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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than February 5, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Gina Christodoulou, Office of Support Systems, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number 2130-0526." Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6230 or (202) 493-6170, or via e-mail to Mr. Brogan at robert.brogan@dot.gov, or

to Ms. Christodoulou at gina.christodoulou@dot.gov. 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: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Ms. Gina Christodoulou, Office of Support Systems, RAD-43, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13, section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 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 for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) 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; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection

techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(i)-(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)-(iv). FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below is a brief summary of the currently approved information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

Title: Control of Alcohol and Drug Use in Railroad Operations.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0526.

Abstract: The information collection requirements contained in pre-employment and "for cause" testing regulations are intended to ensure a sense of fairness and accuracy for railroads and their employees. The principal information—evidence of unauthorized alcohol or drug use—is used to prevent accidents by screening personnel who perform safety-sensitive service. FRA uses the information to measure the level of compliance with regulations governing the use of alcohol or controlled substances. Elimination of this problem is necessary to prevent accidents, injuries, and fatalities of the nature already experienced and further reduce the risk of a truly catastrophic accident. Finally, FRA analyzes the data provided in the Management Information System annual report to monitor the effectiveness of a railroad's alcohol and drug testing program.

Form Number(s): FRA F 6180.73, 6180.74, 6180.94A, 61880.94B.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Reporting Burden:

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost (\$)
219.7—Waivers	100,000 employees	2 letters	2 hours	4	\$140
219.9(b)(2)—Responsibility for compliance.	450 railroads	2 requests	1 hour	2	70
219.9(c)(2)—Responsibility for compliance.	450 railroads	10 contracts/docs ..	2 hours	20	700
219.11(b)(2)—Gen'l conditions for chemical tests.	450 Medical Fac	1 document	15 minutes25	4
219.11(g) & 219.301(c)(2)(ii)—Training—Alcohol and Drug.	5 railroads	5 programs	3 hours	15	525

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost (\$)
—Training	50 railroads	50 training classes	3 hours	150	5,250
219.23(d)—Notice to Employee Organizations.	5 railroads	5 notices	1 hour	5	175
219.104/219.107—Removal from Covered Svc..	450 railroads	20 letters	1 hour	20	700
219.201(c) Good Faith Determination	450 railroads	10 reports	30 minutes	5	175
219.203/207/209—Notifications by Phone to FRA.	450 railroads	104 phone calls	10 minutes	17	595
219.205—Sample Collection and Handling.	450 railroads	400 forms	15 minutes	100	3,500
—Form covering accidents/incidents	450 railroads	100 forms	10 minutes	17	595
219.209(a)—Reports of Tests and Refusals.	450 railroads	80 phone rpts	2 minutes	3	105
219.209(c)—Records—Tests promptly administered.	450 railroads	40 records	30 minutes	20	700
219.211(b)—Analysis and follow-up—MRO.	450 railroads	8 reports	15 minutes	2	200
219.302(f)—Tests not promptly administered.	450 railroads	200 records	30 minutes	100	3,500
219.401/403/405—Voluntary referral and Co-worker report policies.	5 railroads	5 report policies	20 hours	100	3,500
219.405(c)(1)—Report by Co-worker	450 railroads	450 reports	5 minutes	38	1,330
219.403/405—SAP Counselor Evaluation.	450 railroads	700 reports	30 minutes	350	12,250
219.601(a)—RR Random Drug Testing Programs.	5 railroads	5 programs	1 hour	5	175
—Amendments	450 railroads	20 amendments	1 hour	20	700
219.601(b)(1)—Random Selection Proc.—Drug.	450 railroads	5,400 documents	4 hours	21,600	324,000
219.601(b)(4); 219.601(d)—Notices to Employees.	5 railroads	100 notices5 minute	1	35
—New Railroads	5 railroads	5 notices	10 hours	50	1,750
—Employee Notices—Tests	450 railroads	25,000 notices	1 minute	417	14,595
219.603(a)—Specimen Security—Notice By Employee Asking to be Excused from Urine Testing.	20,000 employees	20 excuse doc	15 minutes	5	145
219.607(a)—RR Random Alcohol Testing Programs.	5 railroads	5 programs	8 hours	40	1,400
—Amendments to Approved Program.	450 railroads	20 amendments	1 hour	20	700
219.608—Administrator's Determination of Random Alcohol Testing Rate.	53 railroads	53 MIS reports	2 hours	106	3,710
219.707 9(c)(d) & 40.33—Review by MRO of Urine Drug Testing Results/Employee Notification.					
—Positive Drug Test Result	450 MROs	980 reports	2 hours	1,960	196,000
—Copies of Positive Test Results to Employees.	450 railroads	980 tests	15 minutes	245	3,675
219.709—Retests—Written Request by Employee.	450 railroads	10 letters	30 minutes	5	175
219.711(c) & 40.25(f)(22)(ii)—Employee Consent.	100,000 employees	60 letters	5 minutes	5	175
219.801—Reporting Alcohol/Drug Misuse Prevention Program Results in a Management Info. System.					
—Alcohol/Drug Testing Management Info. System" Data Collection Form.	53 railroads	25 forms	4 hours	100	3,500
—Easy Data Collection Form—No Alcohol/Drug Misuse.	53 railroads	28 forms	2 hours	56	1,960
219.901/903—Retention of Breath Alcohol Testing Records; Retention of Urine Drug Testing.	450 railroads	100,500 records	5 minutes	8,375	125,625
—Summary Report of Breath Alcohol/Drug Test.	450 railroads	200 reports	2 hours	400	6,000

Respondent Universe: 450 railroads.

