

Resolution No. 09-12

**PERTAINING TO AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND TO FILE AN APPLICATION
WITH THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION**

A RESOLUTION authorizing the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for a Section 5303, 5304, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316 and/or 5317 grant(s) under the Federal Transit Act.

WHEREAS, the Maryland Transit Administration is the designated recipient in Maryland for grants under the Federal Transit Act,

WHEREAS, the Administrator of the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to counties and to local governments for a mass transportation program of projects, and,

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of the project costs in the program; and,

WHEREAS, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that, in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Federal Transit Act, the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and,

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, the filing of the aforesaid application be endorsed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland is hereby requested to endorse this resolution, thereby indicating approval thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

ATTEST:


Witness


President, Board of County Commissioners of
Calvert County, Maryland

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ADOPTED: 3-13-12
Date

Certificate

This certifies that the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland did in fact before me this date, sign and execute this application and the foregoing Resolution.

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

James S. Lucas

Signature of Recording Officer

Kathy P. Smith

Kathy P. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court

3/14/12

Date

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION.

My Commission Expires 2014

Kathy P. Smith

**STATEWIDE SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
LARGE URBAN TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

I. PROGRAM ASSURANCES

Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland hereby makes the following assurances to the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation in conjunction with its application for state financial assistance for the Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP) and/or for Large Urban funding.

1. The applicant has the requisite fiscal, managerial, and legal capability to carry out the SSTAP and/or Large Urban programs and to receive and disburse state funds.
2. Some combination of local or private funding sources has or will be committed to provide the required local share.
3. The applicant has or will have the time of delivery, sufficient funds to operate the vehicles and/or equipment purchased under this project, as applicable.
4. Private, for-profit transit and paratransit operators have been afforded a fair and timely opportunity by the applicant to participate to the maximum extent feasible in the planning and provision of the proposed transportation services.
5. The applicant has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users, including agencies capable of purchasing service.
6. The applicant has complied with the applicable provisions of the regulations relative to charter bus and school bus operations.
7. The applicant has and will comply with the administrative requirements which relate to the applications made to and grants received from the Maryland Department of Transportation for the Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program and/or the Large Urban program.

II. EQUAL RIGHTS ASSURANCE

Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland hereby makes the following assurance to the Mass Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation of the Maryland Department of Transportation in conjunction with its application for financial assistance for the Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program and/or for the Large Urban Program.

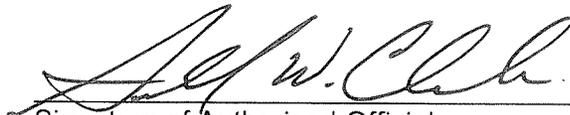
- A. No person, on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under and project, program, or activity funded in whole or in part by FTA.

- A. The applicant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex, national origin, and shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

III. MUNICIPALITY NOTIFICATION CERTIFICATION (SSTAP ONLY)

Certification is given by the recipient named herein Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland with respect to its application for assistance pursuant to the Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program, filed with the Maryland Department of Transportation, as to the following:

- A. That the applicant has notified each municipality in the County, in writing, of the availability of funds through the Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program.
- B. That the needs of such municipalities, with respect to the availability and use of Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program funds in their respective municipalities, have been considered in the application.



 Signature of Authorized Official

Gerald W. Clark

 Name (printed)

President, Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland

 Title

3/11/12

 Date

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
CERTIFICATION

Certification is given by the recipient named herein Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland with respect to its application for assistance pursuant to the Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program, filed with the Maryland Department of Transportation, as to the following:

- A. That the application has been reviewed by the local Area Agency on Aging, named herein Calvert County Office on Aging.
- B. That the local Area Agency on Aging has approved the application for assistance.



 Signature of Authorized Official



 Signature of Authorized Official
 Area Agency on Aging

Gerald W. Clark

 Name (printed)

Susan Justice

 Name (printed)

President, Board of County Commissioners
 Of Calvert County, Maryland

 Title of Authorized Official

Division Chief, Office on Aging

 Title of Authorized Official
 Area Agency on Aging

0/11/12

 Date

2/24/12

 Date

Instructions for Completing the "Listing of Recipients, Eligible Surface Public Transportation Providers and Labor Representatives"

Each county must complete the enclosed "Listing of Recipients, Eligible Surface Public Transportation Providers and Labor Representatives" chart.

The following information is excerpted from the Rural Transportation Employee Protection Guidebook issued by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Warranty provides that the Public Body agrees, that, absent a waiver, the terms and conditions of the Warranty shall apply for the protection of the transportation related employees of any Recipient and the transportation related employees of any other surface public transportation providers in the transportation service area of the Project.

The section also states that the Public Body will provide to DOL and keep up to date during the Project a complete listing of all existing transportation providers which are eligible Recipients of Section 18 assistance in the transportation service area of the Project and any labor organizations representing the employees of the eligible Recipients. The term "eligible Recipient" includes those providers designated to receive Section 18 assistance as well as other surface public transportation providers who are also qualified for grants.

