

Resos (Summary attached.) Intended effective date: October 1, 1997.

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Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PAC/Reso/394 dated July 11, 1997. Finally Adopted Resolutions r1-19. Minutes—PAC/Meet/148 dated July 11, 1997. (Summary attached.) Intended effective date: November 1, 1997.

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Chief, Documentary Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Transit Administration

Notification of Fiscal Year 1998 Certification Reviews of the Metropolitan Planning Process in Transportation Management Areas

AGENCIES: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under section 134 of title 23, United States Code (title 23, U.S.C.), and section 5303 of title 49, United States Code (title 49, U.S.C.), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), in cooperation with States, shall develop transportation plans and improvement programs for urbanized areas (urban areas of 50,000 or more in population). In a transportation management area (TMA), which is an urbanized area over 200,000 in population or other urbanized areas designated by the Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary), the Secretary is responsible for certifying, at least once every three years, that the metropolitan transportation planning process in the TMA is being carried out under applicable provisions of Federal law. This notice announces the metropolitan transportation planning processes that will be jointly reviewed by the FHWA and the FTA during Federal fiscal year (FY) 1998 (October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998), as known at this time. Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the individual planning processes to be reviewed.

DATES: Comments on metropolitan transportation planning processes under

review must be received within sixty (60) days of the scheduled site review in order to be considered during the certification review process. The dates for site visits in specific TMAs to be reviewed may be obtained by contacting the appropriate FHWA or FTA Regional office shown below.

ADDRESSES: Signed, written comments should identify the metropolitan area that the comments pertain to and should be submitted to the appropriate FHWA or the FTA regional office identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Mr. Sheldon Edner, FHWA Metropolitan Planning Division (HEP-20), 202-366-4066 or Mr. Reid Alsop, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel (HCC-31), 202-366-1371. For the FTA: Mr. Charles Goodman, FTA Metropolitan Planning Division (TPL-12), 202-366-1944 or Mr. Scott Biehl, FTA Office of the Chief Counsel (TCC-30), 202-366-4063. Both agencies are located at 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours for the FHWA are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., and for the FTA are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 134 of title 23, U.S.C. and section 5303 of title 49, U.S.C. require a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process in urbanized areas over 50,000 in population. In accordance with these statutes, the Secretary is responsible for certifying, at least once every three years, that the metropolitan planning processes in TMAs are being carried out under applicable provisions of Federal law. These requirements are included in the joint FHWA and FTA metropolitan transportation planning regulation (at 23 CFR part 450, subpart C and 49 CFR part 613, subpart A) which was published on October 28, 1993 (58 FR 58040). Under the regulation, the FHWA and the FTA will jointly review and evaluate the planning process in each TMA as the basis for the certification by the Secretary.

Public Involvement in Certification Process

The FHWA and the FTA are soliciting public comment on the metropolitan transportation planning processes in TMAs that will be reviewed during FY 1998. Both agencies are particularly interested in receiving information

regarding the strengths and weaknesses of various components of the planning processes identified at 23 CFR part 450, subpart C, Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming.

Additionally, the views of local officials and the public are welcomed regarding the overall effectiveness of the planning process in making transportation investment decisions.

Schedule of FY 1998 Certification Reviews

The specific dates for site visits for the TMAs to be reviewed during FY 1998 may be obtained by contacting the appropriate FHWA or FTA regional office at the telephone numbers or addresses shown below. Parties interested in providing comments on the metropolitan transportation planning processes for the identified areas should submit them to either the FHWA or the FTA field office identified for the specific TMA that the comments pertain to. All comments should clearly identify the metropolitan area that the comments address and should be submitted within 60 days of the scheduled review in order to be considered during the certification review process. Where specific dates for a planned certification review have not yet been established, the appropriate FHWA or FTA field office will advise parties that request the information when the dates have been set.

