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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2017-0036]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New 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 approval of a new information collection. We published a Federal Register Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on May 30, 2017. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS FROM PUBLISHED DATE].

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-2017-0036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Peters, 720-963-3522, or Andy Byra, 720-963-3550, Office of Innovative Program Delivery, Center for Local-Aid Support, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Local Public Agencies Training and Technical Assistance Needs Assessment

Background: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is charged with implementing a local technical assistance program under 23 U.S.C. § 504 (b). Congress recognized that training and technical assistance to the local public agencies (LPA) to provide access to surface transportation technology, technical assistance and training was necessary and created the Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP) in 1982. In 1991, through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) legislation, this program became the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). There is an LTAP Center in every State and PR / USVI – 51 total. The program has launched a strategic planning process and a lack of data directly linking training to improvements in program delivery and innovation deployment outcomes posed a challenge to the Agency.

A needs assessment survey will help inform and identify what areas of knowledge that training needs to accomplish within the local agency community. The results of the assessment will help direct resources to the areas of greatest demand. The survey will be conducted once over a 30 day period. These are surveys to collect training related information and there are no sensitive or personal questions, therefore confidentiality is not guaranteed or necessary.

Respondents: Local Public Agency Public Works Directors and Road Superintendents.

Frequency: This is a one-time collection.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 7,800 responses who will each require an average of 15 minutes to respond.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The total annual public burden hours for this information collection is estimated to be 1950 hours.

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

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