

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement:  
Washington County, UT**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Washington County, Utah.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sandra Garcia, Highway Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 2520 West 4700 South, Suite 9A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84118-1847, Telephone (801) 963-0182.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct a new interchange on I-15 at milepost 13 in Washington City, Utah.

The construction of a new interchange is considered necessary to provide access to I-15, which will accommodate the projected traffic demand and development planned for the area. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) Transportation System Management (TSM), activities which maximize the efficiency of the present system; (3) constructing a new interchange on I-15 at milepost 13.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A public scoping meeting and a public hearing will be held. Notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration**

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2001-1037]

**Notice of Request for the Extension of  
a Currently Approved Information  
Collection**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, 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 extend the following currently approved information collection: Charter Service Operations.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before October 15, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Elizabeth Martineau, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1936.

**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:* Charter Service Operations (OMB Number: 2132-0543)

*Background:* 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(d) requires all applicants for

financial assistance from FTA to enter into a charter bus agreement with the Secretary of Transportation (delegated to the Administrator of FTA in 49 CFR Section 1.51(a)). 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(d) provides protections for private intercity charter bus operators from unfair competition by FTA recipients. 49 U.S.C. Section 5302(a)(7) as interpreted by the Comptroller General permits FTA recipients, but does not state that recipients have a right, to provide charter bus service with FTA-funded facilities and equipment only if it is incidental to the provision of mass transportation service. These statutory requirements have been implemented in FTA's charter regulation, 49 CFR Section 604.

49 CFR Section 604.7 requires all applicants for financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Sections 5309, 5336, or 5311 to include two copies of a charter bus agreement with the first grant application submitted after the effective date of the rule. The applicant signs the agreement, but FTA executes it only upon approval of the application. This is a one-time submission with incorporation by reference in subsequent grant applications. 49 CFR Section 604.11(b) requires recipients to provide notice to all private charter operators and allows them to submit written evidence demonstrating that they are willing and able to provide the charter service the recipient is proposing to provide. The notice must be published in a newspaper and sent to any private operator requesting notice and to the United Bus Owners of America and the American Bus Association, the two trade associations to which most private charter operators belong. To continue receiving federal financial assistance, recipients must publish this notice annually. 49 CFR Section 604.13(b) requires recipients to review the evidence submitted and notify the submitter of its decision. This notice is also an annual requirement. On December 30, 1988, FTA issued an amendment to the Charter Service regulation that allows additional exceptions for certain non-profit social service groups that meet eligibility requirements.

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

*Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1.2 hours for each of the 1,656 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 1,984 hours.

*Frequency:* Annual.