The site visits are intended to provide an opportunity for the joint FHWA and FTA review team to solicit information from the MPO, the State transportation agency, and the transit agency(s) regarding the implementation of the planning process. In addition, the team will utilize various mechanisms for soliciting public and local official input. The relevant MPO is being asked to provide public notice, through its regular public notice procedures, of the review and the opportunity to provide public input to the review team. Public officials should contact the appropriate MPO to identify processes set up to solicit local government input.

The results of the certification reviews will be made public through the regular MPO public information process at a time to be set by the MPO policy board after receipt of the joint FHWA/FTA report.

The areas to be reviewed in FY 1998 and Regional office contacts and addresses are in Table 1.

TABLE 1.—METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESSES SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW

FEDERAL REGION 1

Springfield, MA, Lawrence-Haverhill, MA, Hartford, CT, New Haven, CT

FHWA Contact: Alicia E. N. Nolan, 518-431-4224 ext. 236, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, Room 719, Clinton & North Pearl Streets, Albany, NY 12207.

FTA Contact: R. Max Vigil, 617-494-2055, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093.

FEDERAL REGION 2

Albany, NY Buffalo, NY

FHWA Contact: Alicia E. N. Nolan, 518-431-4224 ext. 236, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, Room 719, Clinton & North Pearl Streets, Albany, NY 12207.

FTA Contact: Anthony Carr, 212-264-8162, 26 Federal Plaza, Suite 2940, New York, NY 10278-0194.

FEDERAL REGION 3

Lehigh Valley, PA, Scranton, PA, Philadelphia, PA, Hampton Roads, VA, Petersburg, VA, Baltimore, MD

FHWA Contact: Stephen K. Rapley, 410-962-3647, 10 S. Howard St., Suite 4000, Baltimore, MD 21201.

FTA Contact: Michele Destra, 215-656-6900, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124.

FEDERAL REGION 4

Montgomery, AL, Columbus, GA/AL, Atlanta, GA, Augusta, GA Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Miami, FL, Pensacola, FL, Jackson, MS, Charlotte, NC, Durham, NC, Raleigh, NC, Greenville, SC, Knoxville, TN

FHWA Contact: John S. Humeston, 404-562-3667, 61 Forsyth St., SW, Suite 17T26, Atlanta, GA 30303-3104.

FTA Contact: Roger Krah, 404-562-3500, 61 Forsyth St., SW, Suite 17T50, Atlanta, GA 30303-3104.

FEDERAL REGION 5

Peoria, IL, South Bend, IN, Grand Rapids, MI, Cleveland, OH, Toledo, OH, Youngstown, OH, Milwaukee, WI, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

FHWA Contact: William M. Brownell, 708-283-3549, 19900 Governors Hwy, Suite 301, Olympia Fields, IL 60461.

FTA Contact: Paul Fish, 312-353-2789, 55 E. Monroe Street, Suite 1415, Chicago, IL 60603-5704.

FEDERAL REGION 6

Little Rock, AR, Shreveport, LA, Oklahoma City, OK, Austin, TX, El Paso, TX, Mc Allen, TX

FHWA Contact: Martin F. Kelly, 817-978-2994, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A00, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

FTA Contact: Peggy Crist, 817-860-9663, 524 East Lamar Blvd., Suite 175, Arlington, TX 76011-3900.

FEDERAL REGION 7

Davenport, IA, St. Louis, MO

FHWA Contact: John Cater, 816-276-2753, P.O. Box 419715, Kansas City, MO 64141-9715.

FTA Contact: Joan Roeseler, 816-523-0204, 6301 Rockhill Road, Suite 303, Kansas City, MO 64131-1117.

FEDERAL REGION 8

Denver, CO

FHWA Contact: Robin K. Smith, 303-969-6712 ext. 327, 555 Zang Street, Room 400, Lakewood, Colorado 80228.

FTA Contact: Don Cover, 303-844-3242, Columbine Place, Suite 650, Denver, CO 80202-5120.

FEDERAL REGION 9

Phoenix, AZ, Tucson, AZ, Los Angeles, CA, Fresno, CA, Stockton, CA

FHWA Contact: Bob O'Loughlin, 415-744-3823, 201 Mission Street, Suite 2100, San Francisco, CA 94105.

