

information concerning the proposed topic and speaker should be submitted in writing to the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NHTSA, at the mailing address or telefax number given below by 5 p.m. on June 5, 2000.

Any questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than 5 p.m. on June 5, 2000, will be answered at the public meeting. The summary minutes of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and answers to the questions submitted for response at the meeting will be available for public inspection in the DOT Docket in Washington, DC, within 3 weeks after the meeting. Copies of this material will then be available at ten cents a page upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The DOT Docket is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The summary minutes, handouts, and answers to the previously submitted questions will also be available on NHTSA's Web site at Announcements/Public Meetings at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to participants as necessary, during the Research and Development Programs Meeting. Thus, any person desiring the assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers, taped texts, braille materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Rita Gibbons by telephone on (202) 366-4862, by telefax on (202) 366-5930, or by E-mail at rgibbons@nhtsa.dot.gov by 5 p.m. June 5, 2000.

Should it be necessary to cancel the meeting due to inclement weather or to any other emergencies, a decision to cancel will be made as soon as possible and posted immediately on NHTSA's Web site at Announcements/Public Meetings at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announcements/meetings/>. If you do not have access to the Web site, you may call the information contact listed below and leave your telephone or telefax number. You will be called only if the meeting is postponed or canceled.

The next public meeting to discuss NHTSA's research and development projects is scheduled for September 14, 2000, at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, Virginia. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of

Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-4862. Fax number: (202) 366-5930. E-mail: rgibbons@nhtsa.dot.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on January 5, 2000 [65 FR 554-555].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernie Stankus, (202) 366-4387, DOT, Office of Airline Information, Room 4125, K-25, 400 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Title: Report of Extension to Political Candidates.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved Collection.

OMB Control Number: 2138-0016.

Form(s): BTS Form 183.

Affected Public: Certificated air carriers.

Abstract: An air carrier must submit monthly reports to the Department when the indebtedness for transportation furnished to a candidate, running for Federal office, or to persons acting on behalf of such candidates, exceeds \$5,000 on the last day of a month during the 6 months before an election or nomination. After that period, the air carrier shall file such a report with the Office of Airline

Information not later than the 20th day following the end of the calendar month in which the election or nomination takes place and thereafter when any change occurs in that report, until a negative report is filed. For Form 183 purposes, a "negative report" is one that indicates an indebtedness of \$5,000 or less.

These disclosures have tended to reduce the lag time between when transportation is furnished to political candidates and when it is paid. In the past, such lag time resulted in substantial balances in accounts receivable to some air carriers. This led Congress to enact the Federal Election Campaign Act.

When there are carriers submitting Form 183, the Office of Airline Information compiles a monthly report identifying unpaid balances due air carriers from political candidates and sends the report to the Federal Election Commission.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 24.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention BTS Desk Officer.

Comments are Invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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