

(8) SSA should test the resulting data with users for comparability and decision-making effects; and,

(9) SSA should periodically update the data to remain relevant and reflective of the world of work in the United States.

Failure to fully ensure the scientific veracity of the occupational taxonomy, data collection instrument, sampling strategy, and sources of data or data collection methods, will make SSA vulnerable to legitimate litigation.

The comment period is open through June 29, 2012.

**Contact Information:** Anyone requiring further information should contact the Panel staff at: Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, 3-E-26 Robert M. Ball Building, Baltimore, MD 21235-0001. Fax: 410-597-0825. Email to [OIDAP@ssa.gov](mailto:OIDAP@ssa.gov). For additional information, please visit the Panel Web site at [www.ssa.gov/oidap](http://www.ssa.gov/oidap).

**Leola S. Brooks,**

*Designated Federal Officer, Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7926]

### Determination Under Section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as Amended, Relating to Assistance to Antigua and Barbuda

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (FAA), Executive Order 12163, as amended by Executive Order 13346, and Delegation of Authority 245-1, I hereby determine that continued assistance to Antigua and Barbuda is in the national interest of the United States and thereby waive the application of section 620(q) of the FAA for such assistance.

This Determination shall be reported to Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 11, 2012.

**Thomas R. Nides,**

*Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2012-0053]

#### 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:** 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 published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on March 28, 2012. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by July 20, 2012.

**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-2012-0053.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Ferroni, 202-366-9237, Office of Natural Environment, 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:

FHWA Traffic Noise Model Version 3.0 Beta-Tester Information.

**Background:** Prior to the release of the Federal Highway Administration Traffic Noise Model (FHWA TNM), the FHWA Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model (FHWA-RD-77-108), or "108 model," was in use for over 20 years. Although an effective model for its time, the "108 model" was comprised of acoustic

algorithms, computer architecture, and source code that dated to the 1970s. Since that time, significant advancements have been made in the methodology and technology for noise prediction, barrier analysis and design, and computer software design and coding. Given the fact that over \$500 million were spent on barrier design and construction between 1970 and 1990, the FHWA identified the need to design, develop, test, and document a state-of-the-art highway traffic noise prediction model that utilized these advancements. This need for a new traffic noise prediction model resulted in the FHWA TNM.

In March 1998, the FHWA released the FHWA TNM Version 1.0. It was developed as a means for aiding compliance with policies and procedures under FHWA regulations. Since its release in March 1998, Version 1.0a was released in March 1999, Version 1.0b in August 1999, Version 1.1 in September 2000, Version 2.0 in June 2002, Version 2.1 in March 2003 and the current version, Version 2.5 was released in April 2004.

The FHWA is currently developing the TNM version 3.0, with anticipated beta-testing of this version towards the end of 2012. Version 3.0 is an entirely new, state-of-the-art computer program used for predicting noise impacts in the vicinity of highways. It uses advances in personal computer hardware and software to improve upon the accuracy and ease of modeling highway noise, including the design of effective, cost-efficient highway noise barriers. This information request is to gather information from the beta-testers on their computer configurations, their experiences using the FHWA TNM and the availability of TNM files.

**Respondents:** Approximately 25 entities.

**Frequency:** Once.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** Approximately 15 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** Approximately 6.25 hours.

**Public Comments Invited:** 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 burdens; (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. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request

for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

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

Issued on: June 7, 2012.

**Steve Smith,**

*Chief, Information Technology Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Notice of Withdrawal of the Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Improvements to Interstate 515 (I-515), Clark County, NV

**AGENCY:** U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Withdrawal of the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the improvements to I-515 in Clark County, Nevada.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that, effective immediately, the Notice of Intent (NOI) (**Federal Register** Vol. 69, No. 156; FR Doc 04-18584) to prepare an EIS for the proposed improvements to I-515 in the cities of Las Vegas and Henderson, Clark County, NV and in that portion of unincorporated Clark County located between the two cities, is being withdrawn. The NOI for the EIS was announced on August 13, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For Federal Highway Administration: Abdelmoez Abdalla, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 705 N. Plaza, Suite 220, Carson City, NV 89701, Telephone: 775-687-1231, email:

*Abdelmoez.Abdalla@fhwa.dot.gov*. For the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT): Mr. Steve M. Cooke, P.E., Chief, Environmental Services Division, Nevada Department of Transportation, 1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89712; telephone: (775) 888-7013; email: *scooke@dot.state.nv.us*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The project was to involve improvements to the I-515 Corridor between the southern terminus of the present I-515 Freeway in the City of Henderson (MP56) and the northern terminus of I-515 in the City of Las Vegas (MP76). The purpose of the project was to make improvements to the corridor necessary to provide for existing and projected traffic demand resulting from the growth of interstate

traffic and local commuter traffic in the southeast Las Vegas Valley. Because of the economic downturn, FHWA and NDOT are reassessing the needs and timing for improvements to the I-515 Corridor and have indefinitely postponed any major improvements to the corridor.

Issued on June 14, 2012.

**Susan Klekar,**

*Division Administrator, Carson City, Nevada.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA 2012-0006-N-7]

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than August 20, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Ms. Janet Wylie, Office of Planning and Administration, RPD-3, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Mail Stop 20, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Kimberly Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number 2130-0580." Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6170, or via email to Ms. Wylie at *janet.wylie@dot.gov*, or to Ms. Toone at *kim.toone@dot.gov*. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in

response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Janet Wylie, Office of Planning and Administration, RPD-3, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Mail Stop 20, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6353) or Ms. Kimberly Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6132). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR Part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days notice to the public for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(I)-(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(I)-(iv). FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce