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United States Small Business Administration.

Dated: February 8, 2019.

**A. Joseph Shepard,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Protecting Public Transportation Operators From the Risk of Assault

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice alerts transit agencies to the need to address the risk of transit operator assault when identified through the processes required under the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regulation. The PTASP regulation requires transit agencies to develop and implement Safety Management Systems (SMS) and associated processes for all elements of a public transportation system. In cases where transit agencies discover a risk of operator assault, the PTASP regulation requires agencies as part of their SMS processes to develop methods or processes to identify mitigations or strategies necessary as a result of the agency’s safety risk assessment. The agency would use these methods or processes to reduce the likelihood and severity of occurrences of operator assault, based on the agency’s analysis of the risk.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information, contact *PTASP\_QA@dot.gov*. For program matters, contact Adrienne Malasky, Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, (202) 366–1783 or *Adrienne.Malasky@dot.gov*. For legal matters, contact Richard Wong, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366–4011 or *Richard.Wong@dot.gov*. Office hours

are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3022(a) of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114–94) directs FTA to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on protecting public transportation operators from the risk of assault. Section 3022(b) requires that FTA in the proposed rulemaking consider the different safety needs of drivers of different modes, differences in operating environments, the use of technology to mitigate driver assault risks, existing experience, and the impact of the rule on future rolling stock procurements and vehicles currently in revenue service.

The recently promulgated PTASP regulation, 49 CFR part 673 (83 FR 34418 (July 19, 2018)), addresses the risk of transit operator assault and makes issuing a separate NPRM on this subject unnecessary. The PTASP regulation requires transit agencies to develop and implement SMS processes, which include identifying safety hazards, assessing the related safety risks, and then establishing methods of risk mitigation. Through these processes, transit agencies may discover various safety needs of transit workers, such as the risk of operator assault, based on their specific operating environments. Where instances of operator assault are identified, transit agencies should, as required by the PTASP regulation, take steps to identify mitigations or strategies necessary to reduce the likelihood and severity of occurrences of operator assault. The PTASP regulation itself is not included in this notice; an electronic version may be found on FTA’s website at [www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP](http://www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP).

In adopting SMS processes as part of the PTASP regulation, FTA took into account considerations consistent with Section 3022(b) of the FAST Act, because SMS requires steps tailored to the needs of each operating environment. The preamble to the PTASP regulation referenced future regulatory activities to address transit operator assault. After considering alternatives, FTA has determined that the PTASP regulation is the best approach to achieving the statutory objective of protecting public transportation operators from the risk of assault, and that any additional rulemaking would be redundant. This document also serves to provide notice of the termination of the associated

Regulatory Identification Number for the NPRM, 2132–AB30.

**K. Jane Williams,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2004–16951]

### Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on March 18, 2019. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 24, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Send 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.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Snoden, (202) 366–4834, Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Exemptions for Air Taxi Operations.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105–0565.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.