

Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before November 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. 24041, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMSTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heather Thorson, (202) 267-7470, or Angela Anderson, (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 11).

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*Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.*

### Dispositions of Petitions

*Docket No:* 24041.

*Petitioner:* Bulter Aircraft Co.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 91.529(a)(1).

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit the petitioner to operate McDonnell Douglas DC-6 and DC-7 aircraft without a flight engineer during flightcrew training, ferry operations, and test flights that are conducted to prepare for firefighting operations conducted under 14 CFR part 137.

*Grant, October 9, 1997, Exemption No. 2989I.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. 2983]

#### Notice of Request for Reinstatement of Expired Information Collection

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate the information collection entitled Highway Safety and Improvement Program and Priorities.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 29, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears in the heading of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB clearance of this information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kenneth Epstein, Office of Highway Safety, (202) 366-2157, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Highway Safety and Improvement Program and Priorities.

*OMB No:* 2125-0025.

*Background:* Each year all States and Territories are required to report to the

Secretary of Transportation on the progress being made in implementing the Highway Safety Improvement Programs (Rail-Highway Crossings and Hazard Elimination) and the effectiveness of these programs. The Secretary is required to report annually to the Congress on the progress of the safety programs based upon the information reported by the States. The FHWA receives the program information from the States. Numerical data are processed and stored in the computerized Highway Safety Evaluation System. A report is then prepared for Congress providing the required information on the effectiveness of highway safety improvement projects. Congress uses the contents of this report when determining the level of funding for the Highway Safety Improvement Programs and when modifying these programs.

The information collected by the States in the survey of all public roads includes motor vehicle accident data, traffic volume data, and highway inventory data. This information is used by the States to identify hazards and to determine what safety improvements would be cost-effective when mitigating those hazards. Without this process fewer lives would be saved and fewer injuries averted by the Highway Safety Improvement Programs administered by the FHWA.

*Respondents:* The overall annual reporting burden is shared by the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* The annual reporting burden is estimated to be 11,220 hours.

*Frequency:* The respondents are required to report on an annual basis.

**Authority:** Title 23, U.S. Code, Section 130; 23 U.S.C. 152, 23 CFR 924.

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**Diana Zeidel,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. 97-2934]

#### Notice of Request for Renewal of an Existing Information Collection

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew the information collection identified below under supplementary information.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 29, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears in the heading of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB renewal of this information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Tony Solury, Office of Environment and Planning, 202-366-5003, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Planning and Research Program Administration

*OMB number:* 2125-0039.

*Background:* Under the provisions of section 307(c) of title 23, United States Code, two percent of certain categories of Federal-aid highway funds apportioned to the States are set-aside for use only for State planning and research (SPR funds). At least 25% of the SPR funds apportioned annually must be used for the research, development, and technology transfer activities. In accordance with government-wide grant management procedures, a grant application must be submitted for these funds. In addition,

recipients must submit periodic progress and financial reports. In lieu of Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance, the FHWA uses a "work program" that includes a scope of work and budget for activities to be undertaken with FHWA planning and research funds during the next one-or two-year period as the grant application. The information contained in the work program includes task descriptions, assignments of responsibility for conducting the work effort, and estimated costs for the tasks. This information is necessary to determine how FHWA planning and research funds will be utilized by the State highway agencies and if the proposed work is eligible for Federal participation.

The content and frequency of submission of progress and financial reports specified in 23 CFR part 420 are as specified in OMB Circular A-102 and the companion common grant management regulations.

*Respondents:* State highway agencies.

*Estimated Annual Burden on*

*Respondents:* 400 hours per respondent.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:*

28,080 hours.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 307(c); 23 CFR 420, subpart A.

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**Diana Zeidel,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Administration*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Highway Administration**

**Department of the Army**

**Corps of Engineers**

**Environmental Impact Statement for Antelope Valley Improvements in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska**

**AGENCIES:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA; COE; the City of Lincoln, Nebraska; the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD); and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) are issuing this notice to advise the public and all other interested parties that are in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed stormwater management,

transportation, and community revitalization improvements in the Antelope Valley study area of Lincoln, Nebraska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. Edward Kosola, Realty Officer, FHWA, Room 220, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508, Telephone: (402) 437-5521. Ms. Patsy Freeman, EIS Manager, COE, 215 N. 17th Street, Omaha, NE 68102-4976, Telephone: (402) 221-3803. Mr. Roger A. Figard, City Engineer, City of Lincoln, 555 So. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-3994, Telephone: (402) 441-7567.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description of Study Area and Needs**

The Antelope Valley Major Investment Study has been exploring improvements for the core area of Lincoln to seek out a community vision on the best courses of action. The study has been concentrating on the three major issues of stormwater management, transportation, and community revitalization. The purposes and needs identified by the community and study participants during the last two years include: stormwater management, land use patterns, traffic operations, youth recreation, trail continuity, safety, neighborhood cohesiveness, and downtown vitality.

**Description of Proposed Improvements**

Improvements proposed for the Antelope Valley study area include stormwater conveyance, roadway improvements, and elimination of four at-grade railroad/roadway crossings, and community revitalization initiatives. The stormwater management improvements include a new channel and channel improvements for stormwater conveyance from "N" Street to Salt Creek in Lincoln, Nebraska. Transportation improvements include a new north-south road in the 19th Street corridor from "K" Street along the east side of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus, continuing north over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) mainline railroad and connecting to 14th Street near Military Avenue. The new north-south road intersects on structure with a new east-west road connecting Avery Avenue to a new roadway on the north side on the BNSF mainline railroad and continuing north to Superior Street where it aligns with the proposed 33rd Street north of Superior Street. Community revitalization initiatives include "wrap around" centers (places to encourage combining several community-oriented services) and new development opportunities. The proposed