

Revised Form FHWA-561

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Objectives Behind Form's Revisions

- Improve data quality and timeliness
- Reduce state reporting burden
 - Data entries from over 200 to under 30

Process Used

- Conducted four web presentations to introduce proposed form changes and gather state comments
- 92 participants from 33 states

Why We Collect the Data

To support the administering of the Federal-aid highway program by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in areas of:

- Planning,
- Transportation conformity determination,
- Multimodal design,
- Revenue forecasting,
- Freight movement analysis,
- Motorcycle safety grants.

Type of Data Collected

- Vehicle registration data
 - Transactions
 - Active registrations – Only data reported on revised Form
- Registration related fees and other receipts
- The revised FHWA-561 does not create any new vehicle categories

Definition of Active Registrations

- The number and types of vehicles having valid license plates/decals in a State at a given date and time (snapshot).
- Active registration means a vehicle has a valid governmental issued license plate or decal for operating on public roads and highways.

Definition of Active Registrations cont'd

- Transactions are a proxy if your state requires vehicles to be reregistered every year
- May require an ad hoc data request if your state allows multi-year registrations.

Definitions of Fees and Receipts

- Have not changed
- Net vehicle registration fees and receipts collected over a 12 month period
- Review updated reporting guidelines for specifics

Public Versus Private Vehicles

- Public vehicles are these vehicles owned by state and local government agencies
 - Federally-owned vehicles typically not registered by state governments
 - May require an ad hoc computer run to determine active registrations
- Private vehicles are owned by individuals or corporations

I. Vehicle Registrations

Sum of two equals total vehicles

Gov't vehicle registrations snapshot on reporting date

Private vehicle registrations snapshot on reporting date

Vehicle Type		Gov't vehicle registrations snapshot on reporting date	Private vehicle registrations snapshot on reporting date
A. Passenger Vehicles	1. Automobiles		
	2. Motorcycles		
	3. Motor Bicycles and Mopeds		
	4. All Passenger Vehicles ← Sum of the above		
B. Buses	1. School		
	2. Non-School		
	3. All Buses ← Sum of the above		
C. Trucks	1. Single-Unit (over 10,000 lbs max GVW)		
	2. Truck Tractors		
	3. All Trucks ← Sum of the above		
E. Trailers			

Vehicle Registration Fees and Receipts

Fees collected in
previous 12 months
ending on reporting
date

II. All Vehicle Registration Fees	Section II, F. Column 5 of current previous form
III. Receipts	
1. Dealers' licenses or permits	Section III, A. Column 2 of previous form
2. Certificates of title (new and transfer)	Section III, B. Column 2 of previous form
3. Fines and penalties	Section III.C. Column of previous form
4. Oversize and/or overweight permits	Section III.G.7, Column 2 of previous form
5. Other receipts	Section III, sum of Items D,E, F and G, less G.7 of previous form
IV. Grand Total, Receipts and Fees	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> \$ Section IV –Grand Total, All Receipts of previous form </div>

Due Dates for Submittals

- If a State's data is based on calendar year, the due date for FHWA-561 data is April 1;
- If a state's data is based on State's fiscal year, the due date for FHWA-561 data is January 1;

Implementation

- Revised form and guide currently available on FHWA website at:
 - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/eforms/mv-dl.htm>
 - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/hss/guide/ch3.cfm>

Questions and Comments

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