

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer. Comments may also be sent via email to OMB at the following address: [oir\\_submissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submissions@omb.eop.gov).

*Comments are invited on the following:* Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for DOT to properly perform its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of DOT's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections 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**.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 20, 2016.

**Patrick T. Warren,**

*Acting Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA 2016–0002–N–21]

#### Agency Request for Regular Processing of Collection of Information by the Office of Management and Budget

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, this document provides notice that FRA is submitting an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect information on railroads' implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) systems on an annual form entitled the Annual PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.166).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, RRS–21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 25,

Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6292) or Ms. Kim Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD–20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6132). (These telephone numbers are not toll free.) Comments or questions about any aspect of this ICR should be directed to OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: FRA OMB Desk Officer.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Public Participation

On June 23, 2016, FRA published a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking public comment on the revised Annual PTC Progress Report Form. 81 FR 40938 (June 23, 2016). The PRA and its implementing regulations require Federal agencies to provide 60-days' notice to the public for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). The comment period closed on August 22, 2016. FRA did not receive any written comments responsive to its June 23, 2016, notice and request for comments. FRA requests regular processing and OMB authorization to collect the information on the new Annual PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.166), as identified below, 30 days after publication of this notice for a period of 3 years.

##### II. Background on the Annual PTC Reporting Requirement

Under the Positive Train Control Enforcement and Implementation Act of 2015 (PTCEI Act), each railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. 20157(a) must submit an annual progress report to FRA by March 31, 2016, and annually thereafter, until PTC implementation is completed. 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(1). The PTCEI Act specifically requires each railroad to provide certain information in the annual reports regarding its progress toward implementing a PTC system, including "any other information" FRA requests. *See id.* In addition, 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(2) requires FRA to conduct compliance reviews at least annually to ensure that each railroad is complying with its revised PTC Implementation Plan (PTCIP). The PTCEI Act requires railroads to provide information to FRA that FRA determines is necessary to adequately conduct such compliance reviews. *See* 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(2).

On March 16, 2016, OMB approved FRA's Annual PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.166) for a period of 180 days under its emergency

processing procedures. However, based on industry's oral and written comments on the Quarterly PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.165, OMB Control No. 2130–0553; OMB Approval Expires June 30, 2017), FRA revised the Annual PTC Progress Report Form to be as consistent with the quarterly report form as possible (where the questions overlap), enabling railroads to transfer information from the quarterly report forms to the annual report forms more easily. In summary, on April 12, 2016, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) submitted comments to FRA on behalf of itself and its member railroads, and the American Public Transit Association (APTA) submitted comments to FRA on behalf of the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad (Metra), the Utah Transit Authority, the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon, and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority.

On April 19, 2016, FRA held a meeting on the proposed Quarterly PTC Progress Report Form to offer the affected regulated entities a forum to provide additional comments and feedback to FRA. Representatives from, and members of, AAR, APTA, the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, and several individual railroad representatives attended the meeting and provided feedback. FRA published minutes from the meeting on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FRA–2016–0002. For a detailed summary of the oral and written comments and FRA's responses to the comments, please see 81 FR 28140 (May 9, 2016).

The current Annual PTC Progress Report Form, as approved through September 30, 2016, can be accessed and downloaded in FRA's eLibrary at: <https://www.fra.dot.gov/eLib/details/L17366>. To view the revised Annual PTC Progress Report Form, please see the form attached to FRA's June 23, 2016, **Federal Register** notice. 81 FR 40938, 40940–40953. FRA is submitting the June 23rd version of the annual form, but with minor spacing modifications, to OMB today for review and regular processing.

##### III. Overview of Information Collection

The associated collection of information is summarized below.

**Title:** Annual Positive Train Control Progress Report Form.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130–0553.

**Form Number(s):** FRA F 6180.166.

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Frequency of Submission:** One-time; on occasion.

*Respondent Universe:* 41 railroad carriers.

*Reporting burden:*

Annual PTC progress report	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
Form FRA F 6180.166 .....	41 railroads .....	41 reports/forms .....	38.41 hours .....	1,575

FRA notes that the 38.41-hour estimate is an average for all railroads. FRA estimated the annual reporting burden is 60 hours for Class I and large passenger railroads, 40 hours for Class II and medium passenger railroads, and 25 hours for Class III, terminal, and small passenger railroads.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses for Form FRA F 6180.166:* 41.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden for Form FRA F 6180.166:* 1,575 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses for Entire Information Collection:* 147,776.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden for Entire Information Collection:* 3,126,039.

*Status:* Regular Review.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA–2016–0090]

**Request for Comment on “Federal Automated Vehicles Policy”**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** NHTSA invites public comment on the document, “Federal Automated Vehicles Policy.” This document is intended as a starting point that provides needed initial guidance to industry, government, and consumers. It will necessarily evolve over time, changing based on public comment; the experience of the agency, manufacturers, suppliers, consumers,

and others; and/or further technological innovation. NHTSA intends to revise and refine the document within one year, and periodically thereafter, to reflect such public input, experience, and innovation, and will address significant comments received in the next revision of this document.

**DATES:** You should submit your comments early enough to ensure that Docket Management receives them no later than November 22, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the docket number above and be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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

- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Instructions:* For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the Public Participation heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

- *Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of 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) or at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

- *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or to the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For technical issues:* Mr. Frank Barickman,

Team Leader at NHTSA’s Vehicle Research and Test Center at (937) 666–4511 or by email at [av\\_info\\_nhtsa@dot.gov](mailto:av_info_nhtsa@dot.gov).

*For legal issues:* Mr. Steve Wood of NHTSA’s Office of Chief Counsel, at (202) 366–2992 or by email at [steve.wood@dot.gov](mailto:steve.wood@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), under the U.S. Department of Transportation, was established by the Highway Safety Act of 1970, to carry out safety programs under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and the Highway Safety Act of 1966. NHTSA is responsible for reducing deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on our nation’s roadways. This is accomplished by conducting research, setting and enforcing safety performance standards for motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment, generating and disseminating comparative safety performance information to encourage the production and purchase of advanced safety features, requiring the calling and remedying of defective and noncompliant vehicles and equipment, and by making grants to state and local governments to enable them to conduct effective local highway safety programs. Prior or in addition to issuing standards, NHTSA also issues guidance regarding motor vehicle safety issues.

Over the past several decades, many important safety technologies have become standard equipment through regulation and voluntary industry action, and tremendous adjustments in consumer behavior about safety have been made through behavioral safety programs and the promotion of these programs by safety partners. Despite these efforts and the hundreds of thousands of lives saved attributable to these efforts, crashes still happen, and people are still injured and killed. 35,092 people died on U.S. roadways in 2015. Moreover, NHTSA’s data suggest that 94% of crashes can be tied to a human choice or behavior.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Singh, S. (2015, February). Critical reasons for crashes investigated in the National Motor Vehicle Crash Causation Survey. (Traffic Safety Facts Crash Stats. Report No. DOT HS 812 115).