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Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs:

The Federal Highway Administration requests an emergency clearance from the Office of Management and Budget to perform an information collection. The information collection will facilitate compliance with the requirements of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) as stated in Section 1318 - Programmatic Agreements and Additional Categorical Exclusions:

(a) In General- Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, [October 1, 2012], the Secretary shall

(1) survey the use by the Department of categorical exclusions in transportation projects since 2005;

(2) publish a review of the survey that includes a description of--

(A) the types of actions categorically excluded; and

(B) any requests previously received by the Secretary for new categorical exclusions; and

(3) solicit requests from State departments of transportation, transit authorities, metropolitan planning organizations, or other government agencies for new categorical exclusions.

(b) New Categorical Exclusions- Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish a notice of proposed rulemaking to propose new categorical exclusions received by the Secretary under subsection (a), to the extent that the categorical exclusions meet the criteria for a categorical exclusion under section 1508.4 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, and section 771.117(a) of title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (as those regulations are in effect on the date of the notice).

Enclosed are the proposed survey questions and supporting statement.

Sincerely yours,

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Environment, and Realty