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**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by January 11th, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Ekins by email at: [X9-APO-Surveys@faa.gov](mailto:X9-APO-Surveys@faa.gov); phone: (202) 267-4735.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA’s performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0797.

*Title:* Survey of Unmanned-Aircraft-Systems Operators.

*Form Numbers:* 1 Online Questionnaire per Respondent.

*Type of Review:* The review is for the renewal of the Survey of Unmanned-Aircraft-Systems Operators.

*Background:* The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on October 02, 2023 (88 FR 67862).

We conducted the Survey of UAS Operators for 2021 and 2022 UAS activity under the original information collection request granted in March of 2021. These surveys utilized a stratified random sampling design with the operator’s county of residence and type of operator as strata. The survey collected information through a questionnaire with 76 questions, but due to the skip logic of the questionnaire, the average respondent only answered 16 questions. The 2021 and 2022 activity surveys received 17,736 and 22,846 responses, respectively. The information from these surveys have been used to improve the questionnaire and inform rule making.

This request to modify and renew the information collection is to continue and improve the support of the FAA’s mission of safety and aligns with Title 49 of the United States Code. The

objective of this collection is to improve the FAA knowledge of UAS operations and better predict the nature of UAS operations within the national airspace system (NAS). The information gathered empowers the FAA to make informed decisions surrounding UAS operations within the NAS.

This information collection renewal asks to improve the survey design by expanding the target population and adding an additional stratum to the sampling process. The original survey’s target population included only registered small UAS operators—operators with UAS weighing less than 55 lbs—within the United States. The survey under the renewed information collection would expand the target population to include all UAS, regardless of weight, by including UAS operators with a section 44807 exemption, which utilizes the aircraft registry under section 44103 as a sample frame. In addition, data collected from the 2021 and 2022 UAS activity surveys suggested that operators with UAS larger fleets have more diverse UAS activity than UAS operators with small fleets, who are most of the section 349 and part 107 registries. To improve the sampling of UAS operators, operators with larger fleets with receive equal sampling to UAS operators with small fleets by adding a fleet-size stratum to the sampling process when a registry contains information on the size of the fleet, such as the part 107 registry.

Selected registrants are invited to complete a questionnaire regarding the operator’s fleet characteristics, flight behavior, and overall UAS activities. The survey’s questionnaire contains over 80 questions, but due to skip logic, the average respondent will only answer 18 questions. We estimate the questionnaire requires 10 minutes on average to complete. Responding to the survey is voluntary, and respondents are given the option of opting out of just the current year’s survey or all future surveys. All collected data are anonymized and only aggregated data are reported, thereby protecting the identity of the respondents. The survey will open in November of the year for which the UAS activity is gathered and close on February 1st of the following year.

Due to the changing nomenclature of this section of aviation, we request to change the name of the survey for the Survey of Unmanned-Aircraft-Systems Operators to the Survey of Uncrewed-Aircraft-Systems Operators.

*Respondents:* We expect approximately 113,000 respondents from across the United States over the three-years authorization of this

information collection. The collection’s sample is formed from three registries of UAS operators: (1) the registry of small, non-recreational operators under Title 14, Part 107 of the Code of Federal Regulation, (2) the registry of small, recreational operators under Section 349 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018; and (3) the commercial operators with section 44807 exemptions who are registered in the aircraft registry under Title 49 of the U.S.C., section 44103 registry.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Response:* 10 Minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 6,279 hrs/yr.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Settlement Agreement Departure Procedure Amendments for Bob Hope “Hollywood Burbank” Airport

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Public comment period for the FAA’s Draft Environmental Assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA announces the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed departure procedure amendments at Bob Hope “Hollywood Burbank” Airport (BUR Airport). The FAA has prepared the Draft EA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the FAA adopting new procedures for Runway 15 departures at BUR Airport. If implemented, the Proposed Action (Alternative A) is intended to maintain the safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System (NAS) while meeting the terms of a settlement agreement that the FAA entered with local homeowners’ associations, which requires consideration of alternative procedures. The FAA also evaluated proposed amendments put forth by the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force for BUR Airport (Alternative B).

**DATES:** The Draft EA is available for public review beginning on December

11, 2023, and comments can be submitted on or before January 24, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments can be submitted by email to [9-AJO-BUR-Community-Involvement@FAA.GOV](mailto:9-AJO-BUR-Community-Involvement@FAA.GOV) or by mail to Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, 2200 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198. Under FAA Order 1050.1F, 6–2.2(g), Public Comments on a Draft EA, the “FAA or applicant must publish a notice of the draft EA’s availability in local newspapers, other media, and/or on the internet. This notice must include the following statement: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lonnie D. Covalt, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, 2200 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 206–231–3998, email [9-AJO-BUR-Community-Involvement@FAA.GOV](mailto:9-AJO-BUR-Community-Involvement@FAA.GOV).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft EA was prepared in accordance with the settlement agreement between the Benedict Hills Homeowners Association, Benedict Hills Estates Association, and the FAA (“Settlement Agreement”) to assess potential environmental impacts in connection with proposed amendments to the OROSZ and SLAPP departure procedures at BUR Airport. In addition to the No Action Alternative, where current procedures at BUR Airport would continue to be utilized, the FAA is considering two additional alternatives.

The first alternative (Alternative A) was developed in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and would result in the amendment of existing flight procedures to create two Open Standard Instrument Departure (SID) procedures, the SLAPP THREE DEPARTURE (Area Navigation [RNAV]) (“SLAPP THREE”) and the OROSZ THREE DEPARTURE (RNAV) (“OROSZ THREE”) procedure.

The second alternative (Alternative B) is comprised of the modification of the current SLAPP TWO DEPARTURE (RNAV) (“SLAPP TWO”) and OROSZ TWO DEPARTURE (RNAV) (“OROSZ TWO”) procedures to require a higher climb gradient. Alternative B was developed in accordance with

recommendations set forth by a separate community stakeholder, the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force, to reduce noise over communities in southern San Fernando Valley.

The Draft EA is available upon request by contacting Operation Support Group, Western Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 2200 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone (206) 231–2286. The Draft EA is also available on the FAA website at: [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/community\\_engagement/bur](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_engagement/bur).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2023–0031]

#### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Public Transportation Safety Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT).

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirements (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describe the nature of the information collection and their expected burdens for the Public Transportation Safety Program.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 10, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. You can find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

*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. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tia Swain, Office of Administration, Management Planning Division, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Mail Stop TAD–10, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366–0354 or [tia.swain@dot.gov](mailto:tia.swain@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13, Section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On July 6, 2023, FTA published a 60-day notice (88 FR 43167) in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments on the ICR that the agency was seeking OMB approval. FTA received no comments after issuing this 60-day notice. Accordingly, DOT announces that these information collection activities have been re-evaluated and certified under 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and forwarded to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12(c). Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507 (b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983. OMB believes that the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.