

**Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
Office of Project Development and Environmental Review**

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Proposal for SAFETEA-LU Section 6009 Phase 2 Implementation Study Survey

Part B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

The following five items must be completed only if item 17 is “Yes” on OMB form 83-I. This information collection will not employ statistical methods and it is not applicable and does not need to be completed. The response to item 17 is “No” on OMB form 83-I.

This ICR was reviewed by Promod Chandhok (DOT BTS) and it was determined that will not employ statistical methodologies.

1. Describe potential respondent universe and any sampling selection method to be used.

The population of interest for this one-time information collection survey includes staff members at state and local transportation agencies and transportation authorities, State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), Federal, state and local agencies with jurisdiction over park, recreation areas, or wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and citizen/advocacy groups. There is no sampling selection method used; rather this survey effort seeks to include all individuals that the Federal transportation agency counterparts identified as contacts with whom the survey should also be provided.

No statistical methods will be used. All data collection will be based on a 100 percent sample of the inference population. In all reports and other publications and statements resulting from this work, no attempt will be made to draw inferences to any population other than the set of units that responded to the data collection effort.

2. Describe procedures for collecting information, including statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection, estimation procedures, degree of accuracy needed, and less than annual periodic data cycles.

The survey is a one-time collection and will be sent to 100 percent of the respondents identified by the Federal agency transportation project contacts. The data collected will only be attributed to the respondent populations.

3. Describe methods to maximize response rate.

After initial contact, there will be at least two follow-up attempts to request the survey information via phone or e-mail.

4. Describe tests of procedures or methods.

A team of transportation professionals with various backgrounds in environmental, analysis, and statistical sampling and methodology developed the survey and additional staff reviewed the survey. It was distributed to Federal transportation agency staff and 91 total responses were received. This information collection included gathering project and contact information for

further survey distribution to specific populations. In addition, the project team received feedback on the survey instructions and description, resulting in minor clarifications to the instructions and formatting changes throughout the questionnaire. No substantive changes, including any to the survey questions, were made as a result of these initial survey responses.

5. Provide name and telephone number of individuals who were consulted on statistical aspects of the information collection and who will actually collect and/or analyze the information.

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