

TABLE 1—BURDEN CATEGORY ESTIMATES AND TOTAL BURDEN FOR FARS—Continued

Burden category	Number of responses	Number of respondents	Burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours per burden category
FARS Manual Protocol Case Entry Process (including supporting case materials) .....	18,007	30	5	90,035
FARS Manual Protocol In-kind Process Support .....	8	8	250	2,000
Total .....	37,981	<sup>3</sup> 52	4.0	151,911

*NTS Data Collection*

Non-traffic fatal crashes are collected by approximately 25 States as part of the FARS data collection process. NHTSA estimates that it takes twelve hours per respondent annually to account for NTS cases. Therefore, NHTSA estimates that

the total burden for NTS case identification and coding is 300 hours annually (25 respondents × 12 hours).

*Burden for FARS and NTS*

NHTSA estimates the total annual burden for the two information

collections, FARS and NTS, is 152,211 hours per year (151,911 hours + 300 hours). Table 2 provides a summary of the burdens for the two information collections.

TABLE 2—SUMMARY OF BURDENS FOR FARS AND NTS

Information collection	Responses	Respondents	Burden per response (hours)	Hours per respondent	Total burden hours
FARS .....	37,981	52	4.0	2,921.37	151,911
NTS .....	600	25	0.5	12	300
Total .....	38,581	.....	.....	.....	152,211

To estimate the labor costs associated with the two information collections, NHTSA looked primarily at the annualized reimbursements NHTSA provides to States under the FARS Cooperative Agreements and the amount of “in-kind” kind funding provided by the States. Annually, NHTSA provides approximately \$7.1 million to States to go toward the labor costs associated with this information collection. Additionally, because collecting fatal information is mutually beneficial to the Federal Government and the respondents, eight State respondents have provided “in-kind funding” to cover State overhead costs associated with managing FARS operations. While “in-kind funding” varies from respondent to respondent, the average annualized labor costs are estimated at \$50,000 per in-kind respondent, for a total of \$400,000 in annual in-kind contributions (8 States × \$50,000). Therefore, NHTSA estimates the total cost associated with labor hours to be approximately \$7.5 million per year (\$7.1 million + \$400K), or \$49.27 per hour (\$7.5 million ÷ 152,211 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Cost:* \$0.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspects of this information collection, including (a) 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; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; 49 CFR 1.49; and DOT Order 1351.29A.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Beautifying Transportation Infrastructure Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST) announces the second public meeting of the Beautifying Transportation Infrastructure Council (Council) on March 31, 2026. This notice announces the date, time, and location of the virtual meeting, which will be open to the public. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of Transportation on enhancing the aesthetic value of our Nation’s transportation systems.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on March 31, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EST) and ending at 12:00 p.m. (EST). The exact start and end times are subject to change; please monitor <https://www.transportation.gov/beautifytransportation/meetings> for the most up-to-date information.

**ADDRESSES:** The Council will meet virtually. The public may join the

<sup>3</sup> This includes the 50 State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

meeting virtually, with information available on <https://www.transportation.gov/beautifytransportation/meetings>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Council's Designated Federal Officer, Julianne Schwarzer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Office of the Secretary, [BeautifyTransportation@dot.gov](mailto:BeautifyTransportation@dot.gov) or 617-999-9667.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) established the Council as a Federal Advisory Committee in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10) to advise the Secretary of Transportation on enhancing the aesthetic value of our Nation's transportation systems. The Council provides recommendations on policies, designs, and funding priorities that beautify transportation infrastructure, including highways, bridges, and transit hubs, while maintaining safety and efficiency.

##### II. Agenda

At the meeting, the proposed agenda will cover the Call to Order, Official Statement of the Designated Federal Officer, Meeting Logistics, Opening Remarks, Committee Business, and Review of Next Steps. The agenda is subject to change.

##### III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public through a virtual meeting. Registration for the meeting can be found here: <https://www.transportation.gov/beautifytransportation/meetings>.

Members of the public may submit comments to the Committee in advance, as well as any requests for an electronic meeting accommodation consistent with the relevant sections of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, by contacting the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice no later than March 25, 2026.

All advance submissions will be reviewed by the Designated Federal Officer. If approved, advance submissions shall be circulated to the Council members for review prior to the meeting. All advance submissions will become part of the official record of the meeting.

*Authority:* The Council is a discretionary advisory committee under the authority of the U.S. Department of Transportation and was established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0926]

##### Agency Information Collection Activity: Native American Direct Loan (NADL) Processing Requirements

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 26, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Program-Specific information:* Kendra McCleave, 202-461-9760, [Kendra.McCleave@va.gov](mailto:Kendra.McCleave@va.gov).

*VA PRA information:* Dorothy Glasgow, 202-461-1084, [VAPRA@va.gov](mailto:VAPRA@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Native American Direct Loan (NADL) Processing Requirements.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0926. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

(Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

*Type of Review:* Extension Without Change of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Abstract:* The information collected in this package assists Native American Veterans in obtaining the VA home loan benefit to purchase, construct, or improve dwellings on trust lands, or to refinance their existing NADL to a lower interest rate. The information requested by VA is vital to the NADL program's process and allows VA to determine program eligibility by gathering evidence of Native American Veteran borrowers' tribal membership status and ownership interest in the land on which the dwelling, or proposed dwelling, is or will be situated.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,721 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 28.04 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-Time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 737 per annual.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

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