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**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marcel Belanger 202-366-0725 or [marcel.belanger@dot.gov](mailto:marcel.belanger@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) the necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

**Title:** Bus Testing Program.

**OMB Number:** 2132-0550.

**Background:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 3-year approval of an extension without change for a currently approved collection. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) established the Bus Testing Program in response to the requirements of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act (STURAA) of 1987. This program requires all new bus models

undergo testing before they can be purchased with federal funds. Codified under 49 U.S.C. 5318(a), the program prohibits the obligation or expenditure of FTA funds for acquiring a new bus model unless model has been tested for maintainability, reliability, safety, performance (including braking performance), structural integrity, fuel economy, emissions, and noise. Through these rigorous evaluations, the program ensures that federally funded buses meet established standards for quality, efficiency, and public safety.

At this time, there is one active Bus Testing Center operated by the Thomas D. Larson Pennsylvania Transportation Institute of the Pennsylvania State University (LTI). LTI operates and maintains the Center under a cooperative agreement with FTA and establishes and collects fees for the testing of the vehicles at the facility. Upon completion of the testing of the vehicle at the Center with a passing test score, a draft Bus Testing Report is provided to the manufacturer of the new bus model. If the manufacturer approves the Report for publication, the bus model becomes eligible for FTA funding. 49 CFR 665.7 requires a recipient of FTA funds to certify that a bus model has been tested at the bus testing facility, that the bus model received a passing score, and that the recipient has a copy of the applicable Bus Testing Report(s) on a bus model before final acceptance of any buses of that model. Recipients are strongly encouraged to review the Bus Testing Report(s) relevant to a bus model before final acceptance and/or selection of that bus model.

**Respondents:** Bus manufacturers and recipients of FTA funds.

**Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:** 60 respondents.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 2,131 hours.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Kusum Dhyani,**

*Director, Office of Management Planning.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2025-0234]

#### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Passenger Ferry Grant Program, Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Program, and Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a request for an extension without change to an existing information collection: Passenger Ferry Grant Program, Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Program, and Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before February 17, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that your comments are not entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. **Website:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

2. **Fax:** 202-366-7951.

3. **Mail:** U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

4. **Hand Delivery:** U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** FTA Grant Manager 202-366-2053 or [ftaferryprograms@dot.gov](mailto:ftaferryprograms@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) the necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

*Title:* Passenger Ferry Grant Program, Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Program, and Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program.

*OMB Number:* 2132-0583.

*Background:* In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 3-year approval of an extension without change for a currently approved collection. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) established three ferry programs to improve and expand ferry service in communities across the country to help people connect to jobs and opportunity. The Passenger Ferry Grant Program makes funding available competitively to assist in the financing of capital projects to support passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas, such as ferry vessels, terminals, and related infrastructure. The Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Program provides competitive funding for projects that support the purchase of electric or low-emitting ferries and the electrification of

or other reduction of emissions from existing ferries. The Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program provides competitive funding to states to ensure basic essential ferry service is provided to rural areas. FTA collects information from applicants and grantees to evaluate eligibility, prioritize funding decisions, and oversee compliance and performance for the three federal ferry grant programs.

*Respondents:* Public transportation providers, local governmental entities, States, and federally recognized Tribes that operate a public ferry system.

*Estimated Annual Number of*

*Respondents:* 30 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 420 hours.

*Frequency:* Annually.

**Kusum Dhyani,**

*Director, Office of Management Planning.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2025-0993]

#### **Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Requirements for Establishing U.S. Citizenship—46 CFR 355 and 356**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** MARAD invites public comments on its intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection OMB 2133-0012 (Requirements for Establishing U.S. Citizenship—46 CFR 355 and 356) is used to determine if applicants and submitters are eligible to participate in the various benefits programs administered by the agency. MARAD is required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 17, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD-2025-xxxx through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Search using the above DOT docket number and follow

the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking.

**Note:** All comments received will be posted without change to [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) including any personal information provided.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is reasonable for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be lessened without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Pucci, 202-366-5167, Office of Maritime Program, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, Email: [Michael.Pucci@dot.gov](mailto:Michael.Pucci@dot.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Requirements for Establishing U.S. Citizenship—46 CFR 355 and 356.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0012.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* MARAD regulations at 46 CFR parts 355 and 356 set forth requirements for establishing U.S. citizenship in accordance with MARAD statutory authority. Those receiving benefits under 46 U.S.C. chapters 531, 535, and 537 (formerly the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended), or applicants seeking a fishery endorsement eligibility approval pursuant to the American Fisheries Act (AFA) must be citizens of the United States within the meaning of 46 U.S.C. 50501 (formerly Section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended). In either case, whether seeking program benefits or fishery endorsement eligibility determinations, Section 50501 sets forth the statutory requirements for determining whether an applicant, be it a corporation, partnership, or association is a U.S. citizen. 46 CFR part 356 is distinguished from 46 CFR part 355 in that part 356 establishes requirements for U.S. citizenship exclusively in accordance