

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0022]****Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel PROVIDENCE (Sailboat); Invitation for Public Comments****AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 9, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0022 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0022 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2020-0022, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-453,

Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email [Bianca.carr@dot.gov](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel PROVIDENCE is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “Charter for 6 passengers for hire or less (Six Pack).”

—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* “Florida” (Base of Operations: Punta Gorda, FL)

—*Vessel Length and Type:* 44’ sailboat

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2020-0022 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

**Public Participation***How do I submit comments?*

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

*Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?*

Go to the docket online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2020-0022 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

*Will my comments be made available to the public?*

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

*May I submit comments confidentially?*

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim and, if possible, a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

**Privacy Act**

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

Dated: January 31, 2020.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****[Docket Number NHTSA-2019-0146]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Notice and Request for Comment; Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles**

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments on a reinstatement of a previously-approved information collection.

**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, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections. This document describes an Information Collection Request (ICR) for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 6, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by the Docket No. DOT–NHTSA–2019–0146 through any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Pyne, 202–366–4171, Office of Rulemaking (NRM230), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W43–457, Washington, DC 20590. 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.

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

*Title:* 49 CFR 571.403, *Platform lift systems for motor vehicles*, and 49 CFR 571.404, *Platform lift installations in motor vehicles*.

*OMB Control Number:* 2127–0621.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement without change of a previously approved information collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Requested Expiration Date of Approval:* 3 years from date of approval.

*Abstract:* Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 403, *Platform lift systems for motor vehicles*,

establishes minimum performance standards for platform lifts intended for installation in motor vehicles to assist wheelchair users and other persons of limited mobility in entering and exiting a vehicle. The standard's purpose is to prevent injuries and fatalities to passengers and bystanders during the operation of platform lifts. The related standard FMVSS No. 404, *Platform lift installations in motor vehicles*, establishes specific requirements for vehicle manufacturers or alterers that install platform lifts in new vehicles. Lift manufacturers must certify that their lifts meet the requirements of FMVSS No. 403 and must declare in the owner's manual, in the installation instructions, and on the operating instruction label that the lift is certified. Certification of compliance with FMVSS No. 404 is included on the vehicle certification label required on all motor vehicles under 49 CFR part 567. Both FMVSS No. 403 and FMVSS No. 404 contain requirements related to information collections. FMVSS No. 403 requires lift manufacturers to produce an insert that is placed in the vehicle owner's manual and lift installation instructions. Additionally, lift manufacturers must affix either one or two labels to be placed near the controls for the lift. The latter illustrate and describe procedures for operating the lift. Our estimates of burden and cost to lift manufacturers to meet these requirements are described below. FMVSS No. 404 requires manufacturers or alterers that install platform lifts to insert the instructions provided by the lift manufacturer into the vehicle owners' manuals and ensure that labels with lift operating procedures are affixed to a location adjacent to the controls.

*Affected Public:* Platform lift manufacturers and vehicle manufacturers or alterers that install platform lifts in motor vehicles prior to first vehicle sale. There is no burden to the general public.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10.

NHTSA estimates that there are 10 platform lift manufacturers doing business at a given time. Platform lift manufacturers typically have a design cycle of approximately 5 years. Therefore, there are aspects of the information collection that only require the manufacturers to incur burden every 5 years, such as changing the owner's manual inserts and labels. However, other aspects of the information collection, such as printing the inserts and labeling the lifts, require manufacturers to incur burden every year.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,562 hours.

NHTSA estimates that a total of 10 lift manufacturers will incur 1,562 hours of burden annually. This estimate is comprised of time to make changes to required language and the time to distribute that information by affixing labels or placards, placing inserts into owners' manuals, and providing installation instructions.

NHTSA estimates that every year approximately two lift manufacturers will need to change the language of the insert for the vehicle owners' manual stating the lift's platform operating volume, maintenance schedule, and operating procedures. NHTSA estimates that it will take manufacturers approximately 24 hours to make those changes. Therefore, NHTSA estimates that changes to the owners' manual inserts will take 48 hours annually (2 manufacturers × 24 hrs = 48 hours per year).

