

FMCSA. FMCSA determined that the unprecedented period when the expanded, modified Emergency Declaration No. 2020–002 was in place required that FMCSA seek information on the number of motor carriers and drivers relying upon the emergency declaration in order to evaluate the need for additional extensions.

The extension issued on August 31, 2021, included a requirement for motor carriers to report, on a monthly basis, their reliance on the emergency declaration during operations. FMCSA established a website where motor carriers and drivers filled out fields for their USDOT number, the number of commercial motor vehicle trips that relied upon the emergency declaration in the preceding month (using a drop-down menu), the commodities being transported (using a drop-down menu), and a follow up for those listing more than one commodity to indicate which was transported the most (using a drop-down menu). The November 29, 2021, extension continued the reporting requirement. OMB approved the reporting requirement on an emergency basis on August 30, 2021, and subsequently extended that emergency approval on February 14, 2022. That approval expires on August 31, 2022.

FMCSA refined the burden estimates to reflect the average number of monthly submissions received from September 2021 to February 2022. The carrier is reporting for the previous month, therefore October 2021 submitted reports consist of data for the month of September, and March 2022 submitted reports consist of data for the month of February.

This resulted in a decrease in the number of reports estimated to be submitted each month, as the emergency ICR request used the total number of motor vehicles as a stand-in and acknowledged that number was likely to be an overestimate.

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 performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

Issued under the authority of 49 CFR 1.87.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2021–0006–N–8]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified in the ICR.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 17, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to the docket, Docket No. FRA–2021–0006. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Hodan Wells, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: Hodan.Wells@dot.gov or telephone: (202) 868–9412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days' notice to the public to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval of the activities. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the

information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA believes that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (1) reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a “user-friendly” format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Railroad Operating Rules.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0035.

Abstract: On July 24, 2019, FRA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) proposing inward- and outward-facing image recording devices be required on all lead passenger train locomotives as required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).¹

Specifically, FRA proposed requiring passenger railroads to note under the REMARKS section of Form F 6180–49A² (Locomotive Inspection and Repair Record) on each lead locomotive in commuter or intercity rail passenger service: (1) the presence of any image or audio recording system; and (2) the date when a locomotive image recording device has been removed from service. For convenience to the railroad industry and to avoid confusion as to the application of locomotives recording device requirements, FRA would create a new form for use by passenger railroads, Form F 6180–49AP (Passenger Locomotive Inspection and Repair Record), to record this information.

¹ 84 FR 35712.

² Covered under OMB Control Number 2130–0004.

Form F 6180–49AP would essentially be the same as existing Form F 6180–49A, and all information required to be entered on existing Form F 6180–49A would also be included on Form F 6180–49AP. In fact, the only substantive difference between the two forms, aside from adding “Passenger” to the form’s title, would be the inclusion of an additional, designated row for entering information about the testing of locomotive image recording devices proposed under § 229.136 in the July

2019 NPRM. This new form would in no way affect use of the existing F 6180–49A form for locomotives in freight or switching service, which account for the vast majority of locomotives in the United States and are not subject to the requirements of this rule. Nor would it affect use of the F 6180–49A form by non-lead locomotives used in commuter or intercity passenger service. It would also conserve valuable space on the existing F 6180–49A form.

Because the proposed F 6180–49AP form was not discussed in the NPRM, FRA is soliciting additional public comment specific to this form.

Type of Request: Revision.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 765 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden:

CFR section ³	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per responses	Total annual burden hours	Total cost equivalent ⁴
217.7(a)—Operating rules; filing and recordkeeping—Filing of code of operating rules, timetables, and timetable special instructions by Class I, Class II, Amtrak, and commuter railroads with FRA.	2 new railroads	2 documents	1 hour	2	\$154
—(b) Amendments to code of operating rules, timetables, and timetable special instructions by Class I, Class II, Amtrak, and commuter railroads with FRA.	53 railroads	312 revised documents	20 minutes	104	8,008
—(c) Class III and other railroads—Copy of code of operating rules, timetables, and timetable special instructions at system headquarters.	2 new railroads	2 documents	1 hour	2	154
—(c) Class III and other railroads—Amendments to code of operating rules, timetables, and timetable special instructions at system headquarters.	714 railroads	1,596 amendments	15 minutes	399	30,723
217.9(b)(2)—Program of operational tests and inspections; recordkeeping—Written records documenting qualification of each railroad testing officer.	765 railroads	4,732 records	2 minutes	158	12,166
—(b)(3) Development and adoption of procedure ensuring random selection of employees by railroads utilizing inward-facing locomotive and in-cab audio recordings to conduct operational tests and inspections (New requirement).	36 railroads	12 adopted procedures	24 hours	288	33,120
—(c) Written program of operational tests and inspections.	2 new railroads	2 programs	10 hours	20	2,400
—(d)(1) Records of operational tests/inspections	765 railroads	9,120,000 test records and updates.	5 minutes	760,000	58,520,000
—(d)(2) Railroad copy of current program operational tests/inspections—Amendments.	53 railroads	159 program revisions ..	70 minutes	186	14,322
—(e)(1)(i) Written quarterly review of operational tests/inspections by RRs other than passenger RRs.	8 (Amtrak + 7 Class I) railroads.	32 reviews	2 hours	64	4,928
—(e)(1)(ii) 6-month review of operational tests/inspections/naming of officer.	7 Class I railroads	14 reviews	2 hours	28	2,156
—(e)(2) 6-month review by passenger railroads designated officers of operational testing and inspection data.	35 (Amtrak + 34 passenger) railroads.	70 reviews	2 hours	140	10,780
—(e)(3) Records of periodic reviews	50 railroads	116 records	1 minute	2	154
—(f)—(g) Annual summary of operational tests and inspections.	50 railroads	71 summary records	1 hour	71	5,467
—(h)(1)(i) RR amended program of operational tests/inspections.	765 railroads	6 revised programs	30 minutes	3	231
—(h)(1)(ii) FRA disapproval of RR program of operational tests/inspections and RR written response in support of program.	765 railroads	6 supporting documents	1 hour	6	462
217.11(a)—RR periodic instruction of employees on operating rules—New railroads.	2 new railroads	2 written programs	8 hours	16	1,232
217.11(b)—RR copy of amendment of program for periodic instruction of employees.	765 railroads	110 modified written programs.	30 minutes	55	4,235
218.95(a)(5)—(b)—Instruction, training, examination—Employee records.	765 railroads	85,600 employees' records.	1 minute	1,427	109,879
—(c)(1)(i) Amended RR program of instruction, testing, examination.	765 railroads	5 amended programs ..	30 minutes	3	231
218.97(b)(4)—RR copy of good faith challenge procedures.	765 railroads	4,732 copies to new employees.	6 minutes	473	36,421
218.97(c)(1) and (c)(4)—RR employee good faith challenge of RR directive.	10 workers	10 gd. faith challenges	15 minutes	3	231
—(c)(5) RR resolution of employee good faith challenge.	2 new railroads	5 responses	15 minutes	1	77
—(d)(1) RR officer immediate review of unresolved good faith challenge.	2 new railroads	3 reviews	30 minutes	2	154
—(d)(2) RR officer explanation to employee that Federal law may protect against employer retaliation for refusal to carry out work if employee refusal is a lawful, good faith act.	2 new railroads	3 answers	15 minutes	1	77

