

purpose of the proposed action is to identify the appropriate transportation solution(s) to rectify the increasing inability to safely and effectively move people, goods, and services through the study area.

*Alternatives:* Alternative corridors will be developed within the previously defined study area.

*Environmental Review Process:* The EIS will be developed in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] part 1500 *et seq.*) implementing NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and FHWA regulations. FHWA and ADOT will use a tiered process, as provided for in 40 CFR 1508.28 and in accordance with FHWA guidance, in the completion of the environmental study.

If the Record of Decision indicates that FHWA has selected one of the alternative corridors as the environmentally preferred alternative, the evaluation of a specific highway alignment within the selected corridor would occur in a subsequent phase of the study. Subsequent Tier 2 assessment(s) would address a proposed highway alignment to be developed within the alternative corridor selected in the Tier 1 EIS, and would incorporate by reference the Tier 1 data, evaluations, and findings. The Tier 2 NEPA evaluation(s) would concentrate on site-specific issues and alternatives relevant to implementing a new highway alignment within the selected Tier 1 alternative corridor, and would identify the environmental consequences and measures necessary to mitigate environmental impacts at a site-specific level of detail.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 315; U.S.C. 771.123.

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**Karla S. Petty,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Integrated Corridor Management Deployment Planning Grants

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of application period.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is extending the application period for the Integrated Corridor Management Deployment Planning Grants, which was issued through a notice on November 1, 2013, at 78 FR 65751. The original application period is set to close on December 31, 2013. The extension is based on input received from DOT stakeholders that the December 31 closing date does not provide sufficient time for submission of applications. The FHWA agrees that the application period should be extended. Therefore, the closing date for applications is extended to January 17, 2014.

**DATES:** Formal applications must be submitted no later than January 17, 2014 to be assured consideration.

Applications should be submitted through <http://www.grants.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about the program discussed herein, contact Mr. Robert Sheehan, FHWA Office of Transportation Management, (202) 366-6817, or via email at [Robert.Sheehan@dot.gov](mailto:Robert.Sheehan@dot.gov), or Mr. Brian Cronin, Team Leader, Research, Research and Innovative Technology Administration ITS-Joint Program Office, (202) 366-8841 or via email at [Brian.Cronin@dot.gov](mailto:Brian.Cronin@dot.gov). For legal questions, please contact Adam Sleeter, Attorney Advisor, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-8839, or via email at [adam.sleeter@dot.gov](mailto:adam.sleeter@dot.gov). Business hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m., e.t., to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On November 1, 2013, at 78 FR 65751, the FHWA published in the **Federal Register** a notice regarding the Integrated Corridor Management Deployment Planning Grants. The purpose of this notice was to invite States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and local governments that intended to initiate or continue Integrated Corridor Management development with their partners, such as arterial management agencies, tolling authorities, and transit authorities, to apply for deployment planning grants. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act authorizes the FHWA to encourage Intelligent Transportation Systems deployment on the national highway system through demonstrations and grant programs. The purpose of this program is to promote the integrated management and operations of the transportation system, thereby

improving multimodal transportation system management and operations.

The original application period is set to close on December 31, 2013. The extension in this notice is based on input received from DOT stakeholders that the December 31 closing date does not provide sufficient time for submission of applications. The FHWA agrees that the application period should be extended. Therefore, the closing date for applications is extended to January 17, 2014.

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**Victor M. Mendez,**

*FHWA Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2013-0002-N-27]

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

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).

**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 the information collection requests (ICRs) below 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 February 21, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Mail Stop 17, 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 \_\_\_\_\_." Alternatively, comments may be