NHTSA estimates that every year approximately two manufacturers will need to change the installation instructions identifying the types of vehicles on which each lift is designed to be installed. NHTSA estimates that it will take manufacturers approximately 24 hours to make those changes. Therefore, NHTSA estimates that changes to the installation instructions will take 48 hours annually (2 manufacturers × 24 hrs = 48 hours per year).

NHTSA estimates that every year approximately two manufacturers will need to make changes to labels or placards which identify the operating functions of the lift. NHTSA estimates that it will take manufacturers approximately 24 hours to make those changes. Therefore, NHTSA estimates that changes to the labels or placards for lift functions will take 48 hours annually (2 manufacturers × 24 hrs = 48 hours per year).

NHTSA estimates that every year approximately two lift manufacturers will need to make changes to labels and placards detailing back-up operating procedures. NHTSA estimates that it will take manufacturers approximately 24 hours to make those changes. Therefore, NHTSA estimates that changes to the language of labels or placards for back-up operating procedures will take 48 hours annually (2 manufacturers × 24 hrs = 48 hours per year).

In addition to making periodic changes to the wording of the owners' manual inserts, installation instructions, label or placard for lift operating procedures, and the label or placard for lift back-up operation, lift

manufacturers also incur burden associated with distributing that information by affixing labels or placards, placing inserts into owners' manuals, and providing installation instructions.

NHTSA estimates that there will be 27,398 lifts manufactured in each of the next three years. NHTSA estimates that distributing the required information will take approximately 3 minutes per lift or approximately 1,370 hours for all

lifts annually (27,398 lifts × 3 minutes per lift = 82,194 minutes, 82,194 minutes ÷ 60 = 1,370 hours).

	Lift manufacturers	Hours to make change	Annual hours
Per Year Insert Language .....	2	24	48
Per Year Install Instruct .....	2	24	48
Per Year Label Change/Operating .....	2	24	48
Per Year Label Change/Back-up .....	2	24	48
	Lifts-each year next 3 years	Mins. to distribute	Total hours
Distribution .....	27,398	3	1,370
Estimated Total Burden Hours .....			1,562

**Estimated Cost for This Information Collection:**

The cost of this collection of information will comprise printing costs and hourly labor costs. NHTSA's estimate of printing costs can be broken down as follows:

- Owner's manual insert—27,398 lifts × \$0.04 per page × 1 page = \$1,095.92
  - Installation instructions—27,398 lifts × \$0.04 per page × 1 page = \$1,095.92
  - Label/placard for lift operating procedures—27,398 lifts × \$0.13 per label = \$3,561.74
  - Label/placard for lift backup operation—27,398 lifts × \$0.13 per label = \$3,561.74
- Based on this breakdown, NHTSA estimates the total printing cost associated with this information collection is \$9,315.32 annually.

	Lifts-each year next 3 years	Per unit	Total cost
Owner's Manual Insert .....	27,398	\$0.04	\$1,095.92
Install Instructions .....	27,398	0.04	1,095.92
Label Change/Operating Procedure .....	27,398	0.13	3,561.74
Label Change/Back-up Operation .....	27,398	0.13	3,561.74
Estimated Annual Printing Cost for This Information Collection .....			9,315.32

The labor cost is derived by applying appropriate hourly labor rates published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics<sup>1</sup> (BLS) to the hourly burden discussed previously in this notice. There are two categories of labor involved. First, for "Assemblers and Fabricators" (Occupation code 51-2000) with an average wage of \$22.94/hour, the labor

rate is \$32.72/hour (based on BLS statistics showing wages for private industry workers are 70.1 percent of total compensation<sup>2</sup>). Multiplying that hourly labor rate by the estimated 1,370 labor hours needed annually to affix and distribute the required informational materials yields an annual labor cost of \$44,832.81. Second, for "Technical

Writers" (Occupation code 27-3042) with an average wage of \$33.98/hour, the labor rate is \$47.47/hour. Multiplying that hourly labor rate by the estimated 192 labor hours needed for revisions to labels and printed materials yields an annual labor cost of \$9,306.93. The total annual labor cost is thus estimated to be \$54,139.74.