CFR section ³	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per responses	Total annual burden hours	Total cost equivalent ⁴
—(d)(3) Employee written/electronic protest of employer final decision.	2 new railroads	3 written protests	15 minutes	1	77
—(d)(3) Employee copy of protest	2 new railroads	3 copies	1 minute	0.1	8
—(d)(4) Employer further review of good faith challenge after employee written request.	2 new railroads	2 further reviews	15 minutes	0.5	39
—(d)(4) RR verification decision to employee in writing.	2 new railroads	2 decisions	15 minutes	0.5	39
—(e) Recordkeeping and record retention—Employer's copy of written procedures at division headquarters.	765 railroads	765 copies	5 minutes	64	4,928
218.99(a)—Shoving or pushing movement—RR operating rule complying with section's requirements.	2 new railroads	2 rule modifications	1 hour	2	154
218.101(a)—(c)—Leaving equipment in the clear—Operating rule that complies with this section.	2 new railroads	2 rule modifications	30 minutes	1	77
218.103(a)(1)—Hand-Operated Switches—Operating Rule that Complies with this section.	2 new railroads	2 rule modifications	30 minutes	1	77
229.22—Locomotive image recording systems—Form FRA F 6180–49AP (New requirements) ⁵ .	36 railroads	4,500 passenger locomotives.	15 minutes	1,125	86,625
229.136(f)(1)—Passenger railroads adoption and development of chain of custody (c of c) procedures (New requirements).	36 railroads	12 c of c procedures	48 hours	576	44,352
—(f)(2)—(3) Passenger railroad preservation of accident/incident data of image and audio recording system from locomotive using such system at time of accident/incident (includes voluntary freight railroads & restates previous requirement under section 229.135(e)) (New requirements).	36 railroads	140 saved recordings	10 minutes	23	1,771
—(g) Locomotive image recording system approval process—Description of technical aspects any locomotive image recording system to FRA for approval (New requirements).	36 railroads	12 descriptions/plans	20 hours	240	18,480
Total	765 railroads	9,223,047 responses	N/A	765,488	58,954,389

Total Estimated Annual Responses:
9,223,047.

Total Estimated Annual Burden:
765,488 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour
Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$58,954,389.

FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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³ FRA anticipates that no procedures will be disapproved under § 217.9(b)(4). Additionally, the burdens associated under § 299.449 and appendix A to part 299 have been accounted for under the burden associated with § 229.136(f) and (g).

⁴ The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the Surface Transportation Board's Full Year Wage A&B data series using the appropriate employee group hourly wage rate that includes 75-percent overhead charges.

⁵ The burdens for §§ 229.21, 229.136(a)(3), (e)(2), and 229.139(i) are covered under § 229.22.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Announcement of Fiscal Year 2022 Low or No Emission Program and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program and Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; announcement of project selections.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the award of a total of \$1,656,696,061, including \$1,105,329,750 to projects under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No) and \$551,366,311 to projects under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (Buses and Bus Facilities Program) and provides administrative guidance on project implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office for information regarding applying for the funds or program-specific information. A list of Regional Offices can be found at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/regional-offices>. Unsuccessful applicants may contact Amy Volz, Office of Program Management at (202) 366–7484, or

email: amy.volz@dot.gov within 30 days of this announcement to arrange a proposal debriefing. A TDD is available at 1–800–877–8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5339(b)) authorizes FTA to make competitive grants for the Buses and Bus Facilities Program. Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5339(c)) authorizes FTA to make competitive grants for the Low-No Program.

Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5338(a)(2)(M)) authorized \$375,696,244 in FY 2022 funds for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117–103), appropriated an additional \$175,000,000 for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. After the oversight takedown of \$4,666,931, the total funding is \$546,029,313 for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. FTA is also making available an additional \$5,479,636 of recovered funding for this round, bringing the total available funding to \$551,508,949.

Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5338(a)(2)(M)) authorized \$71,561,189 in FY 2022 funds for the Low or No Emission Grant Program; plus an additional \$1,050,000,000 appropriated under the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. 117–58). The Consolidated