

- GPS/GRAS (WG-8).
- Review of EUROCAE activities.
- Review Final Review and Comment Status of DO-229C Revision.
- Consider for Approval—new document—*Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Airborne Active Antenna Equipment for the L1 Frequency Band*, RTCA Paper No. 192-06/SC-159-941.
- Closing Plenary Session (Assignment/ Review of Future Work, Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting).

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Francisco Estrada C.,

RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2006-25842]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of a currently approved information collection. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on June 26, 2006. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by October 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments within 30 days to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725

17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. 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 burden; (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. All comments should include the Docket number FHWA-2006-25842.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning the Truck Parking Initiatives Grant Program, please contact William F. Mahorney, Office of Freight Management and Operations, HOFM-1, (202) 366-6817, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Truck Parking Initiative.

OMB Control Number: 2125-0610.

Background

The shortage of long-term truck parking on the National Highway System (NHS) is a problem that needs to be addressed. It is nationally recognized that truck drivers frequently cannot find adequate, safe parking in order to obtain rest needed to comply with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and ensure safety. Further, parking areas are often designed or maintained for short-term parking only, and as a result, allow parking for limited time periods. Section 1305 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) directed the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Pilot program to address the long-term parking shortages along the NHS. Eligible projects under Section 1305 include:

1. Promoting the real-time dissemination of publicly or privately provided commercial motor vehicle parking availability on the NHS using ITS and other means;
2. Opening non-traditional facilities to commercial motor vehicle parking, including inspection and weigh stations, and park and ride facilities;
3. Making capital improvements to public commercial motor vehicle parking facilities currently closed on a seasonal basis to allow the facilities to remain open year round;
4. Constructing turnouts along the NHS to facilitate commercial motor

vehicle access to parking facilities, and/or improving the geometric design of interchanges to improve access to commercial motor vehicle parking facilities;

5. Constructing commercial motor vehicle parking facilities adjacent to commercial truck stops and travel plazas;

6. Constructing safety rest areas that include parking for commercial motor vehicles.

It is the belief of FHWA that given the limited resources available, the broad dissemination of the availability of public or private long-term parking spaces provides the greatest opportunity to maximize the effectiveness of this pilot program.

Guidelines and Administration

To administer this program for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, the FHWA will collect information necessary to evaluate and rank projects. The information collection is intended to only address the project funding allotted through the program.

1. The Administrator has determined that \$5.385 million is available for grants in FY 2006 under Section 1305, after obligation limitations.

2. Projects funded under this section shall be treated as projects on a Federal-Aid System under Chapter 1 of Title 23, U.S. Code.

3. Grants may be funded at an 80 to 100 percent funding level based on the criteria specified in Section 120 of Title 23, U.S. Code.

As soon as practicable, a **Federal Register** Notice will be published with information and guidance relating to the application process. Also, a solicitation letter will be sent to all FHWA Division Offices containing the same information. This information will also be posted on the FHWA Web site, <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/>. All applications must be submitted through a State Department of Transportation to FHWA's Office of Freight Management and Operations, via the FHWA Division Office in the State in which the application was submitted. Awarded projects will be administered by the applicable State Department of Transportation as a Federal-aid grant.

Information Proposed for Collection

Information recommended under SAFETEA-LU and proposed for the current program includes the following:

1. *Project Description.* The proposal should include a detailed project description, which would include the extent of the long-term truck parking shortage in the corridor/area to be addressed, along with contact

information for the project's primary point of contact, and whether funds are being requested under 120 U.S. Code (b) or (c) of Title 23. Data helping to define the shortage may include truck volume (Average Daily Truck Traffic—ADTT) in the corridor to be addressed, current number of long-term commercial motor vehicle parking spaces, utilization of current long-term parking spaces, driver surveys, observational field studies, proximity to freight loading/unloading facilities, proximity to the NHS, etc.