For these purposes:

The term "surface public transportation provider" means a mass transportation operation engaged in the provision of surface transportation services to the public. The term "surface public transportation provider" is meant to include "mass transportation" services as defined by the Urban Mass Transportation Act.

The term "public transportation" means "any transportation by bus or rail or other conveyance, either publicly or privately owned, which provides to the public general or special service on a regular and continuing basis." Public transportation does not include the following: (1) school bus, charter or sightseeing service; (2) exclusive ride taxi service; (3) and service to individuals or groups which excludes use by the general public.

The term "transportation service area of the Project" is intended to include the geographic area over which the Project is operated and the area whose population is served by the Project, including adjacent areas affected by the Project. If a Project in one county draws passengers away from a system in an adjacent county, and employees of that adjacent county system are affected because of such reduction,

that would be considered as included within the scope of the transportation service area of the Project. Also, if a carrier operates service which passes through the service area of a particular Project and the employees of the carrier which passes through the Project area affected by the Project-assisted services, that would be considered as included within the transportation service area of the Project.

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List of Recipients, Eligible Surface Public Transportation Providers, and Labor Representation

(1) Project	(2) Recipients	(3) Other Surface Public Transportation Providers	(4) Union Representation of Employees, if any
Cite Project by Name, Description	Identify Recipients of Transportation Assistance	Identify Other Eligible Surface Public Transportation Providers In Area	Key to Employees of Providers in Columns 1 and 2 (name, address, phone, fax, representatives name & type of employees) SEE EXAMPLE
Application for Public Transportation funds under Section 5311, Formula Grant Program for Calvert County t/a Calvert County Public Transportation Service into Prince Frederick and Return. Service area extends throughout Calvert County.	Calvert County Government t/a Calvert County Public Transportation	NONE	NONE

**Special Section 5333 (b) Warranty
for Application to the Small Urban
and Rural Programs**

A. General Application

The Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland ("Public Body") agrees that, in the absence of waiver by the Department of Labor, the terms and conditions of this warranty, as set forth below, shall apply for the protection of the transportation related employees of any employer providing transportation services assisted by the Project ("Recipient"), and the transportation related employees of any other surface public transportation providers in the transportation service area of the project.

The Public Body shall provide to the Department of Labor and maintain at all times during the Project an accurate, up-to-date listing of all existing transportation providers which are eligible Recipients of transportation assistance funded by the Project, in the transportation service area of the Project, and any labor organizations representing the employees of such providers.

Certification by the Public Body to the Department of Labor that the designated Recipients have indicated in writing acceptance of the terms and conditions of the warranty arrangement will be sufficient to permit the flow of Section 18 funding in the absence of a finding of non-compliance by the Department of Labor.

B. Standard Terms and Conditions

- (1) The Project shall be carried out in such a manner and upon such terms and conditions as will not adversely affect employees of the Recipient and of any other surface public transportation provider in the transportation service area of the Project. It shall be an obligation of the Recipient to assure that any and all transportation services assisted by the Project are contracted for and operated in such a manner that they do not impair the rights and interests of affected employees. The term "Project," as used herein, shall not be limited to the particular facility, service, or operation assisted by Federal funds, but shall include any changes, whether organizational, operational, technological, or otherwise, which are a result of the assistance provided. The phrase "as a result of the Project," shall, when used in this arrangement, include events related to the Project occurring in anticipation of, during, and subsequent to the Project and any program of efficiencies or economies related thereto; provided, however, that volume rises and falls of business, or changes in volume and character of employment brought about solely by causes other than the Project (including any economies or efficiencies unrelated to the Project) are not within the purview of this arrangement.

An employee covered by this arrangement, who is not dismissed, displaced or otherwise worsened in his/her position with regard to employment as a result of the Project, but who is dismissed, displaced or otherwise worsened solely because of the total or partial termination of the Project or exhaustion of Project funding shall not

be deemed eligible for a dismissal or displacement allowance within the meaning of paragraphs (6) and (7) of this arrangement.

