

October 28, 2008

Ralph Erickson
U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration
Office of Policy/Office of Highway Policy Information
Highway Funding and Motor Fuels Division (HPPI-10)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: *Federal Register* notice of October 1, 2008, for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), *A Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics* (OMB Control Number: 2125-0032)

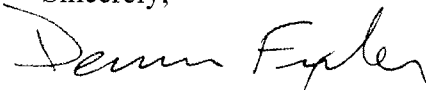
Dear Mr. Erickson:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in *A Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics*. The data collected on the forms included in the guide are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses information from the FHWA's highway statistics program to prepare the regional economic accounts, the annual input-output accounts, and the benchmark input-output accounts. A list of the items used and a description of their use is attached.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Ruth Bramblett, Source Data Coordinator, on 202-606-9653 or by e-mail at Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,



Dennis Fixler
Chief Statistician

Attachment

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Items Used by BEA From *A Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics*

Form	Description of BEA's Use of
FHWA-531 State Highway Income	State motor vehicle, driver license, and motor carrier taxes and fees from Table MV-2 to estimate state personal taxes for the travel and tourism satellite account.
FHWA-539 Toll Facility Income and Expenditures	Expenses and receipts from Tables SF-3B, SF-4B, LGF-3B, and LGF-4B to estimate state and local government revenue and expenses, as well as gross output for state and local government enterprises in the benchmark input-output accounts.
Provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury	Receipts from Table FE-9 to estimate federal excise taxes by state to be included in gross state product.