

determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA believes that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, comments received will advance three objectives: (1) reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a “user-friendly” format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0560.

Abstract: FRA’s locomotive horn use regulations (49 CFR part 222) prescribe standards for sounding locomotive horns when locomotives approach and pass through public highway-rail grade crossings. FRA collects information from railroads and public authorities to increase safety at public highway-rail grade crossings nationwide by requiring that locomotive horns be sounded when trains approach and pass through these crossings or by ensuring that a safety level, at least equivalent to that provided by routine locomotive horn

sounding, exists for quiet zone corridors in which such routine horn sounding is silenced. FRA reviews applications by public authorities intending to establish new quiet zones by implementing alternative safety measures and approves the effectiveness rate assigned to them.

In this 60-day notice, FRA has made program changes and adjustments that decreased the previously approved burden hours from 7,253 to 7,232 hours and decreased the number of responses from 3,620 to 3,536. This decrease in burden, after a thorough review, is the result of the changes described in the sections summarized below:

- FRA published a final rule on July 1, 2025, titled Administrative Updates to the Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings Regulations.¹ FRA removed certified mail notification requirements and allows electronic submittal of applications and notifications to other parties and to FRA’s Grade Crossing and Trespasser Outreach Division. The estimated burdens for §§ 222.39, 222.43, 222.47 and 222.51 have been updated accordingly, decreasing burdens by 72 hours.

- Under § 222.51(c), which describes the process for reviewing the status of any quiet zone, FRA determined that the burden previously reported for public comments should be excluded because the submission of public comments in response to a **Federal Register** notice falls outside the PRA’s definition of information under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4). Accordingly, FRA is removing the burden previously attributed to public comments from interested parties during FRA’s review of the status of any quiet zone.

- Under § 222.55(b) and (d), which describes how interested parties may apply for approval from the Associate Administrator to demonstrate proposed new supplementary or alternative safety measures (SSMs/ASMs), FRA adjusted the burden estimates to reflect the number of hours and estimated average time required to compose the written request, increasing the burden by 40 hours. The increased burden hours reflect additional time needed, after the demonstration of proposed SSMs or ASMs, to gather all the necessary documentation and prepare the written application with the required information that must be included pursuant to § 222.55(d)(1) through (5).

- Lastly, under § 222.57(c), which establishes procedures for how parties can seek reconsideration of an Associate Administrator decision to terminate a quiet zone, and § 222.57(d), which establishes procedures for railroads to request reconsideration of an Associate Administrator decision to approve an application for approval of a proposed quiet zone, FRA determined that the estimated burden hours were not included in the previously reported burden. FRA has corrected the oversight by adding 9 burden hours.

Overall, program changes and adjustments decreased the total burden hours for this submission by 21 hours.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 754 railroads/ 645 public authorities.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden:

CFR Section (49 CFR part 222)	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Wage ² rate	Total cost equivalent
		(A)	(B)	(C) = A * B	(D)	(E) = C * D
222.15 How does one obtain a waiver of a provision of this regulation?						
—Petition for waiver	754 railroads 645 public authorities.	2 petitions	4 hours	8	\$89.13	\$713.04
222.17 How can a State agency become a recognized State agency?						
—Any State agency responsible for highway-rail grade crossing safety and/or highway and road safety may become a recognized State agency by submitting an application to the Associate Administrator.	FRA anticipates zero submissions over the next three-year period.					

¹ 90 FR 28150.