- (2) Where employees of a Recipient are represented for collective bargaining purposes, all Project services provided by that Recipient shall be provided under and in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement applicable to such employees which is then in effect. This Arrangement does not create any collective bargaining relationship where one does not already exist or between any Recipient and the employees of another employer. Where the Recipient has no collective bargaining relationship with the Unions representing employees in the service area, the Recipient will not take any action which impairs or interferes with the rights, privileges, and benefits and/or the preservation or continuation of the collective bargaining rights of such employees.
 - (3) All rights, privileges, and benefits (including pension rights and benefits) of employees covered by this arrangement (including employees having already retired) under existing collective bargaining agreements or otherwise, or under any revision or renewal thereof, shall be preserved and continued; provided, however, that such rights, privileges and benefits which are not foreclosed from further bargaining under applicable law or contract may be modified by collective bargaining and agreement by the Recipient and the Union involved to substitute other rights, privileges and benefits. Unless otherwise provided, nothing in this arrangement shall be deemed to restrict any rights the Recipient may otherwise have to direct the working forces and manage its business as it deemed best, in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement.
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- (4) The collective bargaining rights of employees covered by this arrangement, including the right to arbitrate labor disputes and to maintain union security and checkoff arrangements, as provided by applicable laws, policies and/or existing collective bargaining agreements, shall be preserved and continued. Provided, however, that this provision shall not be interpreted so as to require the Recipient to retain any such rights which exist by virtue of a collective bargaining agreement after such agreement is no longer in effect.

The Recipient agrees that it will bargain collectively with the Union or otherwise arrange for the continuation of collective bargaining, and that it will enter into agreements with the Union or arrange for such agreements to be entered into, relative to all subjects which are or may be proper subjects of collective bargaining. If, at any time, applicable law or contracts permit or grant to employees covered by this arrangement the right to utilize any economic measures, nothing in this arrangement shall be deemed to foreclose the exercise of such right.

- (5)(a) The Recipient shall provide to all affected employees sixty (60) days' notice of intended actions which may result in displacements or dismissals or rearrangements of the working forces as a result of the Project. In the case of employees represented by a Union, such notice shall be provided by certified mail through their representatives. The notice shall contain a full and adequate statement of the proposed changes, and an estimate of the number of employees affected by the intended changes, and the number and classifications of any jobs within the jurisdiction and control of the Recipient, including those in the employment of any entity bound by this arrangement pursuant to paragraph (21), available to be filled by such affected employees.
- (5)(b) The procedures of this subparagraph shall apply to cases where notices involve employees represented by a Union for collective bargaining purposes. At the request of either the Recipient or the representatives of such employees, negotiations for the purposes of reaching agreement with respect to the application of the terms and conditions of this arrangement shall commence immediately. These negotiations shall include determining the selection of forces from among the mass transportation employees who may be affected as a result of the Project, to establish which such employees shall be offered employment for which they are qualified or can be trained. If no agreement is reached within twenty (20) days from the commencement of negotiations, any party to the dispute may submit the matter to dispute settlement procedures in accordance with paragraph (15) of this arrangement. Unless the parties otherwise mutually agree in writing, no change in operations, services, facilities or equipment within the purview of this paragraph (5) shall occur until after either: 1) an agreement with respect to the application of the terms and conditions of this arrangement to the intended change(s) is reached; 2) the decision of the arbitrator has been rendered pursuant to this subparagraph (b); or 3) an arbitrator selected pursuant to Paragraph (15) of this arrangement determines that the intended change(s) may be instituted prior to the finalization of implementing arrangements.

- (5)(c) In the event of a dispute as to whether an intended change within the purview of this paragraph (5) may be instituted at the end of the 60-day notice period and before an implementing agreement is reached or a final arbitration decision is rendered pursuant to subparagraph (b), any involved party may immediately submit that issue to arbitration under paragraph (15) of this arrangement. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator shall rely upon the standards and criteria utilized by the Surface Transportation Board (and its predecessor agency, the Interstate Commerce Commission) to address the "preconsummation" issue in cases involving employee protections pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 11326 (or its predecessor, Section 5(2)(f) of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended). If the Recipient demonstrates, as a threshold matter in any such arbitration, that the intended action is a trackage rights, lease proceeding or similar transaction, and not a merger, acquisition, consolidation, or other similar transaction, the burden shall then shift to the involved labor organization(s) to prove that under the standards and criteria referenced above, the intended action should not be permitted to be instituted prior to the effective date of a negotiated or arbitrated implementing agreement. If the Recipient fails to demonstrate that the intended action is a trackage rights, lease proceeding, or similar transaction, it shall be the burden of the Recipient to prove that under the standards and criteria referenced above, the intended action should be permitted to be instituted prior to the effective date of a negotiated or arbitrated implementing agreement. For purposes of any such arbitration, the time period within which the parties are to respond to the list of potential arbitrators submitted by the American Arbitration Association Service shall be five (5) days, the notice of hearing may be given orally or by facsimile, the hearing will be held promptly, the award of the arbitrator shall be rendered promptly and, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of closing the hearings, with five (5) additional days for mailing if posthearing briefs are requested by either party. The intended change shall not be instituted during the pendency of any arbitration proceedings under this subparagraph (c).
- (5)(d) If an intended change within the purview of this paragraph (5) is instituted before an implementing agreement is reached or a final arbitration decision is rendered pursuant to subparagraph (b), all employees affected shall be kept financially whole, as if the noticed and implemented action has not taken place, from the time they are affected until the effective date of an implementing agreement or final arbitration decision. This protection shall be in addition to the protective period defined in paragraph (14) of this arrangement, which period shall begin on the effective date of the implementing agreement or final arbitration decision rendered pursuant to subparagraph (b).

