

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0064 by any of the following methods:

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*Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

*Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Dougherty, (667) 668-1781, Office of Policy and Governmental Affairs, Office of Highway Policy Information, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on June 21, 2024, at [89 FR 52200]. There were no comments received.

*Title:* Highway Use Tax Evasion Discretionary Grant Program.

*Background:* The Highway Use Tax Evasion Projects (HUTE) program provides funding to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the States to carry out intergovernmental enforcement efforts, along with training and research, to reduce evasion of payment of motor fuel and other highway use taxes, which are the principal sources for Federal and State highway funding. Under the current Surface Transportation Authorization, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), \$2 million is available to make grants for intergovernmental enforcement efforts, including research and training. The intergovernmental enforcement efforts grants are awarded to State agencies through a competitive application process from which FHWA and the IRS make selections based on the most innovative, intergovernmental proposals. The States then perform various tasks, including increased enforcement, enhancement of data systems, and coordination with other State agencies.

The remaining funding may, at the discretion of the Secretary of

Transportation, either be awarded for intergovernmental enforcement efforts grants, or allocated to the IRS for their enforcement efforts.

While the statute allows for the IRS to determine the use of their allocations, they must be used in some fashion related to the identification and elimination of highway use tax evasion. For both the States and the IRS, the initiatives may include, but are not limited to, office examinations, refinery and terminal examinations, and on-road enforcement in areas such as the illegal use of dyed diesel fuel by motor vehicles.

*Respondents:* There are 51 respondents, including 50 State Transportation Departments, and the District of Columbia. While the applications are open to all those organizations, on average, about 16 applications are received each year for grant requests, some of which include multiple States, which brings the total individual projects to around 30.

*Frequency:* On an on-going basis as grant opportunities are announced.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* There are an average of 16 applications filed each cycle. It takes approximately 40 hours to gather the information and upload it through the [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) system.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Total estimated average annual burden is 800 hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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**Jazmyne Lewis,**

*Information Collection Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2024-0063]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Renewal of Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for extension of currently approved information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a renewal an information collection. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by October 18, 2024.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on June 21, 2024, at 89 FR 52203. There were no comments received.

*Title:* Certification of Enforcement of the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax.

*OMB Control:* 2125-0541.

*Background:* Title 23 United States Code, section 141(c), provides that a

State's apportionment of funds under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(1) shall be reduced in an amount up to 8 percent of the amount to be apportioned during any fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1984, if vehicles subject to the Federal heavy vehicle use tax are lawfully registered in the State without having presented proof of payment of the tax. The annual certification by the State Governor or designated official regarding the collection of the heavy vehicle use tax serves as the FHWA's primary means of determining State compliance. The FHWA has determined that an annual certification of compliance by each State is the least obtrusive means of administering the provisions of the legislative mandate. In addition, States are required to retain for 1 year a Schedule 1, IRS Form 2290, Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Return (or other suitable alternative provided by regulation). The FHWA conducts compliance reviews at least once every 3 years to determine if the annual certification is adequate to ensure effective administration of 23 U.S.C. 141(c).

*Respondents:* 50 State Transportation Departments, and the District of Columbia for a total of 51 respondents.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* The average burden to submit the certification and to retain required records is 12 hours per respondent.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Total estimated average annual burden is 918 hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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**Jazmyne Lewis,**

Information Collection Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0798]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Veteran/Beneficiary Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by October 18, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain), select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments," then search the list for the information collection by Title or "OMB Control No. 2900-0798." **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** VA PRA Information: Maribel Aponte, 202-462-8900, [vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Veteran/Beneficiary Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses (VA Form 10-3542 and BTSSS).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0798. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch>.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

*Abstract:* Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 111 and 38 CFR part 70, subpart A, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Beneficiary Travel (BT) Program provides payments for authorized travel expenses to help Veterans and other beneficiaries obtain care or services from VHA or VA-authorized providers in the community. VHA must administer payments according to statutory mandates, including the Payment Integrity Information Act of

2019 (PIIA) (Pub. L. 116-117). In compliance with the PIIA and other program requirements, VHA must gather certain information to determine whether BT eligibility and other criteria for approval have been met, and the amount of payment or reimbursement that is authorized under the BT program. To improve the claimant experience, VHA made some revisions to the Instructions section of VA Form 10-3542 to clarify required information for claims, such as proof of attendance at appointments when applicable, as well as online submission options.

Claimants may include Veterans and other BT beneficiaries, as well as entities or individuals who provided or paid for travel. Claimants may apply for BT reimbursement orally or in writing through VA Form 10-3542 or the Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System (BTSSS). Based upon program data since the last PRA clearance, VHA has adjusted the estimated annual number of respondents and responses and increased the average time per claim submission. These changes have resulted in an increase in the estimated annual burden hours. This standard collection of information is necessary to enable VHA to provide this benefit and appropriately ensure that funds are being paid to the correct claimant.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 89 FR 15928, March 5, 2024.

*Total Annual Burden:* 1,216,667 hours.

*Total Annual Responses:* 7,300,000.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,216,667 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Average of 5 times per year.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,460,000.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**Dorothy Glasgow,**

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