	Average wage	Percent of total compensation	Labor rate	Annual hours	Annual labor cost
Assemblers and Fabricators .....	\$22.94	70.1	\$32.72	1,370	\$44,832.81
Technical Writers .....	33.98	70.1	48.47	192	9,306.93
Estimated Annual Labor Cost for This Information Collection .....					54,139.74

Combining the above estimated printing costs and estimated labor costs, NHTSA estimates that the total cost of

this information collection is \$63,455.06 per year.

<sup>1</sup> Available online at [https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4\\_336100.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4_336100.htm).

<sup>2</sup> See Table 1 at <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ecec.pdf>.

Estimated Annual Printing Cost for This Information Collection .....	\$9,315.32
Estimated Annual Labor Cost for This Information Collection .....	54,139.74
Combined Estimated Annual Printing Cost & Labor Cost for This Information Collection .....	63,455.06

**Public Comments Invited:** 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: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35; and delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8.

**Raymond R. Posten,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2019-0179]

#### Notice of Request for Comments: Ensuring American Leadership in Automated Vehicle Technologies: Automated Vehicles 4.0 (AV 4.0)

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The USDOT and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) invites public comment on the document, *Ensuring American Leadership in Automated Vehicle Technologies: Automated Vehicles 4.0* (AV 4.0). This document builds upon *Preparing for the Future of Transportation: Automated Vehicles 3.0* (AV 3.0) and expands the scope to 38 relevant United States Government (USG) components which have direct or

tangential equities in safe development and integration of AV technologies.

**DATES:** You should submit your comments prior to April 2nd, 2020.

**Written Comments:** Comments should refer to the docket number above and be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Portal:** <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:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

**Instructions:** For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the Public Participation heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**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 USDOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact us at [automation@dot.gov](mailto:automation@dot.gov) or Sujeesh Kurup (202-604-9102, [SujeeshKurup.SudarsanaKurup@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:SujeeshKurup.SudarsanaKurup@ostp.eop.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** AV 4.0 builds on AV 3.0 by expanding the scope to 38 Federal departments, independent agencies, commissions, and Executive Offices of the President. AV 4.0 is structured around three key areas: (1) USG AV technologies

principles, (2) Administration Efforts Supporting AV Technology Growth and Leadership, and (3) USG Activities and Opportunities for Collaboration. The AV 4.0 document is available at: [www.transportation.gov/av/4](http://www.transportation.gov/av/4).

The USDOT and OSTP sees AV 4.0 as a method to ensure a consistent USG approach to AV technologies and to ensure that the United States continues to lead AV technologies' research, development, and integration. The USDOT and OSTP are seeking public comments on the document, *Ensuring American Leadership in Automated Vehicle Technologies: Automated Vehicles 4.0*.

### Public Participation

*How do I prepare and submit comments?*

Your comments must be written and in English. To ensure that your comments are filed correctly in the docket, please include the docket number of this document in your comments.

Please submit one copy (two copies if submitting by mail or hand delivery) of your comments, including the attachments, to the docket following the instructions given above under **ADDRESSES**. Please note, if you are submitting comments electronically as a PDF (Adobe) file, we ask that the documents submitted be scanned using an Optical Character Recognition (OCR) process, thus allowing the agency to search and copy certain portions of your submissions.

*How do I submit confidential business information?*

Any submissions containing Confidential Information must be delivered to OST in the following manner:

- Submitted in a sealed envelope marked "confidential treatment requested";
- Accompanied by an index listing the document(s) or information that the submitter would like the Department to withhold. The index should include information such as numbers used to identify the relevant document(s) or information, document title and description, and relevant page numbers and/or section numbers within a document; and
- Submitted with a statement explaining the submitter's grounds for