An employee selecting, bidding on, or hired to fill any position established as a result of a noticed and implemented action prior to the consummation of an implementing agreement or final arbitration decision shall accumulate no benefits under this arrangement as a result thereof during that period prior to the consummation of an implementing agreement or final arbitration decision pursuant to subparagraph (b).

- (6)(a) Whenever an employee, retained in service, recalled to service, or employed by the Recipient pursuant to paragraphs (5), (7)(e), or (18) hereof is placed in a worse position with respect to compensation as a result of the Project, the employee shall be considered a "displaced employee", and shall be paid a monthly "displacement allowance" to be determined in accordance with this paragraph. Said displacement allowance shall be paid each displaced employee during the protective period so long as the employee is unable, in the exercise of his/her seniority rights, to obtain a position producing compensation equal to or exceeding the compensation the employee received in the position from which the employee was displaced, adjusted to reflect subsequent general wage adjustments, including cost of living adjustments where provided for.
- (6)(b) The displacement allowance shall be a monthly allowance determined by computing the total compensation received by the employee, including vacation allowances and monthly compensation guarantees, and his/her total time paid for during the last twelve (12) months in which the employee performed compensated service more than fifty per centum of each such months, based upon the employee's normal work schedule, immediately preceding the date of his/her displacement as a result of the Project, and by dividing separately the total compensation and the total time paid for by twelve, thereby producing the average monthly compensation and the average monthly time paid for. Such allowance shall be adjusted to reflect subsequent general wage adjustments, including cost of living adjustments where provided for. If the displaced employee's compensation in his/her current position is less in any month during his/her protective period than the aforesaid average compensation (adjusted to reflect subsequent general wage adjustments, including cost of living adjustments where provided for), the employee shall be paid the difference, less compensation for any time lost on account of voluntary absences to the extent that the employee is not available for service equivalent to his/her average monthly time, but the employee shall be compensated in addition thereto at the rate of the current position for any time worked in excess of the average monthly time paid for. If a displaced employee fails to exercise his/her seniority rights to secure another position to which the employee is entitled under the then existing collective bargaining agreement, and which carries a wage rate and compensation exceeding that of the position which the employee elects to retain, the employee shall thereafter be treated, for the purposes of this paragraph, as occupying the position the employee elects to decline.
- (6)(c) The displacement allowance shall cease prior to the expiration of the protective period in the event of the displaced employee's resignation, death, retirement, or dismissal for cause in accordance with any labor agreement applicable to his/her employment.
- (7)(a) Whenever any employee is laid off or otherwise deprived of employment as a result of the Project, in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement applicable to his/her employment, the employee shall be considered a "dismissed

employee" and shall be paid a monthly dismissal allowance to be determined in accordance with this paragraph. Said dismissal allowance shall first be paid each dismissed employee on the thirtieth (30th) day following the day on which the employee is "dismissed" and shall continue during the protective period, as follow:

Employee's length of service
prior to adverse effect Period of protection
 1 day to 6 years equivalent period
 6 years or more 6 years

The monthly dismissal allowance shall be equivalent to one-twelfth (1/12th) of the total compensation received by the employee in the last twelve (12) months of his/her employment in which the employee performed compensation service more than fifty per centum of each such month based on the employee's normal work schedule to the date on which the employee was first deprived of employment as a result of the Project. Such allowance shall be adjusted to reflect subsequent general wage adjustments, including cost of living adjustments where provided for.

- (7)(b) An employee shall be regarded as deprived of employment and entitled to a dismissal allowance when the position the employee holds is abolished as a result of the Project, or when the position the employee holds is not abolished but the employee loses that position as a result of the exercise of seniority rights by an employee whose position is abolished as a result of the Project or as a result of the exercise of seniority rights by other employees brought about as a result of the Project, and the employee is unable to obtain another position, either by the exercise of the employee's seniority rights, or through the Recipient, in accordance with subparagraph (e). In the absence of proper notice followed by an agreement or decision pursuant to paragraph (5) hereof, no employee who has been deprived of employment as a result of the Project shall be required to exercise his/her seniority rights to secure another position in order to qualify for a dismissal allowance hereunder.
- (7)(c) Each employee receiving a dismissal allowance shall keep the Recipient informed as to his/her current address and the current name and address of any other person by whom the employee may be regularly employed, or if the employee is self-employed.
- (7)(d) The dismissal allowance shall be paid to the regularly assigned incumbent of the position abolished. If the position of an employee is abolished when the employee is absent from service, the employee will be entitled to the dismissal allowance when the employee is available for service. The employee temporarily filling said position at the time it was abolished will be given a dismissal allowance on the basis of that position, until the regular employee is available for service, and thereafter shall revert to the employee's previous status and will be given the protections of the agreement in said position, if any are due him/her.
- (7)(e) An employee receiving a dismissal allowance shall be subject to call to return to service by the employee's former employer; notification shall be in accordance with

