

The agenda will include:

- Opening remarks.
- Report on Performance Standards Working Group Activities.

• Briefing on draft notice of proposed rulemaking regarding escape device lighting.

- Discussion of assignment of new ARAC task on emergency exit access.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to space available. The public must make arrangements by July 17, 1998, to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the committee any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Emergency Evacuation Issues or by providing copies at the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 25, 1998.

Florence Hamn,

Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. 98-3990]

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 reinstate the following expired information collection: Charter Service Operations.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before August 31, 1998.

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, SW., Washington, DC 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. Rita Daguillard, 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: Section 5323(d) of the Federal Transit Laws (FT Laws) 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 1.51(a)). Section 5323(d) of the FT Laws provides protections for private intercity charter bus operators from unfair competition by FTA recipients. Section 5302(a)(7) of the FT Laws 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 Part 604.

49 CFR 604.7 requires all applicants for financial assistance under Section 5309, 5336, or 5311 of the FT Laws 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. Section 604.11(b) requires recipients to provide notice to all private charter operators and allow them to demonstrate 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. Section 604.13(b) requires recipients to notify each private operator that presented evidence of the recipient's determination whether the private operator meets the definition of "willing and able." This notice is also an annual requirement. On December 30, 1988, FTA issued an amendment to the Charter Service Regulation which 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.

Issued: June 26, 1998.

Gordon J. Linton,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-3979; Notice No. 1]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements (Authority: Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995)

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under new procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections. This document describes a collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the DOT Docket Management