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The Senate Report 114-243 (accompanying the FY 2017 Department of Transportation Appropriations Act) dated May 5, 2017, contained requirements for a new Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Report to Congress about Dynamic Highway Message Signs. This report is to include the number of motorists exposed to dynamic highway message signs on a daily basis, the extent to which States use such signs to support safety activities, possible impediment to using such signs for traffic safety, and plans for broader deployment of such signs. In order to ensure that all requirements are met, the FHWA has developed a set of surveys that will be distributed to the 51 State Departments of Transportation. This data will be necessary to complete the Senate's request for a Dynamic Highway Message Signs Report within 120 days. FHWA requests approval to use OMB's emergency processing system to meet the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requirements.

The FHWA is required to undertake the PRA for the surveys as they contain data that are not currently collected by any of FHWA's existing programs. The FHWA intends to collect the data by sending the surveys to State agencies and will use the data collected to meet the requirements for the report to Congress. The process of collecting the data from the State agencies will take 1 to 2 months. Without a waiver of OMB's normal approving process, FHWA will not be able to meet the Senate's request for the Dynamic Highway Message Signs Report within 120 days.