

AMENDMENTS TO PFC APPROVALS

Amendment No., city/ state	Amendment approved date	Original approved net PFC revenue	Amended approved net PFC revenue	Original estimated charge exp. date	Amended estimated charge exp. date
93-01-C-01-PWM, Portland, ME	02/05/98	\$12,233,751	\$7,668,867	05/01/01	11/01/98
92-01-C-03-MEI, Meridian, MS	04/16/98	122,500	140,875	12/01/00	04/01/01

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Eric Gabler,

Manager, Passenger Facility Charge Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-98-3825]

Notice of Request for Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection: Designation of Agents, Motor Carriers, and Brokers

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 renew its clearance of the currently approved information collection identified below under Supplementary Information. This information collection allows registered motor carriers, property brokers, and freight forwarders a means of meeting process agent requirements.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 3, 1998.

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. and 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 envelope or postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marian Lee, Office of Motor Carrier Information Analysis, (202) 358-7051, 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:

Title: Designation of Agents, Motor Carriers, and Brokers.

OMB Number: 2125-0567.

Background

The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to register for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902, surface freight forwarders under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13903, and property brokers under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13904. These persons may conduct transportation services only if they are registered pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13901. The Secretary has delegated authority pertaining to these registrations to the FHWA. Registered motor carriers, brokers, and freight forwarders must designate (1) an agent on whom service of notices in proceedings before the Secretary may be made (49 U.S.C. 13303); and (2) for every state in which they operate, agents on whom process issued by a court may be served in actions brought against the registered transportation entity (49 U.S.C. 13304). Regulations governing the designation of process agents are found at 49 CFR part 366. This designation is filed with the FHWA on Form BOC-3.

Respondents: Motor carriers, freight forwarders, and brokers.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The estimated average burden per response for Form BOC-3 is 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 3,500 hours for Form BOC-3 based on 21,000 filings per year.

Frequency: Form BOC-3 must be filed when the transportation entity first registers with the FHWA. Subsequent filings are made only if the motor carrier, broker, or freight forwarder changes process agents.

Public Comments Invited

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 OMB'S clearance for a renewal of this information collection.

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

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Michael J. Vecchietti,

Director, Office of Information and Management Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Coordinating Council on Wednesday, July 8, 1998. The following designations are made for each item: (A) is an "action" item; (I) is an "information item;" and (D) is a "discussion" item. The agenda includes the following: (1) Call to Order and Introductions (I); (2) Statements of Antitrust Compliance and Conflict of Interest (A); (3) Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (A); (4) Federal Report (I&D); (5) Shared Resource Policy

(A); (6) ISTEA Reauthorization Update (I/D); (7) President's Report (I); (8) National ITS Advanced Construction and Maintenance Program Action Plan (A); (9) DTAG Program Advice Memorandum (A); (10) Professional Capacity Building Update (I); (11) Research Agenda Framework (I); (12) ITS America Training Program Update (I); (13) FCC Frequency Petition Update (I); (14) Report on ITS World Congresses (I/D); (15) Update on Board Governance Policy Task Force (I); (16) Status of Planning for 9th Annual Meeting (I); (17) Coordinating Council Workshop Report-out (A), (a) Role of the Coordinating Council, (b) The IVI: Review of the RFI Analysis, and Desired Role of the Coordinating Council and Committees in the Future, and (c) ISTEA Reauthorization: Deployment Policy; (18) Roundtable Discussion Of Committee And Task Force Activities—Committee And Task Force Chairs (I/D); (19) Other Business.

ITS AMERICA provides a forum for national discussion and recommendations on ITS activities including programs, research needs, strategic planning, standards, international liaison, and priorities. The charter for the utilization of ITS AMERICA establishes this organization as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 USC app. 2, when it provides advice or recommendations to DOT officials on ITS policies and programs. (56 FR 9400, March 6, 1991).

DATES: The Coordinating Council of ITS AMERICA will meet on Wednesday, July 8, 1998, from 10:20 a.m.—2 p.m. (Eastern Standard time).

ADDRESSES: Airlie Conference Center, 6809 Airlie Road, Warrenton, Virginia, 20187. Phone number: (540) 347-1300. Fax number: (540) 341-3207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 800, Washington, DC. 20024. Persons needing further information or to request to speak at this meeting should contact Kenneth Faunteroy at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-4130, or by FAX at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Mary Pigott, FHWA, HVH-1, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-9230. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

(23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

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Jeffrey Paniati,

Deputy Director, ITS Joint Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Major Investment Study/Environmental Impact Statement on the Lower Manhattan Access Alternatives Study in New York County, NY

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Major Investment Study/Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) intend to prepare a Major Investment Study (MIS) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the FTA/Federal Highway Administration's Statewide Planning, Metropolitan Planning regulations under 23 CFR part 450 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) to study transportation improvements for access to the lower portion of Manhattan in the City of New York. This study will also comply with the requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA). The MTA will ensure that the EIS also satisfies the requirements of the State of New York Environmental Quality Review Act and the City of New York Environmental Quality Review Act.

The MIS/DEIS will investigate how the transportation system serving Lower Manhattan can be improved. Lower Manhattan is an area that: (1) Is experiencing growth in new sectors (residential, recreation and tourist) resulting in a changing mix of land uses and activities; (2) is highly-dependent on quality transit services for continued economic viability; and (3) is perceived to be difficult to access, particularly from commuter railroad terminals in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The purpose of this Lower Manhattan Access Alternatives MIS/DEIS study is to (1) develop feasible, cost-effective, and broadly beneficial transportation solutions that can meet the area's transportation shortcomings; (2) maintain or improve Lower Manhattan's environmental quality; and (3) provide

meaningful and significant opportunities for business, civic and community input throughout the study process.

Among the alternatives that the MIS/DEIS will evaluate are the No-Build Alternative; Transportation System Management (TSM) alternatives; high quality shuttle services; new subway services; extended commuter rail services; and other new alternatives generated through the scoping process. Scoping will be accomplished through correspondence with interested persons, organizations, and federal, state and local agencies, and afternoon and evening public scoping meetings.

DATES: Comment Due Date: Written comments on the alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to the MTA by July 14, 1998. Written comments on the project scope should be sent to John D. Dean, Project Manager, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, 347 Madison Avenue (10th Floor), New York, New York 10017. Oral comments may also be provided at the scoping meeting. *Scoping Meetings:* Public scoping meetings will be held on:

- Thursday, June 18, 1998, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the U.S. Customs House, 1 Bowling Green, New York, New York 10041.
- Thursday, June 18, 1998, 5 PM to 7 PM, in the MTA Board Room, 347 Madison Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10017.
- Tuesday, June 23, 1998, 5 PM to 7 PM, Social Services Auditorium, 101 County Seat Drive, Mineola, New York 11501.
- Wednesday, June 24, 1998, 5 PM to 7 PM, Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Carr, Director, Office of Planning and Program Development, Federal Transit Administration, 26 Federal Plaza, Suite 2940, New York, New York 10278. Phone: (212) 264-8162, FAX (212) 264-8973.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Scoping

FTA and MTA invite all individuals, organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies to participate in defining the alternatives to be evaluated in the MIS/DEIS and identifying any significant social, economic, or environmental issues related to the alternatives. A draft Scoping Document will be prepared to describe the purpose of the project, the proposed alternatives, the impact areas to be evaluated, the public involvement program, and the preliminary project schedule. This