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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Innovative Technology Administration

[Docket No. RITA-2010-0001]

Notice of Request for Clearance of an Information Collection: Omnibus Household Survey Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the BTS to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) approval for an extension of a currently approved information collection related to the use of and satisfaction with the nation's transportation system.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number RITA-2010-0001 to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Dockets Management System (DMS). You may submit your comments by mail or in person to the Docket Clerk, Docket No. RITA-2010-0001, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., West Building Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. Comments should identify the docket number as indicated above. Paper comments should be submitted in duplicate. The DMS is open for examination and copying, at the above address, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on Docket RITA-2010-0001." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (the Internet, fax, or professional delivery service) to submit comments to

the docket and ensure their timely receipt at U.S. DOT. You may fax your comments to the DMS at (202) 493-2251. Comments can also be viewed and/or submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Please note that anyone is able to electronically search all comments received into our docket management system 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 (Volume 65, Number 70; pages 19475-19570) or you may review the Privacy Act Statement at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Pheny Weidman, (202) 366-2817 OHS Program Manager, BTS, RITA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Room E32-318, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Omnibus Household Survey Program.

Background: In 2005, Congress passed, and the President signed, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU; Pub. L. 109-59). SAFETEA-LU contained a number of legislative mandates including providing data, statistics and analyses to transportation decision-makers. The Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (RITA/BTS) was tasked to accomplish this legislative mandate under 49 U.S.C. 111(c)(5). RITA/BTS plans to use the Omnibus Household Survey (OHS) to:

- Assess the public's evaluation of the nation's transportation system in light of the DOT's strategic goals (safety, reduced congestion, global connectivity, environmental stewardship and security, preparedness and response),
- provide a vehicle for the operating administrations within the DOT as well as other governmental agencies, to survey the public about current transportation issues, and
- provide national estimates of transportation mode usage.

Each version of the OHS will focus on some subset of topics taken from the list below. Topics may vary from survey to survey since covering all topics in one questionnaire would make the respondent burden unacceptable:

Choices and Frequency of Mode Use in the Month and the Week Prior to the Survey Data Collection

Commercial air
Privately owned vehicle
Taxi
Rail transit (subway, streetcar, or light rail)
Commuter rail
Transit (local) and intercity (long distance) bus
Intercity rail (Amtrak)
Other modes such as biking and walking

Confidence in the safety of the following modes of transportation

Commercial air
Privately owned vehicle
Taxi
Rail transit (subway, streetcar, or light rail)
Commuter rail
Water transportation (taxis, ferries, ships)
Transit (local) and intercity (long distance) bus
Intercity rail (Amtrak)
Other modes such as biking/walking/ferries

Confidence in the security procedures for the following modes of transportation

Commercial air
Charter/general aviation
Rail transit (subway, streetcar, or light rail)
Commuter rail
Water transportation (taxis, ferries, ships)
Transit (local) and intercity (long distance) bus
Intercity rail (Amtrak)

Assessment of/satisfaction with security procedures for the following modes of transportation

Commercial air
Charter/general aviation
Rail transit (subway, streetcar, or light rail)
Commuter rail
Water transportation (taxis, ferries, ships)
Transit (local) and intercity (long distance) bus
Intercity rail (Amtrak)

Processing through security at

Commercial airports
Train stations
Waterway entry points for ferries, water taxis, cruises

Knowledge of current check-in procedures at

Commercial airports
Train stations
Waterway entry points for ferries, water taxis, cruises

Knowledge of/confidence in the Alien Flight Student Program**Experiences with transit delays related to suspicious/unattended baggage****Willingness/tolerance of transportation security risk management procedures****Information on journey to work**

Transportation used (single mode/
multiple mode)
Time required for one-way trip
Number of days traveled
Assessment of congestion
Methods for dealing with congestion
Telecommuting information
Commuting costs
Availability of transportation subsidies

Impact of congestion on commute**Impact of on-line shopping on passenger and freight travel****Impact of accessibility of transportation on livability of communities****Assessment of/opinions regarding distracted driving behaviors**

Respondents: The target population for the OHS Program is the non-institutionalized population, aged 18 and older, who live in the United States. A national probability sample of households generated using list-assisted random digit dialing (RDD) methodology will be employed by the survey. Individual survey respondents within selected households will be chosen at random. The survey will include a total sample of 1,500 respondents, which is increased from a sample size of 1,000 used by previous data collections. The increase in sample size is due to the inclusion of questions regarding the safety of public transit. In order to ensure that there will be enough samples to produce reliable estimates for those questions, a total of 500 individuals will be oversampled from selected Metropolitan Statistical Areas that provide public transit services.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The burden per respondent is estimated to be an average of 25 minutes based on calculations from previous data collections. This is a 10 minute increase from that stated for previous data collections. The increase is largely due to the increase in the length of questionnaire.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The total annual burden is estimated to be 625 hours (that is 25 minutes times 1,500 respondents equals 37,500 minutes or 625 hours).

Frequency: This survey is scheduled to be conducted annually.

Public Comments Invited: Interested parties are invited to send comments

regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the DOT; (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's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 111(c)(5) and 5601 and 49 CFR 1.46(h).

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Steven D. Dillingham,

Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Research and Innovative Technology Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Cumberland, Harnett and Wake Counties, NC**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project from north of Fayetteville to the Town of Fuquay-Varina, Cumberland, Harnett and Wake Counties, North Carolina. (TIP Project R-2609)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Clarence W. Coleman, P.E., Director of Preconstruction and Environment, Federal Highway Administration, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, Telephone: (919) 747-7014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on proposed improvements to the US 401 corridor from north of Fayetteville to the Town of Fuquay-Varina. The purpose of this project is to improve the traffic carrying capacity and mobility on the US 401 corridor. The proposed action is consistent with the Fuquay-Varina Community Transportation Plan adopted in 2006 and the Harnett County Thoroughfare Plan adopted in 1994.

Alternatives to be studied include: (1) The "no-build" alternative, (2) improve existing facilities, and (3) potential bypass or new location alternatives.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies. Citizen's informational workshops and meetings with local officials and neighborhood groups will be held in the study area. Public hearings will also be held. Information on the time and place of the workshops and hearings will be provided in the local news media. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment at the time of the hearing.

An interagency project team is being assembled to obtain input on major milestones during the project's development. These include the purpose and need, detailed study alternatives, bridge lengths, alignment reviews, the preferred alternative, and avoidance and minimization of environmental impacts.

An interagency scoping meeting for the DEIS was held on April 27, 2009. The meeting was held at 10 a.m. in Raleigh, North Carolina at the NCDOT Transportation Building, 1 South Wilmington Street, in Conference Room 470. To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action was addressed and all significant issues were identified, comments and suggestions were invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Clarence W. Coleman,

Director of Preconstruction and Environment, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Bureau of the Public Debt****Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent