshop will be held on October 22, 2025. Attendees must register no later than October 17, 2025. The public docket will remain open for comments for 90 days following the public meeting, until January 23, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** The Research public meeting and the ADS workshop will both be held in-person at the DOT Headquarters: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Atrium, Washington, DC 20590.

**Registration:** Attendees must register at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/events/nhtsa-safety-research-portfolio-public-meeting-fall-2025>. Please follow the registration instructions presented on the registration site.

**Comments:** You may submit comments about either the public