



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2025-0433]

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: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a new information collection. We are required to publish this notice in the Federal Register by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0433 by any of the following methods:

Web Site: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bronwen Keiner, bronwen.keiner@dot.gov, or Edward Starks, edward.starks@dot.gov, (202) 366-4000, Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue S.E., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

We published a Federal Register Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on September 19, 2025, at [90 FR 45306]. The notice received no comments.

Title: National Scenic Byway Program (NSBP).

Background: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) administers the NSBP. It was established by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 in Section 162 of Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), and reauthorized and expanded significantly in 1998 under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century and again under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users in 2005. The NSBP is a grass-roots collaborative effort established to help recognize, preserve, and enhance selected roads throughout the United States. Before 2019, Congress last authorized discretionary NSBP funds in 2012 under the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012. Between 1992 and 2012, FHWA awarded over \$505 million in NSBP grants. In 2022, FHWA awarded approximately \$21.8 million in grants to 33 projects.

Respondents: The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), announcing up to \$26.95 million of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and 2024 funding for the National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) competitive grants, was available for State DOTs and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to respond on grants.gov from September 17, 2024 through December 16, 2024. FHWA will be publishing an Amendment No. 1 to this NOFO. FHWA is not soliciting new applications for FY 2023 and 2024 NSBP NOFO. Applicants who submitted an application in accordance with the FY 2023 and 2024 NSBP NOFO requirements prior to December 16, 2024, will be notified of this Amendment No. 1 and will be provided 21 calendar days, from the date of Amendment No. 1 to indicate they are retaining their existing application, submit an amended application, or request withdrawal of their application from consideration for NSBP grant funding. FHWA is expecting the 93 applicants who submitted their applications prior to the December 16, 2024 date to respond. If no response is received by the deadline date, FHWA will retain and consider the

previously submitted application.

Frequency: NOFOs and grant solicitations will be published annually by FHWA but are subject to the availability of funds in appropriations, or any legislation signed into law authorizing funds.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The average burden per response varies depending on the project stage. The application stage takes approximately 3 hours per respondent. The email attachment takes approximately 30 minutes to complete per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: It is expected that the respondents will complete 93 applications for an estimated total of 326 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.

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