

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA-2023-1426]

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Requests for Comments;  
Clearance of a Renewed Approval of  
Information Collection: Protection of  
Voluntarily Submitted Information****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation  
Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 23, 2023. The collection involves protection of voluntarily submitted information. Part 193 of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations provides that certain information submitted to the FAA on a voluntary basis is not to be disclosed. This part implements a statutory provision. The purpose of part 193 is to encourage the aviation community to voluntarily share information with the FAA so that the agency may work cooperatively with industry to identify modifications to rules, policies, and procedures needed to improve safety, security, and efficiency of the National Airspace System (NAS). The information collection associated with part 193 also supports the Department of Transportation's Strategic Goal of Safety and Security.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by April 4, 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:** Sandra Ray by email at: [Sandra.ray@faa.gov](mailto:Sandra.ray@faa.gov); phone: 412-546-7344**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:* 2120-0646.*Title:* Protection of Voluntarily Submitted Information.*Form Numbers:* None.*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.*Background:* The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 23, 2023 (88 FR 41185). Part 193 of the FAA regulations provides that certain information submitted to the FAA on a voluntary basis is not to be disclosed. Part 193 implements a statutory provision. Section 40123 was added to title 49, United States Code, in the Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act of 1996 to encourage people to voluntarily submit desired information. Section 40123 allows the Administrator, through FAA regulations, to protect from disclosure voluntarily provided information relating to safety and security issues.

The purpose of part 193 is to encourage the aviation community to voluntarily share information with the FAA so that the agency may work cooperatively with industry to identify modifications to rules, policies, and procedures needed to improve safety, security, and efficiency of the National Airspace System. FAA programs that are covered under part 193 are Voluntary Safety Reporting Programs, Air Traffic and Technical Operations Safety Action programs, the Aviation Safety Action Program, and the Voluntary Disclosure Reporting Program. This rule imposes a negligible paperwork burden for certificate holders and fractional ownership programs that choose to submit a letter notifying the Administrator that they wish to participate in a current program.

The number of respondents has greatly increased since the initial approval of this information collection. In order to accurately reflect the burden of this information collection going forward, the FAA has included total current participants in the programs.

*Respondents:* 2604.*Frequency:* Varies per response type.*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* Varies per response type.*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 493,723 Hours.

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**Sandra L. Ray,***Aviation Safety Inspector, AFS-260.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration**

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2024-0005]

**FHWA Adoption of Cyber Security  
Evaluation Tool****AGENCY:** Federal Highway  
Administration (FHWA), U.S.  
Department of Transportation (DOT).**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Following coordination with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FHWA announces its proposal to adopt the Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET) as a voluntary tool transportation authorities can use to assist in identifying, detecting, protecting against, responding to, and recovering from cyber incidents. The FHWA requests comments on its proposal.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 19, 2024. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.**ADDRESSES:** All comments should include the docket number that appears in the heading of this document and may be submitted in any of the following ways:

- *Electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). This website allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* You should identify the docket number at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For more information, you may review the U.S. Department of Transportation's

complete Privacy Act Statement published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Jason Carnes, FHWA Transportation Security Coordinator (202) 366-5280, or via email at [Jason.Carnes@dot.gov](mailto:Jason.Carnes@dot.gov), Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Access**

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An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from the Office of the **Federal Register's** website at: [www.FederalRegister.gov](http://www.FederalRegister.gov) and the U.S. Government Publishing Office's website at: [www.GovInfo.gov](http://www.GovInfo.gov).

All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FHWA will also continue to file relevant information in the docket as it becomes available after the comment period closing date and interested persons should continue to examine the docket for new material.

**Background**

Pursuant to section 11510(b) of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58), FHWA is required to develop a tool to assist transportation authorities in identifying, detecting, protecting against, responding to, and recovering from cyber incidents. Safety is the top priority of DOT and FHWA. The FHWA routinely works closely and collaboratively with Federal and State agencies whose primary missions revolve around securing critical transportation infrastructure. The FHWA provides subject matter expertise to those agencies in identifying potential physical and cybersecurity threats and appropriate mitigation efforts. When presented with physical or cybersecurity questions, concerns or incidents from State, local,

Tribal, and Territorial transportation authorities, or other stakeholders, FHWA routinely assists in connecting these entities to security-focused government agencies, including the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

In accordance with BIL, section 11510(b), FHWA is proposing to adopt CISA's CSET as a voluntary tool that transportation authorities can use to assist in identifying, detecting, protecting against, responding to, and recovering from cyber incidents. The CISA's cybersecurity mission is to defend and secure cyberspace by leading national efforts to drive national cyber defense, resilience of national critical functions, and a robust technology ecosystem. The FHWA therefore thinks it is appropriate to leverage CISA's expertise instead of attempting to create a separate and potentially duplicative tool. The CSET, developed by CISA, is a comprehensive software tool designed to assist organizations in assessing their cybersecurity posture and developing structured improvement programs. The CSET helps organizations evaluate their cybersecurity practices, identify vulnerabilities, and prioritize mitigation efforts by providing a systematic approach to assess cybersecurity controls and processes. It offers a range of modules and questionnaires tailored to different critical infrastructure sectors, making it a valuable resource for organizations seeking to enhance their cybersecurity resilience through a well-structured assessment and development program. The CSET is available to the public for download at <https://www.cisa.gov/downloading-and-installing-cset>.

In proposing to adopt this voluntary tool to assist transportation authorities regarding cyber incidents, FHWA has coordinated with CISA and TSA, and consulted with appropriate stakeholders on the viability and usefulness of the tool. The feedback received confirmed that State agencies currently depend on a diverse array of cybersecurity tools sourced from multiple stakeholders, encompassing both public and private entities. Among these tools, several States choose to employ the CSET, while others customize alternative cybersecurity solutions to align with their distinct mission requirements. In addition, many State departments of transportation employ a variety of tools encompassing intrusion detection systems, vulnerability scanners, and encryption technologies to fortify their cyber defense postures, reflecting the

complexity and diversity of their security strategies. The FHWA will continue to partner with other Federal Agencies that have the primary statutory mission to develop security-related cybersecurity tools to ensure highway-related equities are considered and incorporated appropriately.

**Request for Comments**

The FHWA requests comments regarding the Agency's proposal to adopt CISA's CSET as a voluntary tool transportation authorities can use to provide assistance regarding cyber incidents.

**Further Proceedings**

After considering public comments in response to this notice, FHWA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** adopting a final cybersecurity tool.

*Authority:* Sec. 11510, Pub. L. 117-58, 135 Stat. 592.

**Shailen P. Bhatt,**

*Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2023-0143]

**Truck Leasing Task Force (TLTF); Notice of Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the TLTF.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. ET. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by Friday, March 14. Requests to submit written materials for consideration during the meeting must be received no later than Friday, March 14.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a hybrid meeting, with in-person and virtual access for its entirety. The in-person portion will be held at the Mid-America Trucking Show (MATS) at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, KY. Please register in advance of the meeting at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/tltf](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/tltf). A copy of the agenda for the entire meeting will be made available at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/tltf](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/tltf) at least 1 week in advance of the