

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Innovative Technology Administration****Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Omnibus Household Survey Program**

AGENCY: Research & Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval for a new information collection related to the use of and satisfaction with the nation's transportation system. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 12, 2007 (72 FR 6665) and the comment period ended on April 14, 2007. The 60-day notice produced no comments.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by May 24, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. June Taylor Jones, Passenger Travel Program Manager, Room 3430, RITA, BTS, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Telephone (202) 366-4743, Fax (202) 493-0568 or e-mail june.jones@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Omnibus Household Survey (OHS) Program.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

OMB Control Number: New.

Affected Public: The population for the OHS Program is the non-institutionalized population, aged 18 and older, who live in the United States. The sampling frame will be a list-assisted random digit dialing (RDD) sample of U.S. residential telephone numbers. The sampling frame will be constructed to produce samples proportional to population density, resulting in nationally representative samples of residential telephone numbers. Individual survey respondents within selected households will be chosen at random.

Number of Respondents: 1,000-2,000 (depending on focus of survey).

Number of Responses: 1,000-2,000 (depending on focus of survey).

Total Annual Burden: 250-500 hours (Based on previous data collections, we estimate the average time to complete the survey is 15 minutes. 15 minutes × 1,000 respondents = 15,000 minutes/60 minutes = 250 hours or 500 hours if 2,000 respondents are sampled).

Abstract: In 2005, Congress passed, and the President signed, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU; Pub. L. 109-59). SAFETEA-LU contained a number of legislative mandates including providing data, statistics and analyses to transportation decision-makers. The Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (RITA/BTS) was tasked to accomplish this legislative mandate under 49 U.S.C. 111 (c) (1). RITA/BTS plans to use the Omnibus Household Survey (OHS) to:

- Assess the public's evaluation of the nation's transportation system in light of the DOT's strategic goals (safety, reduced congestion, global connectivity, environmental stewardship and security, preparedness and response),
- Provide a vehicle for the operating administrations within the DOT as well as other governmental agencies, to survey the public about current transportation issues, and
- Provide national estimates of transportation mode usage.

Each version of the OHS will focus on some subset of topics taken from the list below. Topics may vary from survey to survey since covering all topics in one questionnaire would make the respondent burden unacceptable:

Frequency of mode use in the month prior to the survey month:

Commercial air
Privately-owned vehicle
Taxi
Light rail
Commuter rail
Public bus
Intercity Rail (Amtrak)
Other modes such as biking and walking
Confidence in the safety of the following modes of transportation:
Commercial air
Privately-owned vehicle
Taxi
Light rail
Commuter rail
Water transportation (taxis, ferries, ships)
Public bus
Intercity Rail (Amtrak)
Other modes such as biking/walking/ferries
Confidence in the security procedures for the following modes of transportation:
Commercial air
Charter/general aviation
Privately-owned vehicle

Taxi
Light rail
Commuter rail
Water transportation (taxis, ferries, ships)
Public bus
Intercity Rail (Amtrak)
Assessment of/satisfaction with security procedures for the following modes of transportation:
Commercial air
Charter/general aviation
Privately-owned vehicle
Taxi
Light rail
Commuter rail
Water transportation (taxis, ferries, ships)
Public bus
Intercity Rail (Amtrak)
Processing through security at Commercial airports
Train stations
Waterway entry points for ferries, water taxis, cruises
Knowledge of/confidence in the Registered Traveler Program
Knowledge of Registered Traveler Program
Have used Registered Traveler Program
Confidence in Registered Traveler Program
Knowledge of current check-in procedures at Commercial airports
Train stations
Waterway entry points for ferries, water taxis, cruises
Knowledge of/confidence in the Alien Flight Student Program and TSA Vetting Programs
Experiences with transit delays related to suspicious/unattended baggage
Willingness/tolerance of transportation security risk management procedures
Information on journey to work
Transportation used (single mode/multiple mode)
Time required for one-way trip
Number of days traveled
Assessment of congestion
Methods for dealing with congestion
Telecommuting information
Commuting costs
Availability of transportation subsidies
Impact of congestion on commute
Impact of fuel costs on transportation use/travel behavior
Impact of on-line shopping on passenger and freight travel

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: BTS Desk Officer.

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