

collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Coil, (202) 366-2038, Office of Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: State Right-of-Way Operations Manuals.

OMB Control No.: 2125-0586.

Background: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a final rule for the Right-of-Way Program on December 21, 1999 (**Federal Register** Volume 64, Number 244, pages 71284-71297). This issuance was a comprehensive rewrite of rules governing the use of Federal-aid funds for right-of-way acquisition, property management, and project development. The regulation reduces Federal regulatory requirements and places primary responsibility for a number of approval actions at the state level. The rule states that states must certify at 5-year intervals that their State Right-of-Way Operations Manuals are representative of their procedures, or submit an updated manual. STDs are required to update their manuals to reflect changes in Federal requirements for programs administered under Title 23 U.S.C. These manuals reflect how the STD plans to perform real estate acquisition, property management, and maintain the integrity of the right-of-way for highway and related transportation systems. The State manuals may be submitted to FHWA electronically or they can be made available by postings on state Web sites.

Respondents: State Departments of Transportation (52 including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico).

Frequency: Once initially, then States update their operations manuals for review.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 75 hours per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 75 hours for each of the 52 State Departments of Transportation. The total is rounded to 4,000 burden hours annually.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. FMCSA-98-3298 and FMCSA-98-3299]

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Soliciting Scoping Comments for Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and General Conformity Evaluation for Proposal To Promulgate North American Free Trade Agreement Regulations

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Announcement of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The agency is in the early stages of preparing an environmental analysis, including a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and a General Conformity Evaluation (GCE), assessing the potential environmental impacts' such as impact on air quality' on its proposal to promulgate regulations allowing trucks and buses domiciled in Mexico to operate throughout the United States under conditions ensuring public safety. The FMCSA is holding several public meetings on environmental issues and concerns to be considered in the PEIS and GCE. The purpose of these meetings is to obtain the public's input on the potential range or scope of environmental impacts and alternatives that should be considered in the PEIS and GCE. FMCSA invites the public to submit comments on the environmental issues and topics that they believe are appropriate for inclusion in these analyses.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles Rombro, Analysis Division, Office of Information Management, (202) 366-1861, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also visit FMCSA's Web site at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/NAFTA/EIS> or call FMCSA's toll-free hotline number at

(800) 288-5634. Inquiries may be made in Spanish or English.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Addresses

The scoping meeting addresses, dates and times are as follows:

1. El Paso—October 21, 2003, 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Franklin High School, 900 North Resler Drive, El Paso, TX; (915) 832-6600.
2. Phoenix—October 21, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Wyndham Phoenix Hotel, 50 East Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ; (602) 333-0000.
3. San Diego—October 22, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; San Diego Concourse, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA; (619) 525-5000.
4. Nogales—October 22, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Santa Cruz County Complex, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Nogales, AZ; (520) 375-7812.
5. Los Angeles—October 23, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Los Angeles Convention Center; 1201 South Figueroa Street; Los Angeles, CA; (213) 741-1151.
6. Las Cruces—October 27, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; New Mexico State University, Corbett Center Student Union; Las Cruces, NM; (505) 646-3049.
7. Laredo—October 27, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Texas A&M International University, 5201 University Blvd, Laredo, TX; (956) 326-2001.
8. Houston—October 28, 2003; 7 p.m. "9 p.m.; Reliant Arena; One Reliant Park, Houston, TX; (800) 776-4995.
9. Washington, DC—October 30, 2003; 2 p.m. "4 p.m.; Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel; 480 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, DC; (202) 484-1000.

Pre-Registration to Speak at Public Meetings

Persons wanting to speak at a public meeting are encouraged to pre-register by calling FMCSA's toll-free hotline at (800) 288-5634 and leave their name, telephone number, the name of any group, business, or agency affiliation, if applicable, and the date and location of the meeting at which they wish to speak. The deadline for pre-registration for all meetings is October 20, 2003.

Persons will be called to speak at each meeting in the following order: elected officials, those who pre-registered, and then those wishing to speak who did not pre-register. Those wishing to speak at more than one meeting will also be accommodated, after their first meeting, as time allows and after all others have had an opportunity to participate. As FMCSA would like as many persons as possible to participate and since there will be a limited amount of time at each meeting, all speakers are strongly