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**Title: 49 CFR Part 611 Major Capital Investment Projects (OMB Number: 2132-0561)**

*Background:* On August 10, 2005, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was enacted. Sections 3011(d)(5) and 3011(e)(6) of SAFETEA-LU require FTA to issue regulations on the manner in which candidate projects for major capital investment grants for new fixed guideway systems, extensions to existing fixed guideway systems, or significant corridor based bus investments ("New Starts," "Small Starts," respectively) will be evaluated and rated for purposes of the FTA Capital Investment Grants program for New and Small Starts under 49 U.S.C. Section 5309. An Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) for this regulation was issued on January 30, 2006, (71 FR 22841). A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was issued on August 3, 2007, (72 FR 43328). The NPRM was withdrawn on February 17, 2009, due to an intervening statutory change resulting from the passage of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act in June 2008.

FTA has a longstanding requirement to evaluate proposed projects against a prescribed set of statutory criteria. The Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 (STURAA) established in law a set of criteria that proposed projects had to meet in order to be eligible for federal funding. The requirement for summary project ratings has been in place since 1998. Thus, the requirements for project evaluation and data collection for New Starts projects are not new, nor have they changed extensively since their inception. One addition included in SAFETEA-LU is the Small Starts program. The Small Starts program enables projects with a lesser total capital cost and smaller requested share of New Starts funds to progress through

a simplified and streamlined project evaluation and data collection process. In general, though, the information used by FTA for New and Small Starts project evaluation and rating purposes should arise as a part of the normal planning process.

FTA has been collecting project evaluation information from project sponsors under the existing OMB approval for this program (OMB No. 2132-0561). However, due to modifications in project evaluation criteria for the New Starts program and the addition of the Small Starts program, it became apparent that some information required might be beyond the scope of ordinary planning activities.

SAFETEA-LU creates additional requirements for before-and-after data collection for purposes of Government Performance and Results Act reporting as a condition of obtaining a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) or a Project Construction Grant Agreement (PCGA).

*Respondents:* State and local government.

*Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents:* Approximately 217.7 hours for each of the 178 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 38,760 hours.

*Frequency:* Annual.

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**Ann M. Linnertz,**

*Associate Administrator for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2009-0022]

#### Notice of Request for the Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the following currently approved information collection: Transit Investments in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction Program.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted before June 26, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that your comments are not entered more than

once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (**Note:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) electronic docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

2. *Fax:* 202-366-7951.

3. *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

4. *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to Internet users, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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

Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Walter Kulyk, Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation, (202) 366-4995, or e-mail at [Walter.Kulyk@dot.gov](mailto:Walter.Kulyk@dot.gov)

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*Title:* Transit Investments in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction Program (OMB Number: 2132-0566).

*Background:* The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) established the Transit Investments in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) Program. This program is a new \$100,000,000 discretionary grant program to support public transit agencies in making capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transportation systems.

The information collected is submitted as part of the application for grants used to determine eligibility of applicants and project selection. Collection of project management information also provides documentation that the applicants and recipients are meeting program objectives and are complying with FTA Circular 5010.1D Grant Management Requirements and other Federal requirements.

To meet the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, FTA requested an emergency approval from OMB for the Transit Investments in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction Program. OMB approved FTA's emergency request for approval on March 10, 2009. The OMB Control Number is 2132-0566. FTA published a **Federal Register** notice for Solicitation of Comments and Notice of Availability of Fiscal Year 2009 Funding for Transit Investments in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction Grants on March 24, 2009.

*Respondents:* State and local government agencies.

*Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents:* Approximately 89 hours for each of the 360 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 32,080 hours.

*Frequency:* Annual.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### FTA Supplemental Fiscal Year 2009 Apportionments and Allocations

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Division I of the "Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009" (Pub. L. 111-8), signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 11, 2009, made funds available for all of the surface transportation programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Fiscal Year (FY) ending September 30, 2009. This notice supplements the December 18, 2008 **Federal Register** notice. The notice apportions formula funds made available under the Omnibus Appropriations Act and allocates FY 2009 funds to congressionally designated projects that were contained in the accompanying committee report and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The notice does not include any extensions of previously lapsed earmarks. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will address allocations of lapsed and/or unallocated resources subsequent to this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information about this notice contact Henrika Buchanan-Smith, Office of Program Management, at (202) 366-2053. Please contact the appropriate FTA regional or metropolitan office for any specific requests for information or technical assistance. Appendix A at the end of this notice includes contact information for FTA regional and metropolitan offices.

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