

the statutory and regulatory requirements.

In order to clarify the appropriate interpretation and application of statutory provisions, FAA regulations and FAA policy in connection with U.S. registration of aircraft to owner trustees, the FAA seeks a discussion with interested members of the public about the factors that would weigh in favor of or against a finding that a trustee is an "owner" of an aircraft.

The following questions are intended to elicit robust discussion:

1. What are the appropriate obligations to impose on a trustee of a trust with beneficiaries that are neither U.S. citizens nor resident aliens in order to satisfy the statute and regulations?

2. In the case of a trust with beneficiaries that are neither U.S. citizens nor resident aliens, which rights and actions must be prohibited on the part of the beneficiaries in order to satisfy the statute and regulations?

3. Which forms of granting possession, use or operational control of an aircraft by a trustee to its beneficiaries that are not U.S. citizens or resident aliens are permitted and which are prohibited under the statute and regulations?

4. What are the specific elements of "the trustee's authority" (14 CFR 47.7(c)(iii)) about which the FAA should be concerned, and what are the forms of influence or limitation that the FAA should proscribe?

5. How may a beneficiary that is not a U.S. citizen or resident alien participate in the decision to remove a trustee in accordance with the statute and regulations?

6. To what extent, if any, are the FAA interpretations cited above in need of amendment?

7. Which, if any, knowledge and information requirements (e.g., address of operator, location of maintenance records, principal hangar location) are appropriate for the FAA to impose on trustees of trusts beneficiaries that are not U.S. citizens or resident aliens?

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2011-0026]

### Notice of Request for the Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**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 the following information collection: 49 U.S.C. Sections 5309 and 5307 Capital Assistance Programs

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before June 27, 2011.

**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. *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (**Note: -The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) electronic docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.**) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at <http://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.

**Instructions:** You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to Internet users,

without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to <http://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:** Ms. Joyce Larkins, FTA Office of Program Management, (202) 366-1728, or *e-mail:* [Joyce.Larkins@dot.gov](mailto:Joyce.Larkins@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:** 49 U.S.C. 5309 Capital Assistance Programs.

(OMB Number: 2132-0502).

**Background:** 49 U.S.C. 5309 Capital Program and section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to State and local governments and public transportation authorities for financing mass transportation projects. Grant recipients are required to make information available to the public and to publish a program of projects for affected citizens to comment on the proposed program and performance of the grant recipients at public hearings. Notices of hearings must include a brief description of the proposed project and be published in a newspaper circulated in the affected area. FTA also uses the information to determine eligibility for funding and to monitor the grantees' progress in implementing and completing project activities. The information submitted ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws, OMB Circular A-102, and 49 CFR part 18, "Uniform Administrative

Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments.”

*Respondents:* State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents:* 54 hours for each of the 3,675 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 198,450 hours.

*Frequency:* Annual.

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