

the Korean government related to exports of U.S. motor vehicles to the Korean market are unreasonable and discriminatory and burden or restrict U.S. commerce.

(2) U.S. Action

The Government of the Republic of Korea has agreed to take several measures, described above, to resolve the matters under investigation. Therefore, pursuant to section 304(a)(1)(B) of the Trade Act, the USTR has determined that the appropriate action in this case is to terminate the investigation and to monitor under section 306 the Korean government's implementation of these measures to eliminate those acts, policies, and practices.

**Joanna K. McIntosh,**

*Chairman, Section 301 Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-98-4671]

#### Notice of Request for Clearance of a New Information Collection: Local Technical Assistance Program Extent of Coverage

**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 approve a new information collection related to the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) which provides for training, technology transfer and technical assistance to local and tribal government transportation providers. This information collection will be in the form of a survey that will document the extent of coverage of the LTAP and provide a baseline from which to measure the Program's progress in expanding that coverage between now and the year 2002.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 4, 1999.

**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 envelope or postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Anna K. Bennett, LTAP Project Manager, (415) 744-2616, Federal Highway Administration, Western Resource Center, 201 Mission Street, Suite 2100, San Francisco, CA 94105. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., p.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Local Technical Assistance Program Extent of Coverage

*OMB Number:*

*Background:* The 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 percent of local and tribal governments by the year 2002. Information is needed to document the extent to which local and tribal transportation agencies recognize, utilize, and are satisfied with 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 through a mail survey. Respondents will be asked to complete a brief, standardized questionnaire asking if employees of their agency 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 year, and their satisfaction with those services.

Information will be collected from a simple random sample of all local and tribal governments in the U.S. In order to sample the population of local and tribal governments in the United States and Puerto Rico with +/- three percent error at 95 percent confidence, 1,100 surveys need to be completed. Based on responses to an earlier LTAP study, a 17 percent response rate to the mail survey is anticipated. Therefore, questionnaires will be mailed to 6,500 randomly

selected employees of local and tribal governments to ensure obtaining 1,100 completed survey forms.

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.

*Estimated average burden per response:* 20 minutes to read and respond to the mail survey.

*Estimated total annual Burden:* 367 hours.

*Frequency:* The survey will be conducted once for a baseline measurement and again in the year 2002 to measure progress.

*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 for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*Electronic access:* Internet users can access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

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**George S. Moore, Jr.,**

*Associate Administrator for Administration.*

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