the terms of the then-existing collective bargaining agreement if the employee is represented by a union. Prior to such call to return to work by his/her employer, the employee may be required by the Recipient to accept reasonably comparable employment for which the employee is physically and mentally qualified, or for which the employee can become qualified after a reasonable training or retraining period, provided it does not require a change in residence or infringe upon the employment rights of other employees under then-existing collective bargaining agreements.

- (7)(f) When an employee who is receiving a dismissal allowance again commences employment in accordance with subparagraph (e) above, said allowance shall cease while the employee is so reemployed, and the period of time during which the employee is so reemployed shall be deducted from the total period for which the employee is entitled to receive a dismissal allowance. During the time of such reemployment, the employee shall be entitled to the protections of this arrangement to the extent they are applicable.
- (7)(g) The dismissal allowance of any employee who is otherwise employed shall be reduced to the extent that the employee's combined monthly earnings from such other employment or self-employment, any benefits received from any unemployment insurance law, and his/her dismissal allowance exceed the amount upon which the employee's dismissal allowance is based. Such employee, or his/her union representative, and the Recipient shall agree upon a procedure by which the Recipient shall be kept currently informed of the earnings of such employee in employment other than with the employee's former employer, including self-employment, and the benefits received.
- (7)(h) The dismissal allowance shall cease prior to the expiration of the protective period in the event of the failure of the employee without good cause to return to service in accordance with the applicable labor agreement, or to accept employment as provided under subparagraph (e) above, or in the event of the employee's resignation, death, retirement, or dismissal for cause in accordance with any labor agreement applicable to his/her employment.
- (7)(i) A dismissed employee receiving a dismissal allowance shall actively seek and not refuse other reasonably comparable employment offered him/her for which the employee is physically and mentally qualified and does not require a change in the employee's place of residence. Failure of the dismissed employee to comply with this obligation shall be grounds for discontinuance of the employee's allowance; provided that said dismissal allowance shall not be discontinued until final determination is made either by agreement between the Recipient and the employee or his/her representative, or by final arbitration decision rendered in accordance with paragraph (15) of this arrangement that such employee did not comply with this obligation.
- (8) In determining length of service of a displaced or dismissed employee for purposes of this arrangement, such employee shall be given full service credits in accordance with the records and labor agreements applicable to him/her and the employee shall be given additional service credits for each month in which the employee receives a

dismissal or displacement allowance as if the employee were continuing to perform services in his/her former position.

- (9) No employee shall be entitled to either a displacement or dismissal allowance under paragraphs (6) or (7) hereof because of the abolishment of a position to which, at some future time, the employee could have bid, been transferred, or promoted.
- (10) No employee receiving a dismissal or displacement allowance shall be deprived, during the employee's protected period, of any rights, privileges, or benefits attaching to his/her employment, including, without limitation, group life insurance, hospitalization and medical care, free transportation for the employee and the employee's family, sick leave, continued status and participation under any disability or retirement program, and such other employee benefits as Railroad Retirement, Social Security, Workmen's Compensation, and unemployment compensation, as well as any other benefits to which the employee may be entitled under the same conditions and so long as such benefits continue to be accorded to other employees of the bargaining unit, in active service or furloughed as the case may be.
- (11)(a) Any employee covered by this arrangement who is retained in the service of his/her employer, or who is later restored to service after being entitled to receive a dismissal allowance, and who is required to change the point of his/her employment in order to retain or secure active employment with the Recipient in accordance with this arrangement, and who is required to move his/her place of residence, shall be reimbursed for all expenses of moving his/her household and other personal effects, for the traveling expenses for the employee and members of the employee's immediate family, including living expenses for the employee and the employee's immediate family, and for his/her own actual wage loss during the time necessary for such transfer and for a reasonable time thereafter, not to exceed five (5) working days. The exact extent of the responsibility of the Recipient under this paragraph, and the ways and means of transportation, shall be agreed upon in advance between the Recipient and the affected employee or the employee's representatives.
- (11)(b) If any such employee is laid off within three (3) years after changing his/her point of employment in accordance with paragraph (a) hereof, and elects to move his/her place of residence back to the original point of employment, the Recipient shall assume the expenses, losses and costs of moving to the same extent provided in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph (11) and paragraph (12)(a) hereof.
- (11)(c) No claim for reimbursement shall be paid under the provisions of this paragraph unless such claim is presented to the Recipient in writing within ninety (90) days after the date on which the expenses were incurred.
- (11)(d) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (b), changes in place of residence, subsequent to the initial changes as a result of the Project, which are not a result of the Project but grow out of the normal exercise of seniority rights, shall not be considered within the purview of this paragraph.

