

Portal, post mile 42.7 in Mariposa County, California. The total length of the project is 0.7 mile. This project is proposing the following build alternatives:

- Alternative C (Open-Cut Realignment) would realign the highway to the northeast, spanning the Merced River and bypassing the rockslide. State Route 140 would cut through the mountain across from the rockslide and then span back across the river where it would meet the existing alignment. Two bridges would be constructed to cross the river.

- Alternative T (Tunnel Realignment) would realign the highway to the northeast, spanning the Merced River and bypassing the rockslide. State Route 140 would tunnel 725 feet through the mountain across from the rockslide and then span back across the river where it would meet the existing alignment. Two bridges would be constructed to cross the river.

- Alternative S (Viaduct Realignment) would realign the highway to the northeast, spanning the Merced River with two bridges and bypassing the rockslide with a hillside viaduct and retaining wall.

- No-Build Alternative would leave State Route 140 damaged and blocked by the Ferguson rockslide. As a result of the No-Build Alternative, the temporary detour would become the permanent State Route 140 alignment. The current vehicle length restrictions would remain in place along with the traffic signals controlling the single-lane access through the detour. The structures for the temporary detour were constructed during a declared emergency and were designed as a temporary solution to the closure of State Route 140. These structures would not meet standard design features nor would the detour meet the purpose and need of the project.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, Participating Agencies, the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, the Yosemite-Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Public hearings will be held in Mariposa and El Portal, California. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearings. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearings. An Environmental Assessment was prepared and then circulated for agency and public review on November 19,

2007. The circulation period was a 45-day review that ended on January 3, 2008. Based on agency and public comments, Caltrans has decided to begin the preparation of an EIS. Scoping meetings and hearings were previously held during May, June, and November of 2007. The meetings and hearings were held at Mariposa and El Portal, California.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to Caltrans at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2008-0010]

### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes a previously approved collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval for an extension.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 24, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by DOT Docket No. NHTSA-2008-0010] by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Telephone: 1-800-647-5527.
- Fax: 202-493-2251.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this proposed collection of information. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://DocketInfo.dot.gov>.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Walter Culbreath at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Room W51-204, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Culbreath's telephone number is (202) 366-1566. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations

describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collection of information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

*Title:* Generic Clearance for Customer Surveys.

*OMB Number:* 2127-0579.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Executive Order 12862 mandates that agencies survey their customers to identify the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. Other requirements include the Governmental Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 which promotes a new focus on results, service quality, and customer satisfaction. NHTSA will use surveys of the public and other external stakeholders to gather data as one input to decisionmaking on how better to meet the goal of improving safety on the nation's highways. The data gathered on public expectations, NHTSA's products and services, along with specific information on transportation safety, will be used by the agency as input to structure its processes and products, forecast safety trends and achieve the agency's goals.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households are primary survey respondents. Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, Federal agencies, and State, local or tribal governments are other possible survey respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 13,468.

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Margaret O'Brien,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

**Petition for Exemption From the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Grant of petition for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This document grants in full the petition of Hyundai-Kia Motors Corporation (Hyundai) in accordance with § 543.9(c)(2) of 49 CFR Part 543, *Exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard*, for the Hyundai Genesis vehicle line beginning with model year (MY) 2009. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard. Hyundai requested confidential treatment for its information and attachments submitted in support of its petition. The agency will address Hyundai's request for confidential treatment in a separate letter.

**DATES:** The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with model year (MY) 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Deborah Mazyck, International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Mazyck's

telephone number is (202) 366-0846. Her fax number is (202) 493-2290.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a petition dated October 22, 2007, Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc., on behalf of Hyundai-Kia Motors (Hyundai) requested an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR Part 541) for the Hyundai Genesis vehicle line beginning with MY 2009. The petition requested an exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR Part 543, *Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard*, based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for an entire vehicle line.

Under § 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant an exemption for one of its vehicle lines per year. Hyundai has petitioned the agency to grant an exemption for its Genesis vehicle line beginning with MY 2009. In its petition, Hyundai provided a detailed description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the Genesis vehicle line. Hyundai will install its passive antitheft device as standard equipment on the vehicle line. Features of the antitheft device will include a passive immobilizer consisting of an EMS (engine control unit), SMARTRA 3 (immobilizer unit), an antenna coil and transponder ignition keys. Additionally, the Hyundai Genesis will have a standard alarm system which will monitor all the doors, the trunk and the hood of the vehicle. The audible and visual alarms are activated when an unauthorized person attempts to enter or move the vehicle by unauthorized means. Hyundai's submission is considered a complete petition as required by 49 CFR 543.7, in that it meets the general requirements contained in § 543.5 and the specific content requirements of § 543.6.

The antitheft device to be installed on the MY 2009 Hyundai is a transponder-based electronic immobilizer system. The vehicle immobilizer device consists of the EMS, the SMARTRA 3 and ignition keys with a built-in transponder. Hyundai stated that the EMS carries out the check of the ignition key by special encryption algorithm which runs in the transponder and in the EMS in parallel. The engine can only be started if the results of the ignition key check and algorithm are equal.

Hyundai stated that the device is automatically activated by removing the key from the ignition switch and locking the vehicle door. In order to arm the device, the key must be removed from