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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2012-0056]

Notice of Request for New Information Collections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the following new information collections:

49 U.S.C. Section 5337 – State of Good Repair Grants Program

49 U.S.C. Section 5339 – Bus and Bus Facilities Program

DATES: Comments must be submitted before [Insert date 60 days after publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: To ensure that your comments are not entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. Website: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (Note: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) electronic docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at www.regulations.gov. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.
2. Fax: 202-493-2251.

3. Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001.
4. Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Instructions: You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to Internet users, without change, to www.regulations.gov. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit www.regulations.gov. Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to www.regulations.gov at any time. Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of these information collections, including: (1) the necessity and utility of the information collections for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5337 – State of Good Repair Grants Program

(OMB Number: 2132-NEW)

Background: 49 U.S.C. Section 5337, the State of Good Repair Grants Program, is a new program authorized by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). The State of Good Repair Grants Program replaces the SAFETEA-LU Fixed Guideway Modernization Program. This program authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to designated recipients to replace and rehabilitate high intensity fixed guideway systems and high intensity motorbus systems. Eligible recipients include state and local government authorities in urbanized areas with high intensity fixed guideway systems and/or high intensity motorbus systems operating for at least seven years. Projects are funded at 80 percent federal with a 20 percent local match requirement by statute. FTA will apportion funds to designated recipients. The designated recipients will then allocate funds as appropriate to recipients that are public entities in the urbanized areas. FTA can make grants to direct recipients after sub-allocation of funds. Recipients apply for grants electronically, and FTA collects milestone and

financial status reports from designated recipients on a quarterly basis. The information submitted ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws.

Respondents: State and local government,

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 58 hours per submission.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 9,120 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program

(OMB Number 2132-NEW)

Background: 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 - Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program, is a new program authorized by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). This program authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to designated recipients and states to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment as well as construct bus-related facilities. Eligible sub-recipients include public agencies or private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation, including those providing services open to a segment of the general public, as defined by age, disability, or low income. Projects are funded at 80 percent federal with a 20 percent local match requirement by statute. Recipients apply for grants electronically and FTA collects milestone and financial status reports from designated recipients and states on a quarterly basis. The information submitted ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws.

Respondents: Designated recipients and states.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 58 hours per submission.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 8,910 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

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