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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–2026–7671]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a New Approval of Information Collection: Passenger Evacuation Experience Survey

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a new information collection. The collection involves an electronic distribution of a survey to gather information on passengers' experience during an emergency evacuation or rapid deplaning of a passenger transport category aircraft (14 CFR part 121). The target information to be gathered is data from passengers and cabin crew regarding the effectiveness of the evacuation process from their perspective, including both positive and negative aspects, injuries sustained, passenger behavior, passenger flow, experience with passengers with disabilities and children, and evaluating the decision-making process of passengers choosing to take personal items with them. This information is necessary because this information is not collected as part of a standard post-incident interview unless the incident is classified as an accident. This information collection will provide evidence to support updated guidelines for passenger transport category aircraft emergency evacuation and/or rapid deplaning.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by September 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field).

By mail: Theodore Mofle, Civil Aerospace Medical Institute, Bldg. 13, Rm. 108B, 6500 S MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169.

By fax: 405–954–0130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theodore Mofle by email at: Theodore.C.Mofle@faa.gov; phone: 405–954–5879.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized 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.

OMB Control Number: 2120–XXXX.

Title: Passenger Evacuation Experience Survey.

Form Numbers: This online survey has no form number.

Type of Review: New information collection.

Background: The FAA mission and vision are to provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world, which includes preparedness in the event of an incident or accident that requires an emergency evacuation or rapid deplaning. One of the best methods to understand areas for improving guidance for an ever-changing cabin environment is to ask about the experience from the perspective of the passengers and cabin crew of positive aspects of the evacuation and areas of improvement. During the normal investigation of these incidents, the response rate to the office inquiry is low, and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) does not collect data unless it is classified as an accident. These data are needed to evaluate passenger behavior, passenger flow, experience with passengers with disabilities and children, and evaluate decision making on passengers choosing to take personal items with them. These data collections were recommended as part of the emergency evacuation Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). Additionally, these data will support section 365 of the FY 2024 FAA Reauthorization Act.

Respondents: 1,000 Passengers; 180 Cabin Crew.

Frequency: One-time collection.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: 30-minute burden per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 590 hours, total burden.

Issued in Oklahoma City, OK, on July 10, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID Number: DOT–OST–2026–2707]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, this notice announces the intention of the U.S. Department of Transportation to amend and to renew Office of Management and Budget Control Number 2105–0588. The information collection pertains to consumer disclosure requirements regarding airline baggage fees and other optional service fees. These requirements apply to U.S. and foreign air carriers, as well as ticket agents, and are codified at 14 CFR 399.85.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 14, 2026. Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W58–213, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand delivery or Courier:* West Building, Room W58–213, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Commenters using this method of delivery should contact Docket Services at 202–366–9826 or 202–366–9317 before delivery to ensure staff is available to receive the delivery.

- *Instructions:* You must include the agency name and docket number DOT–OST–2026–2707 at the beginning of your comment. The Department will post all comments received without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>,

including any personal information provided.

- *Privacy Act:* Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received in any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). For information on compliance by the U.S. Department of Transportation with the Privacy Act, please visit www.transportation.gov/privacy.

- *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heather Filemyr or Ryan Patanaphan, Office of the Secretary, Office of Aviation Consumer Protection (C-70), U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, at heather.filemyr@dot.gov or ryan.patanaphan@dot.gov (email). You may contact the above-named individuals to arrange to receive this document in an alternative format.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Increasing Flexibility on Disclosure of Airline Ancillary Fees.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0588.

Abstract: This information collection request seeks to amend Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 2105-0588, consistent with the requirements of 14 CFR 399.85, as amended by the 2026 final rule of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT or Department) titled “Increasing Flexibility on Disclosure of Airline Ancillary Fees” (2026 Rule). In 2024, the Department issued a final rule titled “Enhancing Transparency of Airline Ancillary Service Fees,” which was subsequently vacated by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 2026. Because the legal effect of the court’s decision was to reinstate the rules previously in force, the Department issued the 2026 Rule, which returned 14 CFR 399.85 to the standards established in 2011. This information collection request seeks to amend OMB Control Number 2105-0588 to reflect the requirements in 14 CFR 399.85, as amended.

