

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration****Notice of Final Agency Actions on Proposed Railroad Project in California, on Behalf of the California High-Speed Rail Authority**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** FRA, on behalf of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority), is issuing this notice to announce actions taken by the Authority that are final. By this notice, FRA is advising the public of the time limit to file a claim seeking judicial review of the actions. The actions relate to the California High-Speed Rail San Francisco to San Jose Project Section (Project). These actions grant approvals for project implementation pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other laws, regulations, and executive orders.

**DATES:** A claim seeking judicial review of the agency actions on the Project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before November 12, 2024. If Federal law later authorizes a time period of less than 2 years for filing such claim, then that shorter time period applies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Effective July 23, 2019, the FRA assigned, and the State of California acting through the Authority assumed, environmental responsibilities for the California High-Speed Rail (HSR) System pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that the Authority has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1) and 49 U.S.C. 24201(a)(4) by issuing approvals for the Project.

The purpose of the California HSR System<sup>1</sup> is to provide a reliable, high-

speed, electric-powered train system that links the major metropolitan areas of California, delivering predictable and consistent travel times. A further objective is to provide an interface with commercial airports, mass transit, and the highway network, and to relieve capacity constraints of the existing transportation system as increases in intercity travel demand in California occur, in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources.

The Authority has selected the HSR Build Alternative A, with modified Caltrain stations for HSR at 4th and King Street and Millbrae Station, the Millbrae Station Design, the East Brisbane light maintenance facility, and associated project elements, for the portion of the Project between the 4th and King Street Station in San Francisco and Scott Boulevard in Santa Clara, as identified in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) for the Project, because the Selected Alternative (1) best satisfies the Purpose, Need, and Objectives for the Project and (2) minimizes impacts on the natural and human environment by utilizing an existing transportation corridor where practicable and incorporating mitigation measures where practicable.

The Authority previously approved the portion of the Project between Scott Boulevard in Santa Clara and West Alma Avenue in San Jose (including the San Jose Diridon Station) as part of the San Jose to Merced Project Section (87 FR 37373). The actions by the Authority, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Project's Final EIS published on June 10, 2022, and the ROD signed on October 14, 2022. The ROD, Final EIS, and other documents will be available online in PDF at the Authority's website ([www.hsr.ca.gov](http://www.hsr.ca.gov)) and via electronic media by calling (916) 324-1541.

This notice applies to the ROD, Final EIS, and all other Federal agency decisions with respect to the Project as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. NEPA;
2. Council on Environmental Quality regulations (1978);<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued new regulations on July 14, 2020, effective September 14, 2020, updating the NEPA implementing procedures at 40 CFR 1500 through 1508. However, this project initiated NEPA before the effective date and relies on the CEQ regulations as they existed prior to September 14, 2020. All subsequent citations to the CEQ regulations in the ROD and Final EIS refer to the 1978 regulations, consistent with 40 CFR 1506.13 (2020) and the preamble at 85 FR 43340.

<sup>1</sup> The California HSR System would be implemented in two phases. Phase 1 would connect San Francisco to Los Angeles and Anaheim via the Pacheco Pass and the southern Central Valley. Phase 2 would extend the HSR system from the Central Valley (starting at the Merced Station) to the state's capital in Sacramento and from Los Angeles to San Diego.

3. Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act;

4. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, Section 4(f);

5. Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, Section 6(f);

6. Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990;

7. Clean Water Act of 1977 and 1987;

8. Endangered Species Act of 1973;

9. Migratory Bird Treaty Act;

10. National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended;

11. Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands;

12. Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management;

13. Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations;

14. Executive Order 13112, Invasive Species.

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*Director, Office of Infrastructure Investment.*

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

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2022-0034]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: National Transit Database (NTD)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describe the nature of the information collection and their expected burdens.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 12, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

*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 best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tia Swain, Office of Administration, Management Planning Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop TAD-10, Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-0354 or [tia.swain@dot.gov](mailto:tia.swain@dot.gov).

**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 issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On July 19, 2022, FTA published a 60-day notice (87 FR 43102) in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments on the ICR that the agency was seeking OMB approval. FTA received no comments after issuing this 60-day notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c). Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507 (b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

*Title:* National Transit Database.

*OMB Control Number:* 2132-0008.

*Background:* The National Transit Database (49 U.S.C. 5335(a) and (b)) requires the Secretary of Transportation to maintain a reporting system, using a uniform system of accounts, to collect financial and operating information from the nation's public transportation systems. Congress created the NTD to be the repository of transit data for the nation to support public transportation service planning. FTA has established the NTD to meet these requirements, and has collected data for over 35 years. The NTD is comprised of multiple modules, including Rural, Urban Annual, Monthly, and Safety Event Reporting. FTA continues to seek ways to reduce the burden of NTD reporting. FTA has expanded collected summarized data, including frequency counts where possible. This approach greatly reduces the burden facing transit operators reporting to the NTD.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 2,481 respondents.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses:* 2,481.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 456,179 hours.

*Frequency:* Annually.

**Nadine Pembleton,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2022-0030]

#### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals With Disabilities & Nonurbanized Area Formula Programs

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

**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 approve the extension of a currently approved information collection: Enhanced Mobility Seniors

and Individuals with Disabilities & Nonurbanized Area Formula Programs.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before January 9, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that your comments are not entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. *Website:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (*Note:* The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) electronic docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

2. *Fax:* 202-366-7951.

3. *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

4. *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to internet users, without change, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) at any time. Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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