

49 U.S.C. 5310 and 5311 authorize FTA to review applications for federal financial assistance to determine eligibility and compliance with statutory and administrative requirements. The applications must contain sufficient information to enable FTA to make the findings required by law to enforce the requirements of the programs. Information collected during the project management stage provides a basis for monitoring approved projects to ensure timely and appropriate expenditure of federal funds by grant recipients.

**Respondents:** State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions and non-profit institutions and small business organizations.

**Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents:** Approximately 111 hours for each of the 178 respondents.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 20,775 hours.

**Frequency:** Annual.

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**Matthew M. Crouch,**

*Deputy Administrator for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Limitation on Claims Against Proposed Public Transportation Projects

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces final environmental actions taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for projects in the following locations: Village of Thomaston, Nassau County, NY; Detroit, MI; and Los Angeles, CA. The purpose of this notice is to announce publicly the environmental decisions by FTA on the subject projects and to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge these final environmental actions.

**DATES:** By this notice, FTA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to Section 139(l) of Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.). A claim seeking judicial review of the FTA actions announced herein for the listed public transportation project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before September 19, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy-Ellen Zusman, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, (312) 353-2577 or Terence Plaskon, Environmental Protection Specialist,

Office of Human and Natural Environment, (202) 366-0442. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that FTA has taken final agency actions by issuing certain approvals for the public transportation projects listed below. The actions on the projects, as well as the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the documentation issued in connection with the project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in other documents in the FTA administrative record for the projects. Interested parties may contact either the project sponsor or the relevant FTA Regional Office for more information on the project. Contact information for FTA's Regional Offices may be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

This notice applies to all FTA decisions on the listed projects as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including, but not limited to, NEPA [42 U.S.C. 4321-4375], Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303], Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 470f], and the Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q]. This notice does not, however, alter or extend the limitation period for challenges of project decisions subject to previous notices published in the **Federal Register**. The projects and actions that are the subject of this notice are:

1. **Project name and location:** Colonial Road Improvement Project, Village of Thomaston, Nassau County, NY. **Project sponsor:** Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Long Island Rail Road. **Project description:** The Colonial Road Improvement Project will extend the existing Great Neck pocket track, install a crossover connecting the pocket track with Main Line track, replace the Colonial Road Bridge, and correct drainage deficiencies beneath the Colonial Road Bridge to improve track drainage. **Final agency actions:** No use determination of Section 4(f) resources; Section 106 finding of no adverse effect; project-level air quality conformity, and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), dated March 12, 2013. **Supporting documentation:** Environmental Assessment, dated December 2012.

2. **Project name and location:** Woodward Avenue Streetcar Project, Detroit, MI. **Project sponsor:** Michigan Department of Transportation. **Project**

**description:** The project consists of a 3.3-mile, fixed-rail, at-grade streetcar system located entirely within the right-of-way of Woodward Avenue from Larned Street in downtown Detroit to Chandler Street/Delaware Street, north of Grand Boulevard in New Center.

**Final agency actions:** No use determination of Section 4(f) resources; Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement, dated March 22, 2013; project-level air quality conformity; and Amended Record of Decision, dated April 5, 2013. **Supporting documentation:** Supplemental Environmental Assessment, dated February 2013.

3. **Project name and location:** Westside Subway Extension Project, Los Angeles, CA. **Project sponsor:** Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). **Project description:** The project will extend heavy rail transit, in a subway, from the existing Metro Purple Line western terminus at the Wilshire/Western Station to a new western terminus at the Westwood/Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital Station. LACMTA will construct a geotechnical exploratory test shaft near the planned Wilshire/Fairfax Station in order to study ground conditions and measure gas and soil pressures as part of the pre-construction activities related to the project. This notice only applies to the discrete actions taken by FTA at this time, as described below. Nothing in this notice affects FTA's previous decisions, or notice thereof, for this project. **Final agency actions:** FTA determination that neither a supplemental environmental impact statement nor a supplemental environmental assessment is necessary. **Supporting documentation:** Final Exploratory Shaft Environmental Technical Memorandum, documenting any potential environmental impacts from construction of the exploratory shaft and mitigation measures implemented.

