

(6) The extent to which the country has taken steps to become a party to and implements the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption.

(7) The extent to which the country applies transparent, nondiscriminatory and competitive procedures in government procurement, and contributes to efforts in international fora to develop and implement rules on transparency in government procurement.

Public Comment

Written comments should be addressed to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Room F516, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. Twenty copies must be submitted. Comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. on September 14, 2001. Non-confidential information received will be available for public inspection by appointment, in the USTR Reading Room, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For an appointment call Brenda Webb on 202-395-6186. All submissions must be in English and should conform to the information requirements of 15 CFR part 2003. Any business confidential material must be clearly marked as such on the cover letter or page and each succeeding page, and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary thereof.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2001-10349]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend the following currently approved information collection: 49 U.S.C. Sections 5309 and 5307 Capital Assistance Programs.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before October 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10 a.m. to 5 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sue Masselink, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (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 approval of this information collection.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Sections 5309 and 5307 Capital Assistance Programs (OMB Number: 2132-0543).

Background

49 U.S.C. Sections 5309 Capital Program and Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to State and local governments and public transportation authorities for financing mass transportation projects. Grant recipients are required to make information available to the public and to publish a program of projects for affected citizens to comment on the proposed program and performance of the grant recipients at public hearings. Notices of hearings must include a brief description of the proposed project and be published in a newspaper circulated in the affected area. FTA also uses the information to determine eligibility for funding and to monitor the grantees' progress in implementing and completing project activities. The information submitted ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws and OMB Circular A-102.

Respondents: State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 54 hours for each of the 3,675 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 198,466 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Issued: August 7, 2001.

Dorrie Y. Aldrich,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement on Transit Improvements Between Denver and Golden, CO

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing this notice to advise agencies and the public that, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, FTA and the Denver Regional Transportation District (RTD), in cooperation with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate transit improvements, including a potential light rail transit (LRT) line, in the West Corridor from Denver to Lakewood and Golden in Jefferson County, Colorado.

DATES: Three public scoping meetings, one meeting each in Denver, Lakewood, and Golden, Colorado, will be held in September 2001. Details as to the specific locations, dates, and times of the public scoping meetings will be advertised in local newspapers and other media. An interagency scoping meeting will be held on August 30, 2001 at 9 a.m. in the RTD Conference Room. See **ADDRESSES** below. Written comments on the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be considered and the impacts to be studied, may be sent to David Hollis, Project Manager, Regional Transportation District by October 14, 2001. See **ADDRESSES** below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the project scope should be sent to David Hollis, Project Manager, Regional Transportation District, Systems Planning Division, Planning and Development Department, 1600 Blake Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-1399. Telephone: 303-299-2404; fax: 303-299-2425. The interagency scoping meeting on August 30, 2001 at 9 a.m.