

approve a new information collection to document the extent of coverage of the Local Technical Assistance Program in its provision of training, technology transfer and technical assistance to local and tribal government transportation providers, and to provide a baseline from which to measure the Program's progress in expanding that coverage between now and 2002.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 22, 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. 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: Dr. Anna K. Bennett, LTAP Project Manager, (415) 744-2616, Federal Highway Administration, Region 9, 201 Mission Street, Suite 2100, San Francisco, CA 94105. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., p.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Local Technical Assistance Program Extent of Coverage.

OMB Number:

Background

The Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) has established a network of 57 technology transfer centers at universities and state highway agencies for the purpose of improving the skills and knowledge of local and tribal transportation providers through training, technical assistance and technology transfer. The LTAP Strategic

Plan, adopted in 1997, calls for increasing usage of the program to 75% of local and tribal governments by 2002. Information is needed to document (with +/- 3% error at 95% confidence) the extent to which local and tribal transportation agencies are aware of and utilize the services provided by their LTAP Centers. The information will establish the baseline from which progress towards the goal of increasing coverage to 75 percent of all local and tribal transportation agencies will be measured.

The information will be collected in a telephone interview. Professional telephone interviewers will be engaged to administer a brief, standardized questionnaire that will ask respondents if they or other employees of their organization are aware of the existence of their local or tribal LTAP Center, have read its newsletter, attended training sessions or utilized other technology transfer services provided by the Center within the past two years.

Information will be collected from a simple random sample of all local and tribal governments in the U.S. The sample size will be approximately 1,100. The results of the survey will be retained by the Office of Technology Applications for comparison with the results of a subsequent collection in 2002. The results of the survey will also be presented in a report for dissemination to LTAP partners, including national associations, state departments of transportation, LTAP centers, and local and tribal governments.

Respondents: Employees of local and tribal government transportation providers.

Average Burden Per Response: 12 minutes to listen and respond to survey questions by telephone.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 220 hours.

Frequency: This is a one-time collection.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. Section 307 and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Associate Administrator for Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. 97-2623]

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of an Expired Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement in 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 an expired information collection that notifies the FHWA of a voluntary request by a motor carrier, freight forwarder, or property broker for revocation of its registration.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top 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 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas Vining, Office of Motor Carrier Information Analysis, (202) 358-7028, 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: *Electronic Availability:* An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the **Federal Register** electronic bulletin board service (telephone number: 202-512-1661). Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** WWW site at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs

Title: Request for Revocation of Authority Granted.

OMB Number: 2125-0571.

Background: The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to promulgate regulations that provide for the registration of for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities under 49 U.S.C. 13902, for surface freight

forwarders under 49 U.S.C. 13903, and for property brokers under 49 U.S.C. 13904. The Secretary has adopted regulations to implement these registration procedures. Under Title 49 U.S.C. 13905, each registration is effective from the date specified and remains in effect for such period as the Secretary of Transportation determines appropriate by regulation. Subsection (c) of 49 U.S.C. 13905 provides that, on application of the registrant, the Secretary may amend or revoke a registration. Authority pertaining to these registrations has been delegated to the FHWA.

Form OCE-46 allows transportation entities to apply voluntarily for revocation of their registration in whole or in part. The form asks for the registrant's docket number, name and address, and the reasons for the revocation request.

Respondents: Motor Carriers, Freight Forwarders, and Brokers.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 400 hours.

Frequency: This is a one-time reporting requirement. 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 reinstatement of this information collection.

Authority: 23 U.S.C 315 and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued: July 8, 1997.

George Moore,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. 97-2629]

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of an Expired 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 reinstate an expired information collection. This information collection is used by Mexican motor carriers to apply for authority to operate across the border into the United States.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top 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 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

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Title: Application for Certificate of Registration for Foreign Motor Carriers and Foreign Motor Private Carriers under 49 U.S.C. 13902(c)

OMB Number: 2125-0572

Background: Basic licensing procedures for registering foreign motor carriers to operate across the border into the United States are found at 49 U.S.C. 13902(c). Related regulations appear at 49 CFR 368. The FHWA carries out this registration program under authority delegated by the Secretary of Transportation. Form OP-2 is used by foreign motor carriers to apply for registration with the FHWA. The form requests information on the motor carrier's location, the form of business, ownership and control, and proposed operations.

Respondents: Foreign Motor Carriers.

Average Burden per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,400 hours.

Frequency: This is a one-time reporting requirement.

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 reinstatement of this information collection.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315 and 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33424]

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. (PNWR), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company's (BNSF) line, known as the Astoria Branch, between milepost 5.22 near Willbridge and milepost 96.88 near Tongue Point, in Clatsop, Columbia, and Washington Counties, OR, a distance of approximately 91.66 miles. BNSF is also granting incidental trackage rights to PNWR over the line between milepost 5.22 near Willbridge and milepost 3.30 near Willbridge Yard, a distance of approximately 1.92 miles.¹

¹ On July 10, 1997, John D. Fitzgerald, on behalf of the United Transportation Union—General Committee of Adjustment (UTU-GCA), filed a petition to reject, to revoke, and to stay the notice of exemption. The notice of exemption is in compliance with our regulations at 49 CFR 1150.41 et seq. and will not be rejected. The notice of exemption was filed on July 3, 1997, and became effective on July 10, 1997, the same day UTU-GCA's petition was filed. See 49 CFR 1150.42(b). Therefore, as the stay request was filed after the exemption had taken effect, it will not be