2. *Project Rationale.* The proposal should set forth the rationale for the project and should include an analysis and demonstration of how the proposed project will positively affect truck parking, safety, traffic congestion, or air quality in the identified corridor. Examples may include: advance information on availability of parking that may help to reduce the number of trucks parked on roadsides and increase the utilization of available truck parking spaces, etc.

3. *Scope of work.* The scope of work should include a complete listing of activities to be funded through the grant; including technology development, information processing, information integration activities, developmental phase activities (planning, feasibility analysis, environmental review, engineering or design work, and other activities), construction, reconstruction, acquisition of real property (including land related to the project and improvements to land), environmental mitigation, construction contingencies, acquisition of equipment, and operational improvements. Also to be included should be a 3-year performance measurement plan that continues beyond the demonstration period of the project.

4. *Stakeholder identification.* Stakeholder identification should include evidence of prior consultation and/or partnership with affected MPOs, local governments, community groups, private providers of commercial motor vehicle parking, and motorist and trucking organizations. It should include a listing of all public and private partners, and the role each will play in the execution of the project. Consultation examples may include: Memorandums of Agreement, Memorandums of Understanding, contracts, meeting minutes, letters of support/commitment, documentation in a State's TIPS/STIPS plans, etc.

5. *Cost estimate.* Applicants should provide a detailed quantification of eligible project costs by activity, an identification of all funding sources that will supplement the grant and be

necessary to fully fund the project, and the anticipated dates on which the additional funds are to be made available. Public and private sources of funds (non-federal commitment) will be considered by FHWA as an in-kind match contributing to the project. State matching funds will be required for projects eligible under 120 U.S. Code (b).

6. *Timeline.* Applicants should also submit a timeline that includes work to be completed and anticipated funding cycles. Gantt charts are preferred.

7. *Environmental process.* Applicants should show the timeline for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), if applicable.

8. *Project map.* Applicants should include a project map consisting of schematic illustrations depicting the project and connecting transportation infrastructure.

9. *Proposals should not exceed 20 pages in length.*

Burden Hours for Information Collection

Frequency: Annual.

Respondents: The 50 State DOTs and Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

Estimated Average Burden per response: Burden hours estimates and discussions are provided for each item presented and required within the application submittal process.

- Project Description 16 hours.
 - The project description will be submitted through the submitting State agency, in conjunction with local governments, MPOs, and other potential partners.
- Project Rationale 8 hours.
 - Project rationale should include an analysis and demonstration of how the proposed project will positively effect truck parking, safety, traffic congestion, or air quality in the identified corridor.
- Scope of Work 6 hours.
- A complete listing of activities to be funded through the grant including technology development, information processing, information integration activities, developmental phase activities (planning, feasibility analysis, environmental review, engineering or design work, and other activities), construction, reconstruction, acquisition of real property (including land related to the project and improvements to land), environmental mitigation, construction contingencies, acquisition of equipment, operational improvements, and a 3-year performance measurement

plan that continues beyond the demonstration period of the project.

- Stakeholder Identification 1 hour.
 - Evidence of prior consultation and/or partnership with affected MPOs, local governments, community groups, private providers of commercial motor vehicle parking, and motorist and trucking organizations. A listing of all public and private partners, and the role each will play in the execution of the project should also be included.
- Cost estimate 4 hours.
 - A detailed quantification of eligible project costs by activity, and an identification of all funding sources that will supplement the grant and be necessary to fully fund the project, and the anticipated dates on which the additional funds are to be made available. Public and private sources of funds (non-federal commitment) will be considered. State matching funds will be required for projects eligible under 120 U.S. Code (b).
- Project Timeline 1 hour 30 minutes.
 - Includes work to be completed and anticipated funding cycles; Gantt charts preferred.
- Environmental process 2 hours.
 - Applicant should show the timeline for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), if applicable.
- Project Map 1 hour.
- Consisting of schematic illustrations depicting the project and connecting transportation infrastructure.
- Contact information for the State DOT, Local Agency, or MPO (if applicable), FHWA Division Office 5 minutes.
 - This requires providing a list of contacts and involves a nominal amount of time.

