

program. Capital Metro will comply with all relevant FTA requirements related to planning and project development to help analyze and screen alternatives in preparation for the NEPA process.

### Early Scoping

Early Scoping is an optional early step in the NEPA process that precedes formal scoping, which begins when FTA publishes a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS). FTA encourages the use of early scoping for major planning activities that may receive FTA funding to start the NEPA process during earlier project planning phases. Early scoping is intended to generate public and agency review and comments on the scope of a planning effort within a defined transportation corridor, which helps the agency to determine which alignment variations should receive more focused development to streamline the NEPA process. Early scoping can serve not only to streamline the NEPA process, but also to firmly link transportation planning and NEPA, ensuring that the public and interested agencies are given the opportunity to review and provide comments on the results of planning activities that can then be used to inform the NEPA process.

### Project Connect Long-Term Vision Plan

Over the last 30 months, Capital Metro has been conducting the Project Connect System Plan per general guidelines of the Federal Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) process. Capital Metro intends to formalize the PEL process with the initiation of early scoping for the Blue Line HCT Corridor, so that the results of the PEL may be considered during the formal NEPA environmental review process.

Under this PEL process, Capital Metro will analyze alternatives that could be considered in an EIS, if warranted. The alternatives analysis will document the project's purpose and need, analyze a range of reasonable, feasible, and prudent alternatives, and identify a locally preferred alternative (LPA) in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's and FTA's regulations and guidance for implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1501.2 through 1501.8 and 23 CFR 771.111, respectively), which encourages Federal agencies to initiate NEPA early in their planning processes.

Early scoping allows the scoping process to begin as soon as there is enough information to describe the proposal so that the public and relevant agencies can participate effectively. This notice opens early scoping and invites

public and agency involvement with ongoing planning activities and studies for the Blue Line HCT Corridor, including review of the (a) purpose and need, (b) the proposed alternatives, and (c) the potential environmental, transportation, and community impacts and benefits to consider during the NEPA process.

### Purpose and Need for the Proposed Project

Capital Metro invites comments on the following preliminary statement of the project's purpose and need: The purpose of the project is to build high capacity transit along Trinity Street, over the Colorado River, and along East Riverside Drive that provides faster, more reliable travel to, from, and between North Austin, University of Texas, Downtown Austin, East Riverside, and Austin Bergstrom International Airport. The purpose is in response to the following needs in the corridor:

- The need to connect activity centers and manage future growth with improved transit;
- the need to provide better transit options linking affordable housing and jobs;
- the need to connect employers and employees along the corridor with fast and reliable transit;
- the need to ensure inter-operability between the Blue Line and future corridors; and
- the need to respond to explosive growth in airport travel that warrants improved transit to Austin Bergstrom International Airport.

### Potential Alternatives

During the early scoping process, all reasonable alternatives under consideration will be evaluated in terms of their transportation impacts, capital and operating costs, social, economic, and environmental impacts, and technical consideration. Capital Metro will continue to analyze alternative transit modes, alignment, and design options for HCT in the Blue Line Corridor. Capital Metro will seek to identify a broad range of alternatives, consistent with the project's purpose and need. The alternatives will include a No Build Alternative, as well as the following proposed alternatives:

- Baseline Alternative (MetroBus Route 20 with transit speed and reliability improvements);
- Dedicated Pathways Bus Rapid Transit (BRT);
- Dedicated Pathways Light Rail Transit (LRT); and
- Dedicated Pathways Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART).

At the end of the early scoping process, FTA and Capital Metro anticipate identifying a preferred mode and alignment as the LPA for further evaluation during the formal NEPA process. If an EIS is warranted, FTA will publish a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** and the public and interested agencies will have the opportunity to participate in a review and comment period on the scope of the EIS.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0001]

#### Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities, Gas and Liquid Pipeline Safety Program Certification

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the information collection requests abstracted below are being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. PHMSA will request an extension with no change for the information collections identified by OMB control numbers 2137-0610, 2137-0624, and 2137-0625, which are due to expire on April 30, 2019. PHMSA will also request an extension with no change for the information collection identified by OMB Control number 2137-0589, which is due to expire on July 31, 2019. A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on these information collections was published on February 11, 2019.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 20, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela Hill by telephone at 202-366-

1246, by email at [angela.dow@dot.gov](mailto:angela.dow@dot.gov), or by mail at DOT, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, PHP-30, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1320.8(d), Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, requires PHMSA to provide interested members of the public and affected agencies an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping requests. In accordance with this regulation, on February 11, 2019, (84 FR 3278) PHMSA published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the information collection. In response, PHMSA received no comments.

The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) Current expiration date; (4) Type of request; (5) Abstract of the information collection activity; (6) Description of affected public; (7) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (8) Frequency of collection. PHMSA will request a three-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

1. **Title:** Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas Gas Transmission Pipeline Operators.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0610.

*Current Expiration Date:* 4/30/2019.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* This information collection request pertains to gas transmission operators subject to 49 CFR part 192 Subpart O—Gas Transmission Integrity Management Program. Pipeline safety regulations in § 192.907 require gas transmission operators subject to part 192 subpart O to develop and follow a written integrity management program that contains all the elements described in § 192.911. Gas transmission operators subject to these regulations must also maintain records that demonstrate compliance with subpart O, as described in § 192.947, for the life of the pipeline. PHMSA or state regulators may review the records as a part of inspections. Gas transmission operators are also required to report to PHMSA certain actions related to their integrity management program.

*Affected Public:* Gas transmission operators.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Estimated number of responses:* 733.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 1,018,807.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

2. **Title:** Control Room Management/ Human Factors

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0624.

*Current Expiration Date:* 4/30/2019.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Sections 192.631 and 195.446 address human factors and other components of control room management. These regulations require operators of hazardous liquid pipelines and gas pipelines to develop and implement a human factors management plan designed to reduce risk associated with human factors in each control room.

*Affected Public:* Operators of both natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline systems.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Estimated number of responses:* 2,702.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 127,328.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

3. **Title:** Pipeline Safety: Integrity Management Program for Gas Distribution Pipelines

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0625.

*Current Expiration Date:* 4/30/2019.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Section 192.1005 requires operators of gas distribution pipelines to develop and implement integrity management (IM) programs. The purpose of these programs is to enhance safety by identifying and reducing pipeline integrity risks. In accordance with § 192.1011, PHMSA requires that operators maintain records demonstrating compliance with these requirements for 10 years and that these records must include superseded IM plans.

*Affected Public:* Operators of gas distribution pipeline systems.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Estimated number of responses:* 9,343

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 865,178.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

4. **Title:** Response Plans for Onshore Oil Pipelines.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0589.

*Current Expiration Date:* 7/31/2019.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Part 194 requires an operator of an onshore oil pipeline facility to prepare and submit an oil spill response plan to PHMSA for review and approval. This revision only updates the number of respondents to accurately reflect the current usage of this collection.

*Affected Public:* Operators of onshore oil pipeline facilities.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Estimated number of responses:* 540.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 73,980.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

*Comments to OMB are invited on:*

(a) The need for the proposed information, including whether the information will have practical utility in helping the agency to achieve its pipeline safety goals;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 16, 2019, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

#### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

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

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Joint notice and request for comment.

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**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the OCC, the Board, and the FDIC (the agencies) may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Federal Financial