FTA Contact: Bob Horn, 415-744-3116, 201 Mission St., Suite 2210, San Francisco, CA 94105-1800.

FEDERAL REGION 10

Portland/Vancouver, OR/WA

FHWA Contact: Lisa Hanf, 503-326-2061, 222 SW Columbia—Suite 600, Portland, OR 97201.

FTA Contact: Theresa Morse, 206-220-7954, 3142 Federal Building, 915 Second Ave., Seattle, WA 98174.

Guidance and Responsibility

The FHWA and the FTA published guidance on the certification of planning processes on August 19, 1994, at 59 FR 42873. The guidance indicated that the primary responsibility for the certification process rests with the respective regional offices of the FHWA and the FTA. The preparatory work and analysis will be conducted by the appropriate FHWA division office, in cooperation with the FTA regional office, as a prelude to a site visit by Federal representatives to the metropolitan planning area to be reviewed. During the site visit, the Federal representatives will, in addition to meeting with representatives of the MPO, the State transportation agency,

and the transit agency(s) serving the metropolitan planning area, also provide an opportunity to meet with elected officials of the principal local governments in the area, other local and regional agencies involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process, citizens, and other interested parties. The purpose of these meetings is to afford the officials, citizens, and other interested parties an opportunity to provide input to the certification decision in terms of the performance of the planning process.

As indicated above, the MPO, the State transportation agency, or the transit operator(s) may make arrangements for these meetings through their normal procedures. Other

alternatives are acceptable based on arrangements between the Federal agencies and the appropriate transportation planning agencies. Officials, citizens, and other interested parties wishing to obtain information regarding the process of providing input should contact the MPOs for the metropolitan planning areas or appropriate FHWA or FTA regional office.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 134 and 315; 49 U.S.C. 5305; 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: August 21, 1997.

Gloria J. Jeff,

Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 134 and 315; 49 U.S.C. 5305; 49 CFR 1.48.

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Gordon J. Linton,

*Administrator Federal Transit
Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. M-039]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before November 7, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crawford Ellerbe, Office of Maritime Labor, Training and Safety, Maritime Administration, MAR-250, Room 7302, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Telephone 202-366-5755 or FAX 202-493-2288. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Application for Admission and Pre-Candidate Application.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0010.

Form Number: KP 3-4, and KP 2-65.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1998.

Summary of Collection of

Information: The collection consists of form KP 3-4 (Pre-Candidate Application), and KP 2-65 (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Application for Admission). These forms are completed by individuals wishing to be admitted as students to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and are reviewed by staff members of the Academy.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is necessary to select the best qualified candidates for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Description of Respondents: Individuals desiring to become students at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Annual Responses: 2,500.

Annual Burden: 5 hours.

Comments: Send all comments regarding this information collection to Joel C. Richard, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-120, Room 7210, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: September 3, 1997.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and corresponding burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposed revision to an existing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning a proposed revision to an information collection titled Examination Questionnaire.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted November 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0199, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to REGS.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the collection may be obtained by contacting Jessie Gates, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division (1557-0199), Office

of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Examination Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 1557-0199.

Form Number: CC-2000-01(Rev) and CC-2000-02.

Abstract: This notice covers a proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information titled Examination Questionnaire. Completed examination questionnaires provide the OCC with information needed to properly evaluate the effectiveness of the examination process and agency communications. The OCC will use the information to identify problems or trends that may impair the effectiveness of the examination process, to identify ways to improve its service to the banking industry, and to analyze staff and training needs.

The OCC has developed two versions of the questionnaire: one for Community and Mid-size Banks, and one for Large Banks. Community and Mid-size Banks will receive the questionnaire as part of each examination. Large Banks will be invited to provide comments annually.

Type of Review: Revision.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,800.

Total Annual Responses: 2,660.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Total Annual Burden: 665 hours.

Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(5) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.