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In keeping with UNFCCC guidelines, the fifth CAR will provide an inventory of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and sinks and an estimate of the effects of mitigation policies and measures on future emissions levels. It will describe domestic programs as well as U.S. involvement in international efforts, including technology programs and associated contributions and funding. In addition, the text will include a discussion of national circumstances that affect U.S. vulnerability and responses to climate change.

Public Input Process

This **Federal Register** notice solicits contributions and comments on all matters to be covered in the fifth U.S. CAR and in particular, on issues related to non-federal, state, regional, local, and private sector actions to address climate change. Comments may be submitted to using the e-mail address above or by mail to the contact listed above.

The U.S. will release the draft text of the fourth CAR for review and comment in the fall of 2009. Comments on that document will be due within 30 days of release. Because of the time constraints on completing and printing the final text, a longer review period will not be possible.

We invite input on all aspects of the document currently under development. Comments received in response to this **Federal Register** notice will be considered in the preparation of the draft of the fifth national communication.

You may view the fourth U.S. Climate Action Report on the Internet at: http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/3625.php.

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Trigg Talley,

Office Director, Office of Global Change, Bureau of Oceans and International, Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2008-0038]

Agency Information Collection Activities; New Information Collection: Survey of Over-the-Road Bus Companies About Accessible Transportation for Individuals With Disabilities

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval. The new information collection is associated with a required review pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), implementing regulations for a Survey Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Companies located at subpart H of 49 CFR part 37. The collected information would assist DOT with any decision to modify or retain the requirements contained in the ADA regulations. On April 22, 2008, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published a **Federal Register** notice (at 73 FR 21685) allowing for a 60-day comment period on a new ICR involving OTRBs. Two comments were received on this issue.

DATES: Please send your comments by August 31, 2009. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number DOT-OST-2008-0038. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the DOT FMCSA Desk Officer via electronic mail at oir_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Chandler, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Office of Enforcement and Compliance, Commercial Passenger Carrier Safety

Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-5763, or e-mail peter.chandler@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Survey of Over-the-Road Bus Companies About Accessible Transportation for Individuals With Disabilities.

Type of Information Collection

Request: New information collection.

Respondents: Private entities that operate over-the-road buses (OTRBs) are primarily in the business of transporting people, and whose operations affect commerce.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,800.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated average burden per response is 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 950 hours [(3,800 responses × 15 minutes per response)/60 minutes = 950 hours, or 1,900 if conducted twice a year].

Frequency of Response: This proposed information collection is planned to be conducted only once or twice a year. A decision to request the information for a second time would be based upon the number of responses and the content of such responses to the initial request.

Background: On September 28, 1998, DOT issued final regulations, in response to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. 12101-12213 and 47 U.S.C. 225 and 611), which required the accessibility of new OTRBs and accessible OTRB service. The regulations require commercial OTRB operators to ensure that passengers with disabilities can use OTRBs. DOT is required by 49 CFR 37.215 to review the various requirements within the ADA regulations for OTRB companies. As part of this review, DOT is required to consider certain factors including the percentage of accessible OTRBs in the fleets of OTRB companies, the success of such companies at meeting the requests of passengers with disabilities for accessible OTRBs in a timely manner, ridership of OTRBs by passengers with disabilities, volume of complaints by passengers with disabilities, and the cost and service impacts of these requirements. After the review, DOT is required to decide whether it is appropriate to somehow revise the ADA regulations for OTRB companies (*i.e.*, whether certain provisions of the ADA regulations should be removed, modified, or made more stringent).

DOT has an information collection to cover this paperwork burden under

OMB Control Number 2100-0019 to provide the Agency with data for use in its review of the ADA related requirements and to monitor compliance by OTRB companies. Such data are reported to FMCSA as the agency delegated by DOT for this purpose. DOT needs additional data from OTRB companies so that it can conduct an effective review and make an informed regulatory policy decision on whether there is a need to revise, modify or remove any of the ADA regulations involving OTRBs. Specifically, data about bus fleet accessibility, fulfillment of accessible bus requests, and ridership and volume of complaints by passengers with disabilities, are needed from OTRB companies.

DOT needs the new data to conduct the required review of the various requirements within the ADA regulations for OTRB companies. The Department, however, would need FMCSA to send letters to approximately 3,800 registered OTRB companies that will be asked to complete and submit an enclosed form or make an on-line data submission via a customized Web site.

As noted above, FMCSA published inadvertently a notice in the **Federal Register** with a 60-day public comment period to announce this new proposed ICR on April 22, 2008. Two comments were received. Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc. and the American Bus Association questioned FMCSA's authority to publish this new ICR when DOT had the authority to do so under OMB Control Number 2100-0019. While this new information collection request seeks different data from DOT's OMB Control Number 2100-0019 Information Collection, the initial 60-day **Federal Register** notice on this issue should have been published by DOT, rather than by FMCSA. It is true that FMCSA would administer this new information collection upon OMB approval, but the Department and FMCSA determined that the new information collection request should be issued by DOT since it has the statutory authority to conduct the required review under the ADA regulations.

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 performance of DOT's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the DOT to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

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Patricia Lawton,

DOT PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2009-0084]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection Titled: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) State Reports for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for information collection that is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on May 27, 2009. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by August 31, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number FHWA-2009-0084, by any of the following methods:

Web Site: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen White, 202-366-9474, Office of Policy and Governmental Affairs, HPTS, Federal Highway Administration,

Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) State Reports for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), OMB Control #2125-0623.

Background: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), provides the State Departments of Transportation and Federal Lands Agencies with \$27.5 billion for highway infrastructure investment. With these funds also comes an increased level of data reporting with the stated goal of improving transparency and accountability at all levels of government. According to President Obama "Every American will be able to hold Washington accountable for these decisions by going online to see how and where their tax dollars are being spent." The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in concert with the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST) and the other modes within the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will be taking the appropriate steps to ensure that this accountability and transparency is in place for all infrastructure investments.

The reporting requirements of the ARRA, are covered in Sections 1201, 1512 and 1609. Section 1201(c)(1) stipulates that "notwithstanding any other provision of law each grant recipient shall submit to the covered agency (FHWA) from which they received funding periodic reports on the use of the funds appropriated in this Act for covered programs. Such reports shall be collected and compiled by the covered agency (FHWA) and transmitted to Congress. Covered agencies (FHWA) may develop such reports on behalf of grant recipients (States) to ensure the accuracy and consistency of such reports."

Section 1512 of the ARRA requires "any entity that receives recovery funds directly from the Federal Government (including recovery funds received through grant, loan, or contract) other than an individual," including States, to provide regular "Recipient Reports."

Section 1609 references the National Environmental Policy Act of January 1, 1970. The ARRA legislation requires that "The President shall report to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the House National Resources Committee every 90 days * * * the status and progress of projects and activities funded by this Act with