(12)(a) The following conditions shall apply to the extent they are applicable in each instance to any employee who is retained in the service of the employer (or who is later restored to service after being entitled to receive a dismissal allowance), who is required to change the point of his/her employment as a result of the Project, and is thereby required to move his/her place of residence.

If the employee owns his/her own home in the locality from which the employee is required to move, the employee shall, at the employee's option, be reimbursed by the Recipient for any loss suffered in the sale of the employee's home for less than its fair market value, plus conventional fees and closing costs, such loss to be paid within thirty (30) days of settlement or closing on the sale of the home. In each case, the fair market value of the home in question shall be determined, as of a date sufficiently prior to the date of the Project, so as to be unaffected thereby. The Recipient shall, in each instance, be afforded an opportunity to purchase the home at such fair market value before it is sold by the employee to any other person and to reimburse the seller for his/her conventional fees and closing costs.

If the employee is under a contract to purchase his/her home, the Recipient shall protect the employee against loss under such contract, and in addition, shall relieve the employee from any further obligation thereunder.

If the employee holds an unexpired lease of a dwelling occupied as the employee's home, the Recipient shall protect the employee from all loss and cost in securing the cancellation of said lease.

(12)(b) No claim for loss shall be paid under the provisions of this paragraph unless such claim is presented to the Recipient in writing within one year after the effective date of the change in residence.

(12)(c) Should a controversy arise in respect to the value of the home, the loss sustained in its sale, the loss under a contract for purchase, loss and cost in securing termination of a lease, or any other question in connection with these matters, it shall be decided through a joint conference between the employee, or his/her union, and the Recipient. In the event they are unable to agree, the dispute or controversy may be referred by the Recipient or the union to a board of competent real estate appraisers selected in the following manner: one (1) to be selected by the representatives of the employee, and one (1) by the Recipient, and these two, if unable to agree within thirty (30) days upon the valuation, shall endeavor by agreement with ten (10) days thereafter to select a third appraiser or to agree to a method by which a third appraiser shall be selected, and failing such agreement, either party may request the State and local Board of Real Estate Commissioners to designate within ten (10) days a third appraiser, whose designation will be binding upon the parties and whose jurisdiction shall be limited to determination of the issues raised in this paragraph only. A decision of a majority of the appraisers shall be required and said decision shall be final, binding, and conclusive. The compensation and expenses of the neutral appraiser including expenses of the appraisal board, shall be borne equally by the parties to the proceedings. All other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring them, including the compensation of the appraiser selected by such party.

(12)(d) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (11)(b) hereof, changes in place of residence, subsequent to the initial changes as a result of the Project, which are not a result of the Project but grow out of the normal exercise of seniority rights, shall not be considered within the purview of this paragraph.

(12)(e) "Change in residence" means transfer to a work location which is either (A) outside a radius of twenty (20) miles of the employee's former work location and farther from the employee's residence than was his/her former work location, or (B) is more than thirty (30) normal highway route miles from the employee's residence and also farther from his/her residence than was the employee's former work location.

(13)(a) A dismissed employee entitled to protection under this arrangement may, at the employee's option within twenty-one (21) days of his/her dismissal, resign and (in lieu of all other benefits and protections provided in this arrangement) accept a lump sum payment computed in accordance with section (9) of the Washington Job Protection Agreement of May 1936:

Length of Service Separation Allowance

- 1 year and less than 2 years 3 months' pay
- 2 " " " 3 " 6 " "
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In the case of an employee with less than one year's service, five days' pay, computed by multiplying by 5 the normal daily earnings (including regularly scheduled overtime, but excluding other overtime payments) received by the employee in the position last occupied, for each month in which the employee performed service, will be paid as the lump sum.

Length of service shall be computed as provided in Section 7(b) of the Washington Job Protection Agreement, as follows:

For the purposes of this arrangement, the length of service of the employee shall be determined from the date the employee last acquired an employment status with the employing carrier and the employee shall be given credit for one month's service for each month in which the employee performed any service (in any capacity whatsoever) and twelve (12) such months shall be credited as one year's service. The employment status of an employee shall not be interrupted by furlough in instances where the employee has a right to and does return to service when called. In determining length of service of an employee acting as an officer or other official representative of an employee organization, the employee will be given credit for performing service while so engaged on leave of absence from the service of a carrier.

(13)(b) One month's pay shall be computed by multiplying by 30 the normal daily earnings (including regularly scheduled overtime, but excluding other overtime payments)

received by the employee in the position last occupied prior to time of the employee's dismissal as a result of the Project.

