and procedural standpoint), and when this should be implemented.

(b) If you do not support the inclusion of specific pavement types, explain why (from both a regulatory and procedural standpoint), and what, if anything, the FHWA should do regarding tire-pavement noise in the highway traffic noise analysis and abatement process.

(2) Should highway agencies be required to use a more specific pavement type(s) in their future condition noise predictions?

(3) Should a State highway agency be required to maintain the specific pavement type it selected to reduce the noise impacts of a project to a level that resulted in a certain noise abatement measure?

(4) Should highway agencies be required to call a project a Type I project if the original pavement is replaced or overlaid with a louder pavement or when a pavement no longer is achieving its noise reduction?

(5) Should specific pavement types in the Federal-aid highway traffic noise analyses process be introduced as a pilot program?

(a) If you would support a pilot program, explain why, how many highway agencies should be selected to pilot this and, whether your agency would be willing to be a pilot State.

(b) If you do not support this as a pilot program, explain why you do not support this.

(6) Have you done or are you currently doing tire pavement noise research?

(a) If you have done or currently are doing tire pavement research: What is this research? Why are you doing this research? How are you or how do you plan on implementing this research? What are your goals regarding this research and/or its implementation?

(b) If you have not done or if you do not plan on doing tire pavement research, please explain why?

(7) Any additional comments?

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The survey will be conducted as an address-based mail survey with the mailings sent out by the Idaho Transportation Department. It will include a pre-survey letter and a series of mailed reminders. Completed questionnaires will be returned in postage-paid pre-addressed envelopes to NHTSA’s contractor for this project, Battelle. The survey will be administered only once per respondent. It will be made available on-line for any respondents that prefer to do the survey on-line. The on-line option is included to ensure adequate participation by younger drivers. No personally identifiable information will be collected; all results will be reported in the aggregate.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information—The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was established by the Highway Safety Act of 1970 (23 U.S.C. 101) to carry out a Congressional mandate to reduce the number of deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on the Nation’s highways. Speeding is one of the primary factors involved in vehicle crashes. In 2011, speeding was a contributing factor in 30% of all fatal crashes and the loss of 9,994 lives. The estimated economic cost to society for speeding-related crashes is $40.4 billion per year. Given the widespread occurrence of speeding and the high toll in injuries and lives lost in speed-related crashes, as well as the high economic costs of speed-related crashes, this is a safety issue that demands attention.

Given there has been so little progress in reducing the percentage of speeding-related fatalities over the last decade, it is appropriate to examine new approaches for addressing this problem. Recent research findings reveal important differences in driver types and speeding behaviors and provide an opportunity to develop new countermeasures and more targeted approaches to reduce speeding-related fatalities and injuries. The data collected in this study will provide NHTSA with important detailed information that will help to better define the nature of the speeding problem and assist in reducing speeding on our nation’s highways. In support of its mission, NHTSA will use the findings from this survey for developing new speeding countermeasures that are better matched to specific types of speeding problems. This new information on driver types and countermeasures for speeding can help communities throughout the country to enhance and improve their speed management programs. This information is focused on achieving the greatest benefit in decreasing crashes and resulting injuries and fatalities, and providing informational support to States, localities, and law enforcement agencies that will aid them in their efforts to reduce traffic crashes.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)—After a thorough search for a State to participate in this project, an agreement with the State of Idaho was established to conduct this study. The survey respondents will be a random sample of drivers currently licensed and living in Idaho. The sample will be stratified by age, gender, and numbers of citations for speeding in the previous three years. The questionnaire will be mailed to respondents and also made available online. A final sample size of 3,200 drivers is projected for the survey mailing with a projected response rate of 50% (1,600 drivers). All respondents will surveyed only once and participation in the survey is voluntary.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting From the Collection of Information—The total estimated annual burden is approximately 560 hours for the survey. Based on cognitive testing of the paper and pencil survey (n = 9), it is estimated it will take approximately 21 minutes per respondent to complete the survey (1,600 respondents × 21 minutes each = 560 hours total). The survey would be fielded for a two-month period in 2014. The mailed survey packets would include a postage-paid return envelope for returning the completed questionnaires. Respondents will also have the option of completing the survey on-line. The mean hourly wage for all occupations in the State of Idaho is $18.52. At 560 total responding hours for the survey, this would put the cost burden at approximately $10,371.20. The respondents would receive a $5.00 incentive for taking the survey. The respondents would not incur any reporting cost from the information collection beyond the time to respond to the information request and they would not incur any record keeping burden or record keeping cost from the information collection.