CFR Section (49 CFR part 222)	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (B)	Total annual burden hours (C) = A * B	Wage ² rate (D)	Total cost equivalent (E) = C * D
222.39 How is a quiet zone established?						
—(b)(1) and (2) Public authority application to FRA to establish a quiet zone.	645 public authorities.	15 applica- tions.	85.7 hours ...	1,285.50	73.40	94,355.70
—(b)(3) 60-day comment period	645 public authorities.	90 copies	2 minutes	3	73.40	220.20
—(i) Application copies	754 railroads	30 comments	1.5 hours	45	89.13	4,010.85
—(ii) Comments to FRA on public authority application. (Revised requirement. FRA amended § 222.39(b)(3) to remove the certified mail requirement, to require electronic submittal of the application to FRA, and to allow for electronic service of the application to other parties.).						
—(iii) Written statements of waived right to comment on public authority application.	FRA anticipates receiving zero submissions over the next three-year period.					
222.43 What notices and other information are required to create or continue a quiet zone?						
—Written notice of public authority's intent to create new quiet zone.	Public au- thorities, railroads, and State agencies.	60 notices	40 hours	2,400	73.40	176,160.00
—notification to required parties		180 notifica- tions.	2 minutes	6	73.40	440.40
(Revised requirement. FRA amended § 222.43 to remove the certified mail notifi- cation requirements, to require electronic service of notifications required in this sec- tion to FRA, and to allow for electronic service of the notifications required in this section to other parties.).						
—(b)(3) Notice of Intent–60-day comment period.	754 railroads and State agencies.	120 com- ments.	1.5 hours	180	89.13	16,043.40
—(d) Notice of Quiet Zone Establishment	645 public authorities.	60 notices	40 hours	2,400	73.40	176,160.00
—Notification to required parties		360 notifica- tions.	2 minutes	12	73.40	880.80
—(d)(2)(v) and (vi) Required contents— Crossing Inventory Forms (includes re- quirements under § 222.49(a)).	645 public authorities.	300 updated forms.	30 minutes ...	150	73.40	11,010.00
—(d)(2)(xi) Certification by chief executive of- ficer that the information submitted by the public authority is accurate.	645 public authorities.	60 certifi- cations.	5 minutes	5.00	73.40	367.00
222.45 When is a railroad required to cease routine sounding of locomotive horns at crossings?						
—On the date specified in a Notice of Quiet Zone Continuation or Notice of Quiet Zone Establishment that complies with the re- quirements set forth in § 222.43, a railroad shall refrain from, or cease, routine sound- ing of the locomotive horn at all public, pri- vate and pedestrian grade crossings iden- tified in the Notice..	The estimated paperwork burden for this requirement is covered under § 222.43(d)(1)(i).					
222.47 What periodic updates are required?						
—(a)(1) and (b)(1) Written affirmation that SSMs and ASMs continue to conform.	645 public authorities.	180 written affirma- tions.	30 minutes ...	90	73.40	6,606.00
—Copies of such notification must be pro- vided to the required parties. (Revised requirement. FRA amended § 222.47(a)(1) and (b)(1) to remove the certified mail requirements, to allow for electronic service).		1,080 copies	2 minutes	36	73.40	2,642.40

CFR Section (49 CFR part 222)	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Wage ² rate	Total cost equivalent
		(A)	(B)	(C) = A * B	(D)	(E) = C * D
—(a)(2) and (b)(2) Updated Crossing Inventory Forms (includes requirements under § 222.49(a)). <i>(Revised requirement. FRA amended § 222.47(a)(2) and(b)(2) to require grade crossing inventory forms to be submitted electronically.)</i>	645 public authorities.	900 updated forms.	30 minutes ...	450	73.40	33,030.00

222.49 Who may file Grade Crossing Inventory Forms?

—Who can file Grade Crossing Inventory Forms.	The estimated paperwork burden for this requirement is included under §§ 222.39, 222.43, and 222.47.
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222.51 Under what conditions will quiet zone status be terminated?

