DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA–2013–0042]

Agency Information Collection Activity
Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration invites public comment about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval to renew the following information collections:

Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB)
Accessibility Program

49 U.S.C. Section 5339—Alternatives Analysis Program

The information collected is necessary to determine eligibility of applicants and ensure the proper and timely expenditure of federal funds within the scope of each program. The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on September 24, 2013 (Citation 78 FR 185). No comments were received from that notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before December 16, 2013. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Accessibility Program (OMB Number: 2132–0570).

Abstract: The Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Accessibility Program is authorized under section 3038 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA–21), Public Law 105–85, as amended by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU), Public Law 109–059, August 10, 2005. OTRBs are used in intercity fixed route service as well as other services, such as commuter, charter and tour bus services. These services are an important element of the U.S. transportation system. TEA–21 authorized FTA’s OTRB Accessibility Program to assist OTRB operators in complying with the Department’s OTRB Accessibility regulation, “Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities” (49 CFR part 37, subpart H). The legislative intent of this grant program is to increase the number of wheelchair accessible OTRBs available to persons with disabilities throughout the country.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 800 hours.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5339—Alternative Analysis Program (OMB Number: 2132–0571).

Abstract: Under Section 3037 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU), the Alternatives Analysis Program (49 U.S.C. 5339) provides grants to States, authorities of the States, metropolitan planning organizations, and local government authorities to develop studies as part of the transportation planning process. The purpose of the Alternatives Analysis Program is to assist in financing the evaluation of all reasonable modal and multimodal alternatives and general alignment options for identified transportation needs in a particular, broadly defined travel corridor. The transportation planning process of Alternatives Analysis includes an assessment of a wide range of public transportation or multimodal alternatives, which will address transportation problems within a corridor or subarea; provides ample information to enable the Secretary to make the findings of project justification and local financial commitment; supports the selection of a locally preferred alternative; and enables the local Metropolitan Planning Organization to adopt the locally preferred alternative as part of the long-range transportation plan. FTA intends to evaluate program implementation by collecting information such as project milestones and financial status reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 383 hours.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725—17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer.

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.

Matthew M. Crouch,
Associate Administrator for Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration


Preparations for the 44th Session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNESCO TDG) and the 26th Session of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCEGHS)

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that PHMSA and OSHA will conduct a joint public meeting in preparation for United Nations meetings being held in Geneva, Switzerland. PHMSA is hosting the morning portion of the meeting to discuss proposals in preparation for the 44th session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNESCO TDG) to be held November 25 to December 4, 2013, in Geneva. During this meeting, PHMSA is also soliciting comments relative to potential new work items which may be considered for inclusion in its international agenda. OSHA is hosting the afternoon portion of the meeting to discuss proposals in preparation for the 26th session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCEGHS) to be held December 4 to 6, 2013, in Geneva. OSHA, along with the U.S. Interagency GHS (Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of
Chemicals) Coordinating Group, plans to consider the comments and information gathered at this public meeting when developing the U.S. Government positions for the UNSCEGHS meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013. The PHMSA Session will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; while the OSHA Session will be from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the DOT Headquarters, West Building, Conference Room 7, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Registration: It is requested that attendees pre-register for this meeting by completing the form at http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/international. Attendees may pre-register for the morning PHMSA session, the afternoon OSHA session, or both sessions of the meeting. Failure to pre-register may delay your access to the building. Participants attending in person are encouraged to arrive early to allow time for security checks necessary to obtain access to the building.

Conference call-in and “live meeting” capability will be provided for this meeting. Specific information on call-in and live meeting access will be posted when available at http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/international and at http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/.


Copies of this Federal Register notice can be obtained as follows: Electronic copies are available at http://www.regulations.gov. This Federal Register notice, as well as other relevant information, is available also on the OSHA Web page at http://www.osha.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. PHMSA Public Meeting (November 19, 2013; 9:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon)

The primary purpose of this meeting will be to prepare for the 44th session of the UNSCOE TDG. The 44th session of the UNSCOE TDG is the second of four meetings held for the 2013–2014 biennium. The UNSCOE will consider proposals for the 19th Revised Edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations which will be implemented within relevant domestic, regional, and international regulations from January 1, 2017. Copies of working documents, informal documents, and the meeting agenda may be obtained from the United Nations Transport Division’s Web site at http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsucb3/c3age.html.

General topics on the agenda for the UNSCOE TDG meeting include:

- Listing, classification and packing
- Electric storage systems
- Transport of gases
- Miscellaneous proposals of amendments to the Model Regulations
- Electronic data interchange for documentation purposes
- Cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Global harmonization of transport of dangerous goods regulations
- Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)


II. OSHA Public Meeting (November 19, 2013; 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.)

OSHA is hosting an open informal public meeting of the U.S. Interagency GHS Coordinating Group to provide interested groups and individuals with an opportunity to express their views orally and in writing for consideration in developing U.S. Government positions for the upcoming UNSCEGHS meeting. Interested stakeholders may also provide input on issues related to OSHA’s activities in the U.S.-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) at the meeting. The public is invited to attend and is requested to pre-register for the meeting by following the instructions provided in the Registration section of this notice. General topics on the agenda include:

- Review of Working papers
- Working Group updates
- Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) Update


Informal Papers submitted to the UNSCEGHS provide information for the subcommittee and are used either as a mechanism to provide information to the subcommittee or as the basis for future Working Papers. Informal Papers for the 26th session of the UNSCEGHS are located at http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsucb4/c4inf26.html.

III. Authority and Signature

Magdy El-Sibaie, Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, is authorized to publish this notice.

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 7, 2013.

Magdy El-Sibaie,
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by the Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012).

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 29, 2013.

David Michaels,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Meeting


SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: William A. Reinsch, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on the U.S.-China economic and security