- (14) Whenever used herein, unless the context requires otherwise, the term "protective period" means that period of time during which a displaced or dismissed employee is to be provided protection hereunder and extends from the date on which an employee is displaced or dismissed to the expiration of six (6) years therefrom, provided, however, that the protective period for any particular employee during which the employee is entitled to receive the benefits of these provisions shall not continue for a longer period following the date the employee was displaced or dismissed than the employee's length of service, as shown by the records and labor agreements applicable to his/her employment prior to the date of the employee's displacement or dismissal.
- (15)(a) In the event that employee(s) are represented by a Union, any dispute, claim, or grievance arising from or relating to the interpretation, application or enforcement of the provisions of this arrangement, not otherwise governed by paragraph 12(c), the Labor-Management Relations Act, as amended, the Railway Labor Act, as amended, or by impasse resolution provisions in a collective bargaining or protective arrangement involving the Recipient and the Union, which cannot be settled by the parties thereto within thirty (30) days after the dispute or controversy arises, may be referred by any such party to any final and binding disputes settlement procedure acceptable to the parties. In the event they cannot agree upon such procedure, the dispute, claim, or grievance may be submitted at the written request of the Recipient or the Union to final and binding arbitration. Should the parties be unable to agree upon the selection of a neutral arbitrator within ten (10) days, any party may request the American Arbitration Association to furnish, from among arbitrators who are then available to serve, five (5) arbitrators from which a neutral arbitrator shall be selected. The parties shall, within five (5) days after the receipt of such list, determine by lot the order of elimination and thereafter each shall, in that order, alternately eliminate one name until only one name remains. The remaining person on the list shall be the neutral arbitrator. Unless otherwise provided, in the case of arbitration proceedings, under paragraph (5) of this arrangement, the arbitration shall commence within fifteen (15) days after selection or appointment of the neutral arbitrator, and the decision shall be rendered within forty-five (45) days after the hearing of the dispute has been concluded and the record closed. The decision shall be final and binding. All the conditions of the arrangement shall continue to be effective during the arbitration proceedings.
- (15)(b) The compensation and expenses of the neutral arbitrator, and any other jointly incurred expenses, shall be borne equally by the Union(s) and Recipient, and all other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring them.
- (15)(c) In the event that employee(s) are not represented by a Union, any dispute, claim, or grievance arising from or relating to the interpretation, application or enforcement of the provisions of this arrangement which cannot be settled by the Recipient and the employee(s) within thirty (30) days after the dispute or controversy arises, may be referred by any such party to any final and binding dispute settlement procedure acceptable to the parties, or in the event the parties cannot agree upon such a

procedure, the dispute or controversy may be referred to the Secretary of Labor for a final and binding determination.

- (15)(d) In the event of any dispute as to whether or not a particular employee was affected by the Project, it shall be the obligation of the employee or the representative of the employee to identify the Project and specify the pertinent facts of the Project relied upon. It shall then be the burden of the Recipient to prove that factors other than the Project affected the employee. The claiming employee shall prevail if it is established that the Project had an effect upon the employee even if other factors may also have affected the employee. (See Hodgson's Affidavit in Civil Action No. 825-71).
- (16) The Recipient will be financially responsible for the application of these conditions and will make the necessary arrangements so that any employee covered by this arrangement may file a written claim of its violation, through the Union, or directly if the employee is outside the bargaining unit, with the Recipient within sixty (60) days of the date the employee is terminated or laid off as a result of the Project, or within eighteen (18) months of the date the employee's position with respect to his/her employment is otherwise worsened as a result of the Project. In the latter case, if the events giving rise to the claim have occurred over an extended period, the 18-month limitation shall be measured from the last such event. No benefits shall be payable for any period prior to six (6) months from the date of the filing of any claim. Unless such claims are filed with the Recipient within said time limitations, the Recipient shall thereafter be relieved of all liabilities and obligations related to the claim.

The Recipient will fully honor the claim, making appropriate payments, or will give notice to the claimant or his/her representative of the basis for denying or modifying such claim, giving reasons therefore. If the Recipient fails to honor such claim, the Union or non-bargaining unit employee may invoke the following procedures for further joint investigation of the claim by giving notice in writing. Within ten (10) days from the receipt of such notice, the parties shall exchange such factual material as may be requested of them relevant to the disposition of the claim and shall jointly take such steps as may be necessary or desirable to obtain from any third party such additional factual materials as may be relevant. In the event the Recipient rejects the claim, the claim may be processed to arbitration as hereinabove provided by paragraph (15).