Total Responses: 135,603.

Status: Regular Review.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 34,378 hours.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), 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 unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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D.J. Stadler,

Director, Office of Budget, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Program

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability: Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Program.

SUMMARY: This notice solicits proposals to compete for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 funds through the Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands (ATPPL) program, administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in partnership with the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. The purpose of the program is to enhance the protection of national parks and Federal lands, and increase the enjoyment of those visiting them. The program funds capital and planning expenses for alternative transportation systems such as buses and trams in federally-managed parks and public lands. Federal land management agencies and State, tribal and local governments acting with the consent of a Federal land management agency are eligible to apply. DOI, after consultation with and in cooperation with FTA, will determine the final selection and funding of projects.

DATES: Complete proposals must be received by the designated Federal land management agency contact listed in this notice by the close of business on February 16, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Project proposals must be submitted to the designated contact person at the headquarters office of the Federal land management agency that manages the park or public land involved. If the project involves more than one Federal land management agency, a project proposal template must be submitted to all agencies involved. The required project proposal

template is available at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/atppl>. E-mail submission is preferred. Mail and fax submission will also be accepted.

- National Park Service: Mark H Hartsoe, Mark_H_Hartsoe@nps.gov; tel: 202–513–7025, fax: 202–371–6675, mail: 1849 C Street, NW., (MS2420); Washington, DC 20240–0001.

- Fish and Wildlife Service: Nathan Caldwell, nathan_caldwell@fws.gov, tel: 703–358–2205, fax: 703–358–2517, mail: 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 634; Arlington, VA 22203.

- Forest Service: Ellen LaFayette, elafayette@fs.fed.us, tel: 703–605–4509, fax: 703–605–1542, mail: 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–1101. FedEx: USDA Forest Service, Engineering Suite RPC 500, 1601 N. Kent Street, Arlington, VA 22209.

- Bureau of Land Management: Linda Force, linda_force@blm.gov, tel: 202–557–3567, fax: 202–452–5046, mail: 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Faulk, Office of Program Management, Federal Transit Administration, 202–366–1660, e-mail: Scott.Faulk@dot.gov.

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I. General Program Information

A. Authority

Section 3021 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA–LU) established a new program called the ATPPL program (49 U.S.C. 5320). SAFETEA–LU authorized \$97 million in funding for the program for FY 2006 through 2009. SAFETEA–LU authorized \$23 million FY 2007. Availability of funding is subject to congressional appropriations, which have not yet been finalized for FY 2007. No one project may receive more than 25 percent of available funds.

B. Background

Congestion in and around parks and public lands causes traffic delays and noise and air pollution that substantially detract from the visitor's experience and the protection of natural resources. In August 2001, the Department of Transportation (DOT) and DOI published a comprehensive

study of alternative transportation needs in national parks and related Federal lands. The study identified significant alternative transportation needs at sites managed by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Additionally, a supplement to this report identified Forest Service sites that would benefit from such services.

Section 3021 of SAFETEA–LU (49 U.S.C. 5320) addresses these needs by establishing a new program to fund alternative transportation projects in national parks and other federal lands. The goals of the program are to:

- Conserve natural, historical, and cultural resources;
- Reduce congestion and pollution;
- Improve visitor mobility and accessibility;
- Enhance visitor experience; and
- Ensure access to all, including persons with disabilities.

C. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are:

- (1) Federal land management agencies, including the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation; and
- (2) State, tribal and local governments with jurisdiction over land in the vicinity of an eligible area, acting with the consent of a Federal land management agency, alone or in partnership with a Federal land management agency or other governmental or non-governmental participant. If the applicant is a State, tribal, or local government, a letter from the unit(s) of the Federal land management agency or agencies affected expressing support for the project should be submitted with the project proposal.

D. Eligible Expenses

SAFETEA–LU defines alternative transportation as “transportation by bus, rail, or any other publicly or privately owned conveyance that provides to the public general or special service on a regular basis, including sightseeing service. Such term also includes a non-motorized transportation system (including the provision of facilities for pedestrians, bicycles, and non-motorized watercraft).”

A qualified project is a planning or capital project in or in the vicinity of a Federally-owned or managed park, refuge, or recreational area that is open to the general public and meets the goals of the program. Operating expenses are not eligible under the program. A project proposal may