—(a) and (b) Written commitment to lower the potential risk to the traveling public at the crossings within the quiet zone.	645 public authorities.	15 written commitments.	5 hours	75	73.40	5,505.00
—(d) Termination by the public authority—Written notice of termination. <i>(Revised requirement. FRA amended § 222.51(d)(2) to remove the certified mail requirement, and to allow for electronic service.)</i>	FRA estimates zero public authorities will elect to terminate a quiet zone that they only recently designated or established, and so there will be no need to provide any written notices of termination. Consequently, there is no estimated paperwork burden associated with this requirement.					
—(e)(1) Notification of termination <i>(Revised requirement. FRA amended § 222.51(e)(1) to remove the certified mail requirement, and to allow for electronic service.)</i>	645 public authorities.	2 written notices.	1.5 hours	3	73.40	220.20

222.55 How are new supplementary or alternative safety measures approved?

—(b) Request for FRA approval to demonstrate proposed new SSMs or ASMs for quiet zones.	Interested parties.	1 letter	1 hour	1	73.40	73.40
—(d) Application for SSM/ASM approval upon completion of demonstration of proposed new SSMs or ASMs.	Interested parties.	1 letter	40 hours	40	73.40	2,936.00
—(g) A public authority or other interested party may appeal to the Administrator from a decision by the Associate Administrator granting or denying approval of a proposed new SSM or ASM.	The estimated paperwork burden for this requirement is covered under § 222.57.					

222.57 Can parties seek review of the Associate Administrator's actions?

—(a) Petition to FRA for review of any decision by the Associate Administrator granting or denying an application for approval of a new SSM or ASM under § 222.55.	645 public authorities and interested parties.	1 petition	2 hours	2	73.40	146.80
—Copies to the required parties		6 copies	2 minutes	0.20	73.40	14.68
—(b) Request for FRA reconsideration of decision by the Associate Administrator denying an application for approval of quiet zone or requiring additional safety measures. This includes: copies of requests to required parties, additional documents, and letter of request for informal hearing.	645 public authorities.	1 petition	4.50 hours ...	4.50	73.40	330.30
—(c) Request for FRA reconsideration of decision to terminate a quiet zone.	645 public authorities.	1 petition	4.50 hours ...	4.50	73.40	330.30
—(d) Request for FRA reconsideration of approval of a quiet zone application.	754 railroads	1 petition	4.50 hours ...	4.50	73.40	330.30

CFR Section (49 CFR part 222)	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Wage ² rate	Total cost equivalent
		(A)	(B)	(C) = A * B	(D)	(E) = C * D
222.59 When may a wayside horn be used?						
—(b) Written notice of wayside horn installation at grade crossing within a quiet zone.	645 public authorities.	5 notices	2.5 hours	12.50	73.40	917.50
—Copies of the written notices to the required parties.		30 copies	2 minutes	1	73.40	88.08
—(c) Notice of wayside horn installation located outside a quiet zone.	645 public authorities.	5 notices	2.5 hours	12.50	73.40	917.50
—Copies to the required parties		30 copies	2 minutes	1	73.40	88.08
Appendix B to Part 222—Alternative Safety Measures						
—Non-Engineering ASMs Programmed Enforcement.	FRA anticipates zero submissions. FRA has yet to receive any submissions under this provision.					
—Non-Engineering ASMs	FRA anticipates zero submissions. FRA has yet to receive any submissions under this provision.					
Photo Enforcement						
Total	754 railroads State agencies. 645 public authorities and interested parties.	3,536 responses.	N/A	7,232 hours		534,508.57

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 3,536.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 7,232 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$534,508.57.

FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2025–0963]

U.S. DOT Strategic Plan

ACTION: Notice of request for information (RFI).

² The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the 2023 Surface Transportation Board Full Year Wage A&B data series using the employee group 200 (Professional & Administrative) hourly wage rate of \$50.93, and group 600 (Transportation, Train & Engine) hourly wage rate of \$41.94. The total burden wage rate (Straight time plus 75 percent) used in the table is \$89.13 (\$50.93 × 1.75 = \$89.13), and \$41.94 (\$41.94 × 1.75 = \$73.40).