A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

This notice addresses five information collection requirements set forth in 14 CFR 399.85 as revised by the 2026 Rule:

1. *Requirement to disclose changes in baggage fees and allowances on carrier website homepages (14 CFR 399.85(a)).*

Title: Posting Changes to Baggage Fees and Allowances on Airline websites.

Description: U.S. and foreign air carriers with a website accessible for ticket purchases by the general public in the United States must promptly and prominently disclose any increase in fees for a carry-on bag or a first or second checked bag, and any change in bag allowances, on their homepages. The notice must remain on the homepage for at least three months after the change becomes effective.

Respondents: U.S. and foreign air carriers with a website accessible for ticket purchases by the general public in the U.S.

Estimated Number of Respondents: We estimate that as many as 275 U.S. air carriers and foreign air carriers may be impacted by this requirement. This estimate is based on the number of firms in NAICS Code 481111, which includes both U.S. and Foreign Carriers (*Source:* U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 Economic Census).

Estimated Burden on Respondents: Approximately 10 hours per respondent. Our estimate is based on the following information and assumptions: the primary costs to respondents for the disclosure requirement would arise from programming, data management, website modification, and other related costs to carriers to display the required baggage fee and policy changes. As carriers generally appear to revise their baggage fees and allowances up to one time each year, the Department expects that this proposed information collection would incur a cost of implementation at most one time each year and then a smaller cost for maintaining these displays for at least three months.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Approximately 2,750 hours for all respondents (U.S. and foreign air carriers). Based on an estimated mean hourly wage of \$69.50 for software developers,¹ this results in a total annual cost of \$191,125.

Frequency: Up to one time each year, with maintenance costs incurred for a minimum of three months.

2. *Requirement to display notice that baggage fees may apply on the first fare quotation screen (14 CFR 399.85(b)).*

Title: Posting of Notice that Baggage Fees May Apply and Where to Find Them.

Description: U.S. carriers, foreign air carriers, agents of either, and ticket agents with a website accessible for ticket purchases by the U.S. general public must clearly and prominently disclose on the first screen offering a fare quotation for a specific itinerary that additional airline fees for baggage may apply and where consumers can see these fees. Ticket agents may refer consumers to the airline’s website or to their own site if it displays airlines’ baggage fees.

Respondents: U.S. and foreign air carriers and ticket agents with websites accessible for ticket purchases by the general public in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: We estimate that as many as 275 U.S. air carriers and foreign air carriers and as many as 7,567 ticket agents would be impacted by this information collection. Our estimate is based on the following information and assumptions: Ticket agents include OTAs, brick-and-mortar travel agencies, and tour operators that market airline tickets. We based the number of ticket agents on data from NAICS codes 561510 and 561520 (*Source:* U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 Economic Census),² though this is likely a significant overestimate of the number of affected ticket agents because not all of those entities market air transportation online to consumers in the United States.

Estimated Burden on Respondents: Approximately 25 hours per respondent. The primary costs to respondents would arise from the design and programming of booking systems on their websites to display a notice that bag fees may apply, which is primarily static, and then a disclosure on where consumers can find information on bag fees. This collection would not require the creation of new websites or online booking systems by regulated entities that did not already maintain such systems for the purpose of selling air transportation.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: This information collection would result in an estimated annual burden of 196,050 hours (based on an assumption of 6,875 hours for carriers and 189,175 hours for ticket agents). Based on an estimated mean hourly wage of \$69.50 for software developers,³ this results in a total

² See counts of firms in NAICS codes 561510 and 561520 that operated for the entire year, available at <https://data.census.gov/table/ECNSIZE2022.EC2200SIZEEMPFI?r=economic+census+by+naics+code+2022+firms&codeset=naics-5615:561510:561520>.

³ <https://data.bls.gov/oesprofile/>.

¹ <https://data.bls.gov/oesprofile/>.

annual cost of \$13,625,475 (\$477,812.50 for carriers and \$13,147,662.50 for ticket agents).

Frequency: Disclosure required the first time a carrier or ticket agent displays a fare quotation for a specific itinerary on its website.

3. Requirement to disclose baggage fees and allowances on e-ticket confirmations (14 CFR 399.85(c)).

Title: Disclosing Baggage Fees and Allowances on E-Ticket Confirmations.

Description: On all e-ticket confirmations for air transportation within, to, or from the United States (including the post-purchase summary page and email), carriers and ticket agents must include information regarding the passenger's free baggage allowance or the specific fee for a carry-on bag and the first and second checked bag, as applicable. Carriers must provide this in text form. Ticket agents may provide this information in text form or through a hyperlink to the specific location on airline websites or their own website where this information is displayed.

Respondents: U.S. and foreign air carriers and ticket agents with websites accessible for ticket purchases by the general public in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: We estimate that as many as 275 U.S. air carriers and foreign air carriers and as many as 7,567 ticket agents would be impacted by this information collection. For the reasons previously discussed, this is likely a significant overestimate of the number of ticket agents.

Estimated Burden on Respondents: Approximately 15 hours per respondent. The primary costs to carriers and ticket agents would arise from the design, and programming of booking systems to provide disclosure of the passenger's free baggage allowance and/or the applicable specific fee for a carry-on bag and the first and second checked bag, which airlines must provide in text form and ticket agents may provide either in text form or through a hyperlink.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: This information collection would result in an estimated annual burden of 117,630 hours (based on an assumption of 4,125 hours for carriers and 113,505 hours for ticket agents). Based on an estimated mean hourly wage of \$69.50 for software developers,⁴ this results in a total annual cost of \$8,175,285 (\$286,687.50 for carriers and \$7,888,597.50 for ticket agents).

Frequency: Disclosure required on each e-ticket confirmation.

4. Requirement to disclose all optional service fees centrally on carrier websites (14 CFR 399.85(d)).

Title: Disclosure of All Optional Service Fees.

Description: U.S. and foreign air carriers must prominently disclose on their websites information on fees for all optional services available to a passenger. These carriers must also provide a conspicuous link from the carrier's homepage directly to a page where all such optional services and fees are disclosed. Non-baggage fees may be expressed as ranges, but baggage fees must be disclosed as specific charges.

Respondents: U.S. and foreign air carriers with websites accessible for ticket purchases by the general public in the United States.

Number of Respondents: We estimate that as many as 275 U.S. air carriers and foreign air carriers would be impacted by this information collection.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: Approximately 30 hours per respondent. The primary costs to carriers would arise from the design and programming of carrier websites to include a page where the carrier discloses all optional services and a conspicuous link from the carrier's homepage to that optional service fee page. The Department expects that carriers would also incur costs to update the optional service fee page when a fee changes, estimated at approximately three times per year. Carriers would also incur a smaller cost for maintaining these displays.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: This information collection would result in an estimated annual burden of 8,250 hours for carriers. Based on an estimated mean hourly wage of \$69.50 for software developers,⁵ this results in a total annual cost of \$573,375 for carriers.

Frequency: Updated each time the airline changes the fee for an ancillary service, estimated at approximately three times each year, with some ongoing maintenance required.

5. Requirement to disclose codeshare optional service and fee differences (14 CFR 399.85(e)).

Title: Disclosing Optional Service Fee Differences for Codeshare Flights.

Description: A carrier marketing a code-share flight must disclose on its website any differences between its optional services and related fees and those of the carrier operating the flight. This may be done via a conspicuous notice of the differences or a hyperlink taking the reader directly to the

operating carrier's fee listing or to a page on the marketing carrier's website that lists the differences.

Respondents: U.S. and foreign air carriers marketing code-share flights.

Number of Respondents: We estimate that as many as 275 U.S. air carriers and foreign air carriers would be impacted by this information collection. This is likely a significant overestimate because not all of those carriers market codeshare flights.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: Approximately 10 hours per respondent. The primary costs to carriers would arise from the design and programming of carrier websites to include a page where a carrier that markets code-share flights discloses any differences between its optional services and related fees and those of the carrier operating the flight. The Department also estimates that carriers would update the fees displayed once per year and would also incur a smaller cost for maintaining these displays.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Approximately 2,750 hours for all respondents (U.S. and foreign air carriers). Based on an estimated mean hourly wage of \$69.50 for software developers,⁶ this results in a total annual cost of \$191,125.

Frequency: Updated approximately one time each year with some ongoing maintenance required.

We invite comments on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DOT; (b) the accuracy of DOT's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (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. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record on the docket.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.26, 1.27, 1.48, and 1.49; DOT Order 1351.29A.

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⁴ <https://data.bls.gov/oesprofile/>.

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