4. **Project name and location:** Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project, Los Angeles, CA. **Project sponsor:** Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). **Project description:** The project will extend heavy rail transit from the existing Metro Exposition Line at Crenshaw and Exposition Boulevards to the Metro Green Line's Aviation/LAX Station. LACMTA proposes three modifications to the project. These modifications resulted from refinements to design and efforts to reduce cost, to respond to community concerns, reduce right-of-way acquisition, and to improve circulation. The proposed modifications

and refinements include reconfiguration of a mid-block at-grade pedestrian crossing to an undercrossing at Faithful Central Bible Church; reconfiguration of a below-grade trench to an aerial guideway over La Brea Avenue; and elevation of the planned at-grade Florence/La Brea Station to street level. This notice only applies to the discrete actions taken by FTA at this time, as described below. Nothing in this notice affects FTA's previous decisions, or notice thereof, for this project. *Final agency actions:* FTA determination that neither a supplemental environmental impact statement nor a supplemental environmental assessment is necessary. *Supporting documentation:* Supplemental Environmental Technical Memorandum, documenting any potential environmental impacts from the proposed design changes.

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**Lucy Garliauskas,**

*Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment, Washington, DC.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA- 2013-0010]

#### Urbanized Area Formula Program: Proposed Circular

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Proposed Circular and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has placed in the docket and on its Web site, proposed guidance, in the form of a circular, to assist recipients in their implementation of the section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program. The purpose of this proposed circular is to provide recipients of FTA financial assistance with instructions and guidance on program administration and the grant application process. The proposed revisions to the existing circular are a result of changes made to the Urbanized Area Formula Program by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act. By this notice, FTA invites public comment on the proposed circular.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by June 21, 2013. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by the docket number FTA-

2013-0010 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Submit electronic comments and other data to <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *U.S. Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building, Ground Floor, at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, at (202) 493-2251.

*Instructions:* The agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and Docket Number (FTA-2013-0010) must be included at the beginning of each submission. If sent by mail, please submit two copies. Due to security procedures in effect since October 2001, mail received through the U.S. Postal Service may be subject to delays. Parties mailing comments should consider using an express mail firm to ensure their prompt filing. If you wish to receive confirmation that FTA received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review USDOT's complete Privacy Act Statement published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000, at 65 FR 19477-8 or <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For program matters, Adam Schildge, Office of Project Management, (202) 366-0778 or [Adam.Schildge@dot.gov](mailto:Adam.Schildge@dot.gov). For legal matters, Rita Maristch, Office of Chief Counsel, (215) 656-7249 or [Rita.Maristch@dot.gov](mailto:Rita.Maristch@dot.gov). Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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#### I. Overview

This notice provides a summary of proposed changes to FTA Circular 9030.1D, Urbanized Area Formula Program: Program Guidance and Application Instructions. The section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program authorizes Federal financial assistance for public transportation in urbanized areas for capital and planning projects, job access and reverse commute projects, and, in some cases, operating assistance. This program was affected by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21, Pub. L. 112-141), signed into law on July 6, 2012. FTA is updating the existing circular, 9030.1D, published on May 10, 2010, to reflect changes in the law.

MAP-21 made several significant changes to Federal transit laws that are applicable across all of FTA's financial assistance programs and reflected in the proposed circular. These changes further several important goals of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Most notably, MAP-21 grants FTA significant new authority to oversee and regulate the safety of public transportation systems throughout the United States. The Act also puts new emphasis on restoring and replacing the Nation's aging public transportation infrastructure by establishing a new State of Good Repair formula program and new asset management requirements. In addition, it aligns Federal funding with key performance goals and tracks recipients' progress towards these goals. Finally, MAP-21 improves the efficiency of program administration through program consolidation and streamlining.

In addition to MAP-21 updates addressed above, and outlined below, the proposed circular updates the organization and wording of the existing circular to improve clarity and to achieve consistency with FTA's other guidance circulars and to reflect other changes made by MAP-21, specifically to the 5307 program. When adopted, the final circular will supersede the existing circular.

This document does not include the proposed circular for which FTA seeks comment; however, an electronic version is available on FTA's Web site, at [www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov). Paper copies may be obtained by contacting FTA's Administrative Services Help Desk, at (202) 366-4865.

Following, is a chapter-by-chapter analysis of the substantive changes to the existing circular's content.