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ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA–2008–0146 using any of the following methods:

- *DOT Docket Web site:* Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

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- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202–493–2251.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tyneka Thomas (202) 267–7626 or Frances Shaver (202) 267–9681, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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Pamela Hamilton-Powell,
Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Docket No.: FAA–2008–0146.

Petitioner: Iditarod Committee and Iditarod Air Force.

Section of 14 CFR Affected:
§§ 119.21(a)(1), 61.3(c), 61.23(a), and 61.113(a).

Description of Relief Sought: The Iditarod Committee, Iditarod Air Force (IAF), and pilots request relief from §§ 61.3(c), 61.23(a), 61.113(a), and 119.21(a)(1) to the extent necessary to allow the petitioners to accept monetary and non-monetary compensation in return for transportation of people or property, and the use of fuel, food and equipment either purchased by the Committee/IAF or otherwise made by private donations. The compensation considered includes any money or donations made to or charged by the Committee/IAF to transport people or property associated with the operation of the Iditarod Race, and any fuel, insurance, housing, food or other support costs paid to individual pilot-aircraft owners.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2007–0008]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for Change to and Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of changes to and extension of a currently approved information collection. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on October 23, 2007. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by March 7, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments within 30 days to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to

enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. All comments should include the Docket number FHWA–2007–0008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Jensen, 202–366–2048, Office of Planning, Environment and Realty, HEP–2, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Scenic Byway Program.

OMB Control #: 2125–0611.

Form #: FHWA–1569, FHWA–1570, FHWA–1577.

Background: The National Scenic Byways Program was established under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and reauthorized in 1998 under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Under the program, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation recognizes certain roads as National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads based on their archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities. There are 126 such designated Byways in 44 states, which the FHWA promotes as the America's Byways. It is a voluntary, grassroots program that recognizes and supports outstanding roads while providing resources to help manage the intrinsic qualities within the broader Byway corridor to be treasured and shared. The vision of the FHWA's National Scenic Byways Program is "to create a distinctive collection of American roads, their stories, and treasured places." The program's mission is to provide resources to the byway community in creating a unique travel experience and enhanced local quality of life through efforts to preserve, protect, interpret, and promote the intrinsic qualities of designated byways. Title 23, Section 162 of the United States Code describes the creation of the National Scenic Byways Program. This legislation was most recently amended in 2005 upon passage of the Public Law 109–59 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU). The legislation includes provisions for review and dissemination of grant monies by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Grant applications are

solicited on an annual basis. Eligible projects are on State designated byways, National Scenic Byways, All-American Roads, or Indian tribe scenic byways.

Applications are completed by Federal, State, or local governmental agencies; Tribal governments; and non-profit organizations. The application information is collected electronically via the online Grant system (<http://www.grants.gov>) and is used to determine project eligibility.

The legislation also includes information about the nomination of scenic byways to become one of America's Byways, a collection of distinct and diverse roads designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. America's Byways include the National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads. Additional information on the National Scenic Byways Program, its grant program, and the nomination process is available at <http://www.bywaysonline.org>.

The total number of burden hours for this collection has changed. The grants applications forms were decreased to include only those forms that were created specifically for www.grants.gov. Also, the nominations cycle burden hours have been added.

Respondents

Grants Application Respondents: In a typical grants cycle, it is estimated that 400 applications will be received. Respondents include: 50 State Departments of Transportation, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico (Right-of-Way Department), Federal Land Management Agencies, State and local governments, non-profit agencies, and Tribal Governments.

Frequency: Annual.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 16 hours.

Nomination Respondents: Based on previous nomination cycles, it is estimated that a total of 75 nominations will be received, originating from any local government, including Indian tribal governments, or any private group or individual. Nominations may also originate from the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Frequency: Every 2–3 years.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 200 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,400 hours.

Electronic Access: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No: FTA–2007–0012]

National Transit Database: Strike Adjustments for Urbanized Area Apportionments

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Final Strike Adjustment Policy for Urbanized Area Apportionments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) National Transit Database (NTD) policy on strike adjustments. On March 12, 2007, FTA provided notice to NTD reporters that it was changing its policy on strikes, to permit transit agencies to request an adjustment to their NTD data that are used in the apportionment of Urbanized Area Formula Grants to offset the effect of strikes, retroactive to the 2005 Report Year. This policy was also announced in the **Federal Register** Notice of the Urbanized Area Formula Apportionments for Fiscal Year 2007, which was published on March 23, 2007. FTA then formally invited the public to comment on this policy change through a notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2007. FTA received one comment on this policy change, and is now formally adopting the new policy.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 6, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For program issues, John D. Giorgis, Office of Budget and Policy, (202) 366–5430 (telephone); (202) 366–7989 (fax); or john.giorgis@dot.gov (e-mail). For legal issues, Richard Wong, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366–0675 (telephone); (202) 366–3809 (fax); or richard.wong@dot.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The National Transit Database (NTD) is the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) primary database for statistics on the transit industry. Congress established the NTD to "help meet the needs of * * * the public for information on which to base public

transportation service planning * * *" (49 U.S.C 5335). Currently, over 650 transit agencies in urbanized areas report to the NTD through an Internet-based reporting system. Each year, performance data from these submissions are used to apportion over \$4 billion of FTA funds under the Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program. These data are also used in the annual National Transit Summaries and Trends report, the biennial Conditions and Performance Report to Congress, and in meeting FTA's obligations under the Government Performance and Results Act.

For many years, it was FTA's policy to not adjust performance data submitted to the NTD to offset the effect of strikes. On March 12, 2007, FTA provided notice to NTD reporters that it was changing its policy on strikes, to permit transit agencies to request an adjustment to their NTD data that are used in the apportionment of Urbanized Area Formula Grants to offset the effect of strikes, retroactive to the 2005 Report Year. This policy was also announced in the **Federal Register** Notice of the Urbanized Area Formula Apportionments for Fiscal Year 2007, which was published on March 23, 2007. FTA invited the public to comment on this policy change through a notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2007.

FTA proposes to allow urbanized area transit agencies to request that their NTD data submissions be adjusted to offset the effects of strikes for purposes of the apportionment of Urbanized Area Formula Program Grants. Requesting transit agencies must provide FTA with documentation for the duration of the strike. FTA will then use the transit agency's NTD submissions to project performance data for the time period in question. These projections would then be added to the transit agency's NTD submission in the data sets used by FTA for the calculation of the apportionments of Urbanized Area Formula Program Grants (Section 5307 and Section 5309 Grants). In all publicly-available data sets and data products, an agency's NTD data would remain unadjusted and would reflect the actual NTD submission for the agency.

FTA proposes this policy change because the Section 5307 and Section 5309 Grant Programs are fundamentally designed to support the capital needs of transit agencies in urbanized areas. As such, various performance data are used to approximate the relative capital needs of the various urbanized areas. These capital needs are unaffected by strikes, even though strikes may