The total amount of time estimated to complete the application is 39 hours and 35 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1187 total burden hours. It is estimated 30 applications will be processed annually.

Electronic Access: Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>, 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

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

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Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2006-25848]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Request for Comments for New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by November 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FHWA-2006-25848 by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room 401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning the Mechanistic Empirical Pavement Design National Status Survey, please contact Gary Crawford, Office of Pavement Technology, HIPT-1, (202) 366-1286, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC

20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Mechanistic Empirical Pavement Design National Status Survey.

Background

In June 2004, the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) released the Mechanistic Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG) for New and Rehabilitated Pavement Structures. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) organized a Design Guide Implementation Team (DGIT) to immediately begin the process of informing, educating, and assisting the FHWA field offices, State Highway Agencies (DOTs), Industry, and others about the new design guide. The FHWA considers implementation of mechanistic empirical pavement design a critical element in improving the National Highway System. It ties directly into objectives listed in The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) section 1503, which supports longer life pavements through design-build efforts. The impacts of long-life pavements include congestion mitigation and improved work zone safety. The MEPDG represents a significant advancement in pavement design and includes the best available engineering theory and mechanistic principles to determine the structural response and predict performance over the lifetime of a pavement structure. The mechanistic theory is balanced with over 525 empirical observations from the Long Term Pavement Performance database that represents a wide range of both material and climatic conditions. The use of both the mechanistic theory and a wide range of empirical observations make the MEPDG a robust design procedure. The MEPDG can be considered a 40-year step forward in pavement design. The MEPDG is a more theoretical and mathematical based procedure, strongly bolstered by fundamental engineering principles and is readily useful to academia, researchers, and practitioners of pavement analysis and design. The MEPDG provides significant potential benefits over the current AASHTO Guide in achieving cost-effective pavement designs and rehabilitation strategies. Most importantly, its user-oriented computational software implements an integrated analysis approach for predicting pavement

condition over time. This analysis considers the complex interaction between traffic loadings, climatic conditions, materials and pavement structure. Implementation of the MEPDG will require a significant amount of time, resources, and funding. However, the adoption of the guide has the potential for providing a substantial long term savings based on the sheer magnitude of annual expenditures for highway pavements. In 2003, over 79 billion dollars was used for highway purposes; based on data published in *Highway Statistics 2003* from the FHWA Office of Highway Policy Information. Any improvement in the designs will have a significant implication in reducing costs to maintain these pavements and more than offset the resources required to implement the new pavement design guide.

The DGIT has put forth a strategic plan of action to aid the transportation community in deploying this new technology. The DGIT is an integral part of an extensive outreach campaign including enhancement, education, and implementation strategies to promote the MEPDG. These activities include onsite and web-based workshops that have already educated more than 1,200 engineers across the U.S. in 21 States and around the globe in Canada, Europe, China, India, Mexico, and Central and South America. The FHWA encourages States to evaluate the utility that the Mechanistic Empirical Pavement Design Guide offers and to carefully implement the guidelines and recommendations. The long-term goal of the AASHTO Joint Technical Committee on Pavements is to adopt the guide as an AASHTOWare product to replace the AASHTO 1993 design guide. Moving towards a mechanistic empirical design process represents a huge paradigm shift for the majority of States and will require a significant amount of education, training, new equipment, new testing requirements, and data collection. Most importantly it will require better communication and coordination between the designers, materials engineers, traffic engineers, and consultants to collect and maintain the data needed to optimize the pavement designs and continue to validate and calibrate the models in the Guide. The DGIT is focused on being a leader in this effort, providing education, enhancement, and implementation activities to the transportation community.

Guidelines and Administration

This Survey will be a continuation of a previous informal assessment of State Practices in MEPDG Pavement Design