



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Chandana Achanta
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Achanta:

Pursuant to the Office Management and Budget procedures established as 5 CFR Part 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, I ask that the following collection of information, “National Priority Safety Programs” be processed pursuant to section 1320.13 Emergency processing.

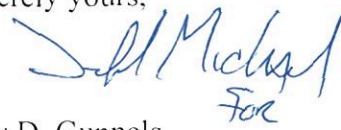
I have determined that this information must be collected prior to the expiration of the time periods established under Part 1320, and that this information is essential to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) mission to establish implementing guidance for grant funding programs available to help States address national priorities for reducing highway deaths and injuries.

More specifically, the agency intends to publish an interim final rule that establishes the application process that States use to apply for and receive federal funding under a consolidated grant program covering National Priority Safety Programs. Under this process, the agency needs to allow States sufficient time to prepare and submit information in response to the application process and for the agency to review the information and make awards. Any delay in the publication of the interim final rule would also delay the award process and not allow the agency to make awards within the timeframes contemplated by MAP-21, the agency’s recent reauthorization. Therefore, the agency can not comply with the normal information collection request clearance procedures and we request your assistance in expediting this clearance request.

This emergency request only covers grant awards to States for FY 2013. For subsequent year grants, the agency will be able to comply with normal information collection request clearance procedures.

Please approve or disapprove the collection of information by December 31, 2012.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary D. Gunnels". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mary D. Gunnels
Associate Administrator
Regional Operations and Program Delivery