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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2013-0024 ]

### Notice of Request for Revisions of an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) to approve the revisions of the following information collection: 49 U.S.C. Section 5317, New Freedom Program. The information to be collected will be used to accumulate mass transportation financial and operating information using a uniform system of accounts and records. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on March 6, 2013.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before [Insert date 30 days after publication]. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LaStar Matthews, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366-2295.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: **49 U.S.C. Section 5317, New Freedom Program** (OMB Number: 2132-0565)

**Abstract:** 49 U.S.C. Section 5317, the New Freedom Program, authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to states for areas with a population of less than 200,000 and designated recipients in urbanized areas of 200,000 persons or greater to reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Grant

recipients are required to make information available to the public and to publish a program of projects which identifies the subrecipients and projects for which the State or designated recipient is applying for financial assistance. FTA uses the information to determine eligibility for funding and to monitor the grantees' progress in implementing and completing project activities. FTA collects performance information annually from designated recipients in rural areas, small urbanized areas, other direct recipients for small urbanized areas, and designated recipients in urbanized areas of 200,000 persons or greater. FTA collects milestone and financial status reports from designated recipients in large urbanized areas on a quarterly basis. The information submitted ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws and OMB Circular A-102.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 129,679 hours.

**ADDRESS:** All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer.

**Comments are Invited On:** Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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