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The Honorable Sean McMaster
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Docket Number FHWA-2026-0133

Dear Administrator McMaster:

The Texas Department of Transportation is responding to a request for comments posted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on February 9, 2026, requesting comments on information collection for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Annual Reports. TxDOT offers the following comments on the information collection:

1. Whether the proposed collection is necessary for FHWA's performance:

The collection may be beneficial to FHWA and stakeholders by supporting national-level visibility into funding demand and broad program trends. While TxDOT does not believe the collection is specifically necessary for FHWA's performance of its core responsibilities, because much of this information already exists in state and local program records and can be obtained as needed through targeted requests, it consolidates program-related information, thereby enabling peer comparisons and reducing third-party organization requests for information.

2. The accuracy of the estimated burdens:

Based on Texas' total effort at the state level, the 40-hour estimate is largely fair and accurate. With Texas being the second largest recipient of TA funds, some years might be slightly over 40 hours.

3. Ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information:

Currently, the information provided by FHWA is in spreadsheet format, so searching for specific types of projects or project sponsors can be

time consuming. A web-based reporting system that made it easier to find and summarize data would both reduce the burden of reporting and enhance the usefulness of the information collected.

4. Ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information:

A web-based reporting system could reduce the burden of reporting but maintain the quality and detail of the information that is currently collected.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions, please call me at (512) 305-9515, or you or staff may contact Bonnie Sherman, Statewide Planning and Programming Development Section Director, Public Transportation Division, at Bonnie.Sherman@txdot.gov or (512) 571-9825.

Sincerely,



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