

The Department of Transportation (DOT) recently released a notice of review of DOT policy, guidance and regulation and is requesting stakeholder comments on those regulatory and administrative requirements that are burdensome and impede transportation infrastructure projects. DOT recognizes that stakeholders often have direct experience with those burdensome requirements and are in a unique position to provide insight to the Department. Comments are due July 24, 2017.

DOT is requesting comments regarding requirements imposed through regulations or interpretations found in policy statements or guidance documents that “unjustifiably delay or prevent completion of surface, maritime, and aviation transportation infrastructure projects.” The request directs commenters to discuss: (1) a specific policy statement, guidance document, regulation or statute that imposes a burden; (2) a description of the burden it imposes on the completion of an infrastructure project, preferably with verifiable and quantifiable data; (3) a description of a less burdensome alternative, if one is available, or why there is not a legitimate objective motivating the requirement; and (4) examples of negatively affected transportation infrastructure project and expected benefits if the requirement is removed or revised.

DOT seeks comments on regulatory and administrative requirements issued by the following: the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST); the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA); the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); the Maritime Administration (MARAD); and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The Federal Register notice is available [here](#).

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