

FINRA Rules of similar purpose, resulting in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for their common members and member organizations. To the extent the Exchange has proposed changes that differ from the NYSE version of these Rules, such changes are technical in nature and do not change the substance of the proposed NYSE Amex Equities Rules.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act¹⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁸ Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.¹⁹

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)²⁰ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),²¹ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the

Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Acceleration of the operative date will allow the immediate change of the NYSE Amex's rule to make it consistent with the FINRA rule, thereby making compliance for dual members less burdensome. For these reasons, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing.²²

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSEAMEX-2009-52 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEAMEX-2009-52. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written

communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NYSE.

All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEAMEX-2009-52 and should be submitted on or before September 8, 2009.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²³

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2009-0041]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration invites public comment about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) to approve the following new information collection: 49 U.S.C. Section 5339—Alternatives Analysis Program (OMB Number: 2132-NEW). The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on May 13, 2009.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before September 17, 2009. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaStar Matthews, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366-2295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

²³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied the requirement.

²⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

²¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

²² For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay of the proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5339—Alternatives Analysis Program.

Abstract: Under Section 3037 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA—LU), the Alternatives Analysis Program (49 U.S.C. 5339) provides grants to States, authorities of the States, metropolitan planning organizations, and local government authorities to develop studies as part of the transportation planning process. The purpose of the Alternatives Analysis Program is to assist in financing the evaluation of all reasonable modal and multimodal alternatives and general alignment options for identified transportation needs in a particular, broadly defined travel corridor. The transportation planning process of Alternatives Analysis includes an assessment of a wide range of public transportation or multimodal alternatives, which will address transportation problems within a corridor or subarea; provides ample information to enable the Secretary to make the findings of project justification and local financial commitment; supports the selection of a locally preferred alternative; and enables the local Metropolitan Planning Organization to adopt the locally preferred alternative as part of the long-range transportation plan. FTA intends to evaluate program implementation by collecting information such as project milestones and financial status reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 28 hours for each of the respondents.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725—17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, *Attention:* FTA Desk Officer.

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.

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Ann M. Linnertz,

Associate Administrator for Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Erie and Cattaraugus Counties, NY

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) will be prepared for the proposed highway improvement project: US Route 219 Springville to Salamanca, NY Route 39 to NY Route 17 (I-86), Erie & Cattaraugus Counties, New York. A Reevaluation of the 2003 FEIS was completed in May 2009; NYSDOT and FHWA concluded that a SEIS for the un-built portion of the project was required due to (i) significant increase in the area of identified wetlands in the project corridor, and (ii) observed changes in traffic growth rates for some segments of existing Route 219 that may influence the safety and operational characteristics of the previously identified alternatives. These issues will be evaluated and presented through the development of the SEIS. FHWA intends to utilize the environmental review provisions afforded under Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA—LU) in the development of the SEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey W. Kolb, P.E., Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, New York Division, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 7th Floor, Suite 719, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207, *Telephone:* (518) 431-4127. Or Alan E. Taylor, P.E., Regional Director, NYSDOT Region 5; 100 Seneca Street, Buffalo, NY 14203, *Telephone:* (716) 847-3238.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to supplement the 2003 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) completed for the US Route 219, Springville to Salamanca, project. The SEIS will address the segment of Route 219 between the Town of Ashford and Interstate 86 near the City of Salamanca, all in Cattaraugus County, New York. The proposed improvement would involve the construction of a new route or the

upgrade and rehabilitation of the existing route for a distance of about 25 miles. This project is necessary for the continuation of a modern and efficient transportation facility and trade corridor from the Greater Buffalo-Niagara region, at the US/Canadian border, to the I-86 corridor near the City of Salamanca. Depending on the alternative selected, the project may include interchanges, access management practices, and by-passes around population centers.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) the Null Alternative: taking no action; (2) the Upgrade Alternative: widening the existing two-lane highway to four lanes with the possible inclusion of population center by-passes; and (3) the Freeway Alternative: constructing a four-lane, limited access freeway on new location.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, along with private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed interest in this action and/or the 2003 FEIS. The public and agencies will be offered an opportunity to comment on the Purpose and Need, range of alternatives, level of detail, methodologies, etc. This will be accomplished through a series of coordination/stakeholder meetings. Subsequent to the coordination/stakeholder meetings, public information meetings will be held throughout the development of the SEIS in Ellicottville and Great Valley in 2010 and 2011. In addition, formal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) public hearings will be conducted. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearings. The Draft SEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the SEIS should be directed to the New York State Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration at the addresses provided above. Please identify all correspondence regarding this project as: PIN 5101.84, US Route 219, Springville to Salamanca, NY Route 39 to NY Route 17 (I-86)—SEIS, Erie & Cattaraugus Counties, New York.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this