

for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Derek A. Rivers, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS/PRI), U.S. Department of State, SA-29, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on (202) 736-9082 or ASKPRI@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection:

The purpose of the DS-3072 is to process these emergency loans for destitute citizens and to document the safe and efficient evacuation of private U.S. citizens, dependents and third country nationals from abroad. The information will be used to process the emergency loan, facilitate reception and resettlement assistance in the United States and for debt collection. Respondents are private U.S. citizens and their dependents abroad who are destitute and in need of repatriation to the United States; private U.S. citizens and their dependents abroad who are in need of emergency medical and dietary assistance who are unable to obtain such services otherwise; and private U.S. citizens abroad and their dependents and third country nationals who are in need of evacuation when their lives are endangered by war, civil unrest, or natural disaster.

Methodology:

The information is collected in person, by fax, or via mail. The Bureau of Consular Affairs is currently exploring options to make this information collection available electronically.

Dated: January 19, 2007.

Maura Harty,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5688]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-117, Application to Determine Returning Resident Status, OMB Control Number 1405-0091

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Application to Determine Returning Resident Status.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0091.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).
- *Form Number:* DS-117.
- *Respondents:* Aliens applying for special immigrant classification as a returning resident.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 875 per year.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 875.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 438 hours per year.
- *Frequency:* Once per respondent.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from February 9, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* VisaRegs@state.gov (Subject line must read DS-117 Reauthorization).
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Chief, Legislation and Regulation Division, Visa Services—DS-1884 Reauthorization, 2401 E. Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20520-30106.
- *Fax:* (202) 663-3898

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information

collection and supporting documents, to Lauren Prosnik of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. Street, N.W., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-2951 or prosnikla@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection:

Form DS-117 is used by consular officers to determine the eligibility of an alien applicant for special immigrant status as a returning resident.

Methodology:

Information will be collected by mail.

Additional Information:

Dated: January 11, 2007.

Stephen A. Edson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2006-23638]

Highway Performance Monitoring System—Reassessment

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is currently conducting a reassessment of the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS), which is a national highway transportation system database maintained and used primarily by the FHWA as a resource for information about the extent, condition, performance, use, and operating characteristics of the Nation's highways. This notice requests public comment on the draft *HPMS Reassessment Recommendations Report*, which is available in the docket and via the FHWA Web site at www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hpms/index.htm. This draft

report documents in detail various issues and proposed changes to specific HPMS data items and the associated collecting and reporting procedures based in part upon customer and data provider needs. The FHWA requests public comments on this draft report. The report would enhance and improve HPMS procedures and incorporate changing data customer needs while building a stronger partnership with the HPMS data user and provider community.

DATES: Comments on the draft report must be received on or before June 30, 2007. The docket however, will remain open until the reassessment is complete. We anticipate that the reassessment will be completed on September 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or submit electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov/submit>, or fax comments to (202) 493-2251. All comments should include the docket number that appears in the heading of this document. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or you may print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments electronically. Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comments (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70, Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Winter, Highway System Performance Division, Office of Highway Information, (202) 366-0175, David.Winter@dot.gov; or Janet Myers, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-2019, Janet.Myers@dot.gov; Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access: You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Document Management System (DMS)

at <http://dms.dot.gov/submit>. The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the Web site.

An electronic copy of this notice may be downloaded from the Office of the Federal Register's home page at <http://www.archives.gov>. and the Government Printing Office's Web site at <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.

Background

On April 10, 2006, the FHWA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 18134) announcing the initiation of a reassessment of the HPMS. The notice served as an announcement and requested public comment on issues related to the reassessment effort of the HPMS that the FHWA initiated. Public comments were solicited at that time on the described conceptual plan for the reassessment, in addition to comments on other issues that should be considered in planning and conducting the reassessment. During the reassessment, the FHWA developed working issue papers and placed them in the docket for review and comment. The working issue papers are still available for comment in the docket.

The HPMS first was developed in 1978 as a national highway transportation system database. In its current configuration, the HPMS includes limited data on all public roads, more detailed data for a sample of the arterial and collector functional systems, and area-wide summary information for urbanized, small urban, and rural areas. Over its nearly 30 year life, the HPMS has evolved, adjusting to legislative and other changes in the focus of the highway program.

Draft HPMS Reassessment Recommendations Report

The FHWA continues to take an open approach to completing the reassessment effort. Major emphasis is directed towards determining the data needs of FHWA's partners, stakeholders, and customers, the various uses of the existing HPMS, and the ability of data providers to support these data needs.

There are three major categories of proposed changes discussed in the HPMS Reassessment Recommendations Report: (1) Structure of HPMS; (2) Data Items; and, (3) Data Quality Process Improvement. In each category, the report explores the potential impact of the recommended changes on the State data providers, the FHWA, and the data users. Each recommendations is accompanied by an explanation as to

why certain decisions were made, along with feedback from HPMS data users and providers gathered through the outreach portion of the reassessment. The recommendation topic areas by category are:

- Structure of HPMS: Data Model, Sampling, Boundaries and Functional Classification, and Interchanges and Ramps;
- Data Items: Safety, Pavements, Interchanges and Ramps, Freight, and Capacity; and
- Data Quality and Process Improvement.

