

*Recordkeeping:**Estimated number of responses:* 71.*Estimated annual burden hours:*

57,510 hours.

*Frequency of collection:* Annually.

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**Jeffrey D. Wiese,***Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****[Docket No. FHWA-2010-0007]****Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Notice of Request for  
Extension of Currently Approved  
Information Collection****AGENCY:** Federal Highway  
Administration (FHWA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of request for extension  
of currently approved information  
collection.**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public  
comments about our intention to request  
the Office of Management and Budget's  
(OMB) approval for a new information  
collection, which is summarized below  
under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We  
published a **Federal Register** Notice  
with a 60-day public comment period  
on this information collection on  
November 27, 2009. We are required to  
publish this notice in the **Federal  
Register** by the Paperwork Reduction  
Act of 1995.**DATES:** Please submit comments by  
March 1, 2010.**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments  
identified by DOT Docket ID Number  
FHWA-2010-0007, by any of the  
following methods:*Web Site:* For access to the docket to  
read background documents or  
comments received go to the Federal  
eRulemaking Portal: at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online  
instructions for submitting comments.*Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.*Mail:* Docket Management Facility,  
U.S. Department of Transportation,  
West Building Ground Floor, Room  
W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.,  
Washington, DC 20590-0001.*Hand Delivery or Courier:* Docket  
Management Facility, U.S. Department  
of Transportation, West Building  
Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200  
New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington,  
DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.,  
Monday through Friday, except Federal  
holidays.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary  
Jensen, 202-366-2048, Office of  
Planning, Environment & Realty, HEP-  
2, Federal Highway Administration,  
U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200  
New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington,  
DC 20590, between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30  
p.m., Monday through Friday, except  
Federal holidays.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* National Scenic Byways  
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 151 such designated  
byways in 46 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 lays out the statutory  
structure 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 electronicallyvia the online Grant system 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>.*Grants Respondents:* In a typical  
grants cycle, it is estimated that 400  
applications will be received. These  
applications will be submitted online  
and reviewed for eligibility through a  
process involving State Byway or Indian  
Tribe Scenic Byway Coordinators and  
FHWA division offices before being  
submitted to FHWA Headquarters for  
funding consideration. 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.*Estimated Sub-Total Annual Burden  
Hours:* 6,400 hours.*Nominations Respondents:* Based on  
previous nomination cycles, it is  
estimated that a total of 75 nominations  
will be received, originating from any  
local government, including 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. Roads determined to be  
appropriate for nomination by the State,  
an Indian tribe, or a Federal land  
management agency based on its  
intrinsic qualities must first be  
designated as a State Scenic Byway, an  
Indian Tribe Scenic Byway, or, in the  
case of a road on federal land, as a  
Federal Land Management Agency  
Byway.*Frequency:* Biannual.*Estimated Average Burden per  
Response:* 200 hours.*Estimated Sub-Total Annual Burden  
Hours:* 15,000 hours.*Estimate Total Annual Burden Hours:*  
21,400.**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act  
of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended;  
and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: January 20, 2010.

**Juli Huynh,**

*Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2010-0004]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on November 3, 2009. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by March 1, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number FHWA-2010-0005, by any of the following methods:

*Web Site:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

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

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Highway Safety Improvement Program.

*OMB Control No:* 2125-0025.

*Background:* The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) amended Section 148 of Title 23 U.S.C.

to establish a new "core" Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) that provides funds to State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to improve conditions at hazardous highway locations and hazardous railway-highway grade crossings on all public roads, including those maintained by Federal, State and local agencies. The existing provisions of Title 23 U.S.C. Sections 130, Railway-Highway Crossings Program, and 152, Hazard Elimination Program, as well as implementing regulations in 23 CFR 924, remain in effect. Included in these combined provisions are requirements for State DOTs to annually produce and submit to FHWA by August 31 three reports related to the conduct and effectiveness of their HSIPs, that are to include information on: (a) Progress being made to implement HSIP projects and the effectiveness of these projects in reducing traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities [Sections 148(g) and 152(g)]; (b) progress being made to implement the Railway-Highway Crossings Program and the effectiveness of the projects in that program [Sections 130(g) and 148(g)], which will be used by FHWA to produce and submit biennial reports to Congress required on April 1, beginning April 1, 2006; and, (c) description of at least 5 percent of the State's highway locations exhibiting the most severe safety needs, including an estimate of the potential remedies, their costs, and impediments to their implementation other than cost for each of the locations listed (i.e. the "5 percent report") [Section 148(c)(1)(D)]. To be able to produce these reports, State DOTs must have crash data and analysis systems capable of identifying and determining the relative severity of hazardous highway locations on all public roads, and determining the "before" and "after" crash experiences at HSIP project locations. This information provides FHWA with a means for monitoring the effectiveness of these programs and may be used by Congress for determining the future HSIP program structure and funding levels. Per SAFETEA-LU, State DOTs have much flexibility in the methodology they use to rank the relative severity of their public road locations in terms of fatalities and serious injuries. The list of 5 percent of these locations exhibiting the most severe safety needs will result from the ranking methodology used, and may include roadway segments and/or intersections. For example, a State may compare its roadway locations against statewide average rates of fatalities and serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled for similar type facilities

and determine that those segments whose rates exceed the statewide rates are the locations with the "most severe" safety needs, and then at least 5 percent of those locations would be included in the required annual report.

*Respondents:* 51 State Transportation Departments, including the District of Columbia.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Response:* 500 hours (This is an increase of 300 burden hours from the current OMB approved 200 burden hours. The new report will take an additional 300 hours plus the 200 hours for the existing two reports).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 25,500 hours (51 states at an average of 500 hours each).

*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 FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

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

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**Juli Huynh,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA 2010-0008]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We