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Transportation invites the public to provide input into the development of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT or Department) Strategic Plan for fiscal years (FY) 2026–2030.

DATES: Comments must be received within 30 days from posting of this notice. DOT will consider comments filed after this date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted electronically or via U.S. mail. Respondents are encouraged to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. Please include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and email address.

- **Electronic Submission:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search by using the docket number (provided above). Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the electronic docket site.

- **Email:** dotstrategicplanning@dot.gov. Please include the full body of your comments in the text of the electronic message and as an attachment.

- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- **Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and docket numbers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juli Huynh, Director, Office of Policy Coordination and Development, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, dotstrategicplanning@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub. L. 103–62), as amended by the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–352), requires that Federal agencies revise and update their strategic plan at the beginning of each new presidential term, and in doing so, solicit input from interested stakeholders. Further, the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–435) requires that each agency's strategic plan include an evidence-building plan that identifies and addresses policy questions, which the agency develops in consultation with stakeholders. The DOT's current and previous Strategic Plans can be accessed at <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-strategic-plan>.

Written Comments: DOT invites the public to provide comments to inform the development of the DOT Strategic Plan for FY 2026–2030. In particular, comments may respond to any or all of the following questions:

1. What strategies or priorities should the DOT adopt to improve the Nation's transportation systems?

2. How should DOT measure progress towards the priorities suggested in Question 1?

3. What emerging challenges or opportunities in transportation warrant additional DOT activities, investments, research, or analysis?

4. How can DOT best create value for its activities with stakeholders?

The Department anticipates that the final DOT Strategic Plan for FY 2026–2030 will be posted on the DOT website around February 2026.

Public Comment: DOT will consider input provided by the public in development of the DOT Strategic Plan.

Signed in Washington, DC.

Loren A. Smith, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

DATES: This action was issued on August 6, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202–622–2420; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202–622–2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Action(s)

On August 6, 2025, OFAC determined that the persons identified below meet one or more of the criteria for the imposition of sanctions set forth in section 1(a)–(c) of Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021, “Imposing Sanctions on Foreign Persons Involved in the Global Illicit Drug Trade,” 86 FR 71549 (December 17, 2021) (E.O. 14059). OFAC has selected to impose blocking sanctions pursuant to section 2(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 on the persons identified below.

OFAC further determined that the persons identified below meet one or more of the criteria for designation pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, “Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism,” 66 FR 49079, as amended by Executive Order 13886 of September 9, 2019, “Modernizing Sanctions To Combat Terrorism,” 84 FR 48041 (E.O. 13224, as amended).

As a result, the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

Individuals

1. RODRIGUEZ GARCIA, Abdon Federico (a.k.a. “Comandante Cucho”; a.k.a. “Cucho”), Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 16 Jan 1984; POB Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P. R0GA840116HTSDRB06 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT–DRUGS–EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(iii) of E.O. 14059 for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTEL DEL NORESTE, a person sanctioned pursuant to E.O. 14059.

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(A) of E.O. 13224, as amended, for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTEL DEL NORESTE, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

2. ROMERO SANCHEZ, Antonio (a.k.a. “Comandante R”; a.k.a. “Comandante Romeo”; a.k.a. “Romeo”), Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico; Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 27

Jul 1984; POB Veracruz, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P. ROSA840727HVZMNN06 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT–DRUGS–EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

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3. ESQUEDA NIETO, Francisco Daniel (a.k.a. ESQUEDA, Franky; a.k.a. “ESKEDA, Franki”; a.k.a. “Franky De La Joya”), Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 23 Oct 1994; POB Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P. EUNF941023HTSSTR02 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT–DRUGS–EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

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4. HERNANDEZ MEDRANO, Ricardo (a.k.a. “Comando Exclusivo”; a.k.a. “El Makabelico”; a.k.a. “HERNANDEZ, Ricardo”), Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 13 Apr 1991; POB Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P. HEMR910413HTSRDC06 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT–DRUGS–EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).