

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

**Abstract of proposed collection:** The export, temporary import, temporary export and brokering of defense articles, defense services and related technical data are licensed by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls in accordance with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (22 CFR parts 120–130) and Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act. Any person who engages in the business of manufacturing or exporting defense articles, defense services, and related technical data, or the brokering thereof, must register with the Department of State. Persons desiring to engage in brokering activities must submit an application or written request to conduct the transaction to the Department to obtain a decision whether it is in the interests of U.S. foreign policy and national security to approve the transaction.

**Methodology:** These forms/information collections may be sent to the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls via the following methods: Mail or personal delivery.

Dated: September 12, 2012.

**Robert S. Kovac,**

*Managing Director of Defense Trade Controls,  
Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S.  
Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Request To Release Airport Property

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Rule on Request to Release Airport Property at the Meade Municipal Airport (MEJ), Meade, KS.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the release of land at the Meade Municipal Airport (MEJ), Meade, Kansas, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 22, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Lynn D. Martin, Airports Compliance Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, ACE–610C, 901 Locust Room 364, Kansas City, MO 64106.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to: Dean Cordes, City Administrator, Meade Municipal Airport, City of Meade P.O. Box 338, 132 S. Fowler, Meade, KS 67864, (620) 873–2091.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn D. Martin, Airports Compliance Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, ACE–610C, 901 Locust Room 364, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 329–2644, [lynn.martin@faa.gov](mailto:lynn.martin@faa.gov). The request to release property may be reviewed, by appointment, in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release approximately 2.75 acres of airport property at the Meade Municipal Airport (MEJ) under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2). On February 1, 2012, the City of Meade's City Administrator requested from the FAA that approximately 2.75 acres of property be released for sale to Max Papay's Water Hauling Services. On August 16, 2012, the FAA determined that the request to release property at Meade Municipal Airport (MEJ) submitted by the Sponsor meets the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration and the release of the property does not and will not impact future aviation needs at the airport. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no sooner than thirty days after the publication of this Notice.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

Meade Municipal Airport (MEJ) is proposing the release of a parcel, totaling 2.75 acres. The release of land is necessary to comply with Federal Aviation Administration Grant Assurances that do not allow federally acquired airport property to be used for non-aviation purposes. The sale of the subject property will result in the land at the Meade Municipal Airport (MEJ) being changed from aeronautical to nonaeronautical use and release the lands from the conditions of the AIP Grant Agreement Grant Assurances. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 47107(c)(2)(B)(i) and (iii), the airport will receive fair market value for the property, which will be subsequently reinvested in another eligible airport

improvement project for general aviation facilities at the Meade Municipal Airport.

Any person may inspect, by appointment, the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, any person may, upon appointment and request, inspect the application, notice and other documents determined by the FAA to be related to the application in person at the Meade Municipal Airport.

Issued in Kansas City, MO on September 12, 2012.

**Jim A. Johnson,**

*Manager, Airports Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2012–0077]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on June 22, 2012. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by October 22, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments within 30 days to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information.

All comments should include the Docket number FHWA–2012–0077.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marlys Osterhues, 202–366–2052, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Project Development and Environmental Review, E76–312, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FHWA Environmental Excellence Awards.

*Background:* In 1995 FHWA established the biennial Environmental Excellence Awards to recognize partners, projects and processes that use FHWA funding sources to go beyond environmental compliance and achieve environmental excellence. Awardees must make an outstanding contribution that goes beyond traditional transportation projects and that encourages environmental stewardship and partnerships to achieve a truly multi-faceted, environmentally sensitive transportation solution.

*Award:* Anyone can nominate a project, process, person or group that has used Federal Highway Administration funding sources to make an outstanding contribution to transportation and the environment. The nominator is responsible for submitting an application via the FHWA Environmental Excellence Awards Web site that gives a summary of the outstanding accomplishments of the entry. The collected information will be used by FHWA to evaluate, showcase and enhance the public's knowledge on incorporating environmental stewardship into the planning and project development process. Nominations will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges from varying backgrounds. It is anticipated that awards will be given every two years. The winners are presented plaques at an awards ceremony.

*Respondents:* Anyone who has used Federal Highway funding sources in the fifty states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

*Frequency:* The information will be collected biennially.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 8 hours per respondent per application.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* It is expected that the respondents will complete approximately 150 applications for an estimated total of 1,200 annual burden hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this

information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed 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 burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued On: September 17, 2012.

**Steven Smith,**

*Chief, Information Technology Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA 2012–0006–N–12]

#### Environmental Impact Statement for the Northeast Corridor Between Washington, DC, New York, NY and Boston, MA

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes the collection of information for which FRA intends to seek OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than November 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number [Docket No. FRA 2012–0006–N–12] online at <http://www.regulations.gov> (follow the online instructions for submitting comments), by mail to Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001, by hand delivery to West Building Ground Floor,

Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays), or by facsimile to (202) 493–2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the Docket number for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Rebecca Reyes-Alicea, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Railroad Policy & Development, Mail Stop 20, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13, 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR Part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days' notice to the public for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(I)–(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(I)–(iv).

FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with this collection of information. Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment, including your