The FHWA has prepared the draft version of the HPMS Reassessment Recommendations Report after taking into consideration comments made directly through the docket, raised at all workshops, and collected through other outreach efforts. Comments on the draft report should be submitted to the FHWA through the docket on or before June 30, 2007. The FHWA will respond to comments on the draft report generated by this notice and expects to complete its final recommendations report and publish it in the **Federal Register** for public review and comment by September 30, 2007.

Outreach

As a part of the reassessment, the FHWA will conduct a second series of outreach meetings and workshops: On March 7-8 (8 a.m.-4 p.m., e.t.) in Baltimore, MD, on March 13-14 (8 a.m.-4 p.m., p.t.) in Sacramento, CA, and on March 27-28 (8 a.m.-4 p.m., c.t.) in Topeka, KS, at which interested parties are asked to provide input and help to refine a future HPMS direction based on the recommendations made in the draft report. The FHWA will post specific workshop information online at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hpms/index.htm>. Soon after the outreach workshops take place, the FHWA will place the minutes and other supporting documents in the docket for review and comment. Interested parties should continue to check the docket for new material.

Conclusion

The FHWA is soliciting public comments on the draft HPMS Reassessment Recommendations Report. Modifications to this draft report may be based on the comments received, if any. The draft report is available in the docket and via the FHWA Web site at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hpms/index.htm>. Additionally, the FHWA will hold several outreach sessions to further discuss the reassessment of the HPMS. As previously mentioned, the FHWA will

post specific information about the outreach meetings on its Web site at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hpms/index.htm>.

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J. Richard Capka,

Federal Highway Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2005-23082]

RIN 2132-AA90

Buy America: Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice announcing public meeting agenda and conference call capability.

SUMMARY: On January 17, 2007, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced a public meeting regarding the Buy America second notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) to allow the public to ask questions regarding the SNPRM published on November 30, 2006. In the public meeting notice, FTA also extended the comment period to February 28, 2007, to allow affected parties time to carefully consider the changes made in the SNRM and the information presented at the public meeting. This Notice announces the agenda for the public meeting, and a conference call number for interested parties who cannot attend in person.

DATES: FTA will hold a public meeting on February 13 and 14, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Department of Transportation (DOT) headquarters building (400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Room 2201). Individuals interested in attending the meeting should arrive at the southwest entrance of the DOT building to go through security screening. Please allow a minimum of 15 minutes to clear security. A summary of the meeting will be posted in the docket. FTA will not accept public comment during the public meeting. Instead, interested parties must submit their comments to the docket in order to have their comments considered by FTA.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the docket number [FTA-2005-23082] by any of the following methods:

1. *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

2. *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

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

4. *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.

Instructions: you must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and Docket number (FTA-2005-23082) for this Notice at the beginning of your comments. You should submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. If you wish to receive confirmation that FTA received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided and will be available to Internet users. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Wong, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Transit Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 9316, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4011 or Richard.Wong@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 17, 2007, FTA published a Notice of Public Meeting in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 1976) in which FTA offered to allow the public to ask questions regarding FTA's second notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) that was published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2006 (71 FR 69411).

Interested parties who would like to participate in the public meeting but cannot be physically present are invited to use FTA's conference call number at 1-888-603-8914 and to enter the passcode "53081" when prompted. Up to 50 conference call attendees may participate at the same time. Conference call attendees may join and exit the

conference call at any time during the public meeting.

The meeting will begin with a brief outline of the SNPRM, followed by in-depth thirty-minute discussion sessions during which FTA will entertain questions on the six key issues proposed in the SNPRM. Any questions not addressed on the first day will be answered on the second. The agenda for the public meeting is as follows:

Agenda

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

- 9:30 a.m. Introduction & Welcome
- 9:45 a.m. Brief Overview of Regulatory History—statutory requirements, initial Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, partial Final Rule, Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
- 10 a.m. Brief Summary of FTA's Proposals.
- 10:15 a.m. Discussion on Public Interest Waivers.
- 10:45 a.m. Discussion on Microprocessor Waivers.
- 11:15 a.m. Discussion on Post-Award Waivers.
- 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own.
- 1:15 p.m. Discussion on "End Products" and "Systems".
- 1:45 p.m. Discussion on "Final Assembly".
- 2:15 p.m. Discussion on Lists of Communications, Train Control, and Traction Power Equipment.
- 2:45 p.m. Break.
- 3 p.m. Resume Discussions.
- 4:30 p.m. Adjournment.

Wednesday, February 14, 2007 (if necessary)

- 9:30 a.m. Summary of Previous Day's Presentations.
- 10 a.m. Responses to Additional Questions.
- 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own.
- 1:15 p.m. Resume Responses to Questions.
- 2:45 p.m. Break.
- 3 p.m. Resume responses to Questions.
- 4:30 p.m. Final Adjournment.

Issued this 6th day of February, 2007.

James S. Simpson,
Administrator.

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