

*Recordkeeping:**Estimated number of responses:* 71.*Estimated annual burden hours:*

57,510 hours.

*Frequency of collection:* Annually.

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**Jeffrey D. Wiese,***Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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

[Docket No. FHWA-2010-0007]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection****AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of request for extension of currently approved information collection.

**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 published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on November 27, 2009. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by March 1, 2010.**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number FHWA-2010-0007, by any of the following methods:

*Web Site:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: at <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:* Docket Management Facility, 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., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Jensen, 202-366-2048, Office of Planning, Environment & Realty, HEP-2, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* National Scenic Byways Program.*OMB Control #:* 2125-0611.*Form #:* FHWA-1569, FHWA-1570, FHWA-1577.

*Background:* The National Scenic Byways Program was established under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and reauthorized in 1998 under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Under the program, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation recognizes certain roads as National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads based on their archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities. There are 151 such designated byways in 46 states, which the FHWA promotes as the America's Byways. It is a voluntary, grassroots program that recognizes and supports outstanding roads while providing resources to help manage the intrinsic qualities within the broader byway corridor to be treasured and shared. The vision of the FHWA's National Scenic Byways Program is to create a distinctive collection of American roads, their stories and treasured places. The program's mission is to provide resources to the byway community in creating a unique travel experience and enhanced local quality of life through efforts to preserve, protect, interpret, and promote the intrinsic qualities of designated byways. Title 23, Section 162 of the United States Code lays out the statutory structure of the National Scenic Byways Program. This legislation was most recently amended in 2005 upon passage of the Public Law 109-59 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The legislation includes provisions for review and dissemination of grant monies by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Grant applications are solicited on an annual basis. Eligible projects are on State designated byways, National Scenic Byways, All-American Roads, or Indian Tribe Scenic Byways. Applications are completed by Federal, State, or local governmental agencies; Tribal Governments; and non-profit organizations. The application information is collected electronically

via the online Grant system and is used to determine project eligibility. The legislation also includes information about the nomination of scenic byways to become one of America's Byways, a collection of distinct and diverse roads designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. America's Byways include the National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads. Additional information on the National Scenic Byways Program, its grant program, and the nomination process is available at <http://www.bywaysonline.org>.

*Grants Respondents:* In a typical grants cycle, it is estimated that 400 applications will be received. These applications will be submitted online and reviewed for eligibility through a process involving State Byway or Indian Tribe Scenic Byway Coordinators and FHWA division offices before being submitted to FHWA Headquarters for funding consideration. Respondents include: 50 State Departments of Transportation, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico (Right-of-Way Department), Federal Land Management Agencies, State and local governments, non-profit agencies, and Tribal Governments.

*Frequency:* Annual.*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 16 hours.*Estimated Sub-Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,400 hours.

*Nominations Respondents:* Based on previous nomination cycles, it is estimated that a total of 75 nominations will be received, originating from any local government, including Tribal Governments, or any private group or individual. Nominations may also originate from the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Roads determined to be appropriate for nomination by the State, an Indian tribe, or a Federal land management agency based on its intrinsic qualities must first be designated as a State Scenic Byway, an Indian Tribe Scenic Byway, or, in the case of a road on federal land, as a Federal Land Management Agency Byway.

*Frequency:* Biannual.*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 200 hours.*Estimated Sub-Total Annual Burden Hours:* 15,000 hours.*Estimate Total Annual Burden Hours:* 21,400.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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**Juli Huynh,**

*Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2010-0004]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved 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 published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on November 3, 2009. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by March 1, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number FHWA-2010-0005, by any of the following methods:

*Web Site:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <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.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Highway Safety Improvement Program.

*OMB Control No:* 2125-0025.

*Background:* The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) amended Section 148 of Title 23 U.S.C.

to establish a new "core" Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) that provides funds to State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to improve conditions at hazardous highway locations and hazardous railway-highway grade crossings on all public roads, including those maintained by Federal, State and local agencies. The existing provisions of Title 23 U.S.C. Sections 130, Railway-Highway Crossings Program, and 152, Hazard Elimination Program, as well as implementing regulations in 23 CFR 924, remain in effect. Included in these combined provisions are requirements for State DOTs to annually produce and submit to FHWA by August 31 three reports related to the conduct and effectiveness of their HSIPs, that are to include information on: (a) Progress being made to implement HSIP projects and the effectiveness of these projects in reducing traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities [Sections 148(g) and 152(g)]; (b) progress being made to implement the Railway-Highway Crossings Program and the effectiveness of the projects in that program [Sections 130(g) and 148(g)], which will be used by FHWA to produce and submit biennial reports to Congress required on April 1, beginning April 1, 2006; and, (c) description of at least 5 percent of the State's highway locations exhibiting the most severe safety needs, including an estimate of the potential remedies, their costs, and impediments to their implementation other than cost for each of the locations listed (i.e. the "5 percent report") [Section 148(c)(1)(D)]. To be able to produce these reports, State DOTs must have crash data and analysis systems capable of identifying and determining the relative severity of hazardous highway locations on all public roads, and determining the "before" and "after" crash experiences at HSIP project locations. This information provides FHWA with a means for monitoring the effectiveness of these programs and may be used by Congress for determining the future HSIP program structure and funding levels. Per SAFETEA-LU, State DOTs have much flexibility in the methodology they use to rank the relative severity of their public road locations in terms of fatalities and serious injuries. The list of 5 percent of these locations exhibiting the most severe safety needs will result from the ranking methodology used, and may include roadway segments and/or intersections. For example, a State may compare its roadway locations against statewide average rates of fatalities and serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled for similar type facilities

and determine that those segments whose rates exceed the statewide rates are the locations with the "most severe" safety needs, and then at least 5 percent of those locations would be included in the required annual report.

*Respondents:* 51 State Transportation Departments, including the District of Columbia.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Response:* 500 hours (This is an increase of 300 burden hours from the current OMB approved 200 burden hours. The new report will take an additional 300 hours plus the 200 hours for the existing two reports).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 25,500 hours (51 states at an average of 500 hours each).

*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 burdens could be minimized, including 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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**Juli Huynh,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA 2010-0008]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved 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