- (17) Nothing in this arrangement shall be construed as depriving any employee of any rights or benefits which such employee may have under existing employment or collective bargaining agreements or otherwise; provided that there shall be no duplication of benefits to any employee, and, provided further, that any benefit under this arrangement shall be construed to include the conditions, responsibilities, and obligations accompanying such benefit. This arrangement shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights of any Union or of any represented employee derived from any other agreement or provision of federal, state or local law.
- (18) During the employee's protective period, a dismissed employee shall, if the employee so requests, in writing, be granted priority of employment or reemployment to fill any vacant position within the jurisdiction and control of the Recipient reasonably comparable to that which the employee held when dismissed, including those in the

employment of any entity bound by this arrangement pursuant to paragraph (21) herein, for which the employee is, or by training or retraining can become, qualified; not, however, in contravention of collective bargaining agreements related thereto. In the event such employee requests such training or re-training to fill such vacant position, the Recipient shall provide for such training or re-training at no cost to the employee. The employee shall be paid the salary or hourly rate provided for in the applicable collective bargaining agreement or otherwise established in personnel policies or practices for such position, plus any displacement allowance to which the employee may be otherwise entitled. If such dismissed employee who has made such request fails, without good cause, within ten (10) days to accept an offer of a position comparable to that which the employee held when dismissed for which the employee is qualified, or for which the employee has satisfactorily completed such training, the employee shall, effective at the expiration of such ten-day period, forfeit all rights and benefits under this arrangement.

As between employees who request employment pursuant to this paragraph, the following order where applicable shall prevail in hiring such employees:

(a) Employees in the craft or class of the vacancy shall be given priority over employees without seniority in such craft or class;

(b) As between employees having seniority in the craft or class of the vacancy, the senior employees, based upon their service in that craft or class, as shown on the appropriate seniority roster, shall prevail over junior employees;

(c) As between employees not having seniority in the craft or class of the vacancy, the senior employees, based upon their service in the crafts or classes in which they do have seniority as shown on the appropriate seniority rosters, shall prevail over junior employees.

(19) The Recipient will post, in a prominent and accessible place, a notice stating that the Recipient has received federal assistance under the Federal Transit statute and has agreed to comply with the provisions of 49 U.S.C., Section 5333(b). This notice shall also specify the terms and conditions set forth herein for the protection of employees. The Recipient shall maintain and keep on file all relevant books and records in sufficient detail as to provide the basic information necessary to the proper application, administration, and enforcement of this arrangement and to the proper determination of any claims arising thereunder.

(20) In the event the Project is approved for assistance under the statute, the foregoing terms and conditions shall be made part of the contract of assistance between the federal government and the applicant for federal funds and between the applicant and any recipient of federal funds; provided, however, that this arrangement shall not merge into the contract of assistance, but shall be independently binding and enforceable by and upon the parties thereto, and by any covered employee or his/her representative, in accordance with its terms, nor shall any other employee protective agreement merge into this arrangement, but each shall be independently binding and enforceable by and upon the parties thereto, in accordance with its terms.

- (21) This arrangement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, and no provisions, terms, or obligations herein contained shall be affected, modified, altered, or changed in any respect whatsoever by reason of the arrangements made by or for the Recipient to manage and operate the system.

Any person, enterprise, body, or agency, whether publicly - or privately-owned, which shall undertake the management, provision and/or operation of the Project services or the Recipient's transit system, or any part or portion thereof, under contractual arrangements of any form with the Recipient, its successors or assigns, shall agree to be bound by the terms of this arrangement and accept the responsibility with the Recipient for full performance of these conditions. As a condition precedent to any such contractual arrangements, the Recipient shall require such person, enterprise, body or agency to so agree.

- (22) In the event of the acquisition, assisted with Federal funds, of any transportation system or services, or any part or portion thereof, the employees of the acquired entity shall be assured employment, in comparable positions, within the jurisdiction and control of the acquiring entity, including positions in the employment of any entity bound by this arrangement pursuant to paragraph (21). All persons employed under the provisions of this paragraph shall be appointed to such comparable positions without examination, other than that required by applicable federal, state or federal law or collective bargaining agreement, and shall be credited with their years of service for purposes of seniority, vacations, and pensions in accordance with the records of their former employer and/or any applicable collective bargaining agreements.
- (23) The employees covered by this arrangement shall continue to receive any applicable coverage under Social Security, Railroad Retirement, Workmen's Compensation, unemployment compensation, and the like. In no event shall these benefits be worsened as a result of the Project.
- (24) In the event any provision of this arrangement is held to be invalid, or otherwise unenforceable under the federal, state, or local law, in the context of a particular Project, the remaining provisions of this arrangement shall not be affected and the invalid or unenforceable provision shall be renegotiated by the Recipient and the interested Union representatives, if any, of the employees involved for purpose of adequate replacement under Section 5333(b). If such negotiation shall not result in mutually satisfactory agreement any party may invoke the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Labor to determine substitute fair and equitable employee protective arrangements for application only to the particular Project, which shall be incorporated in this arrangement only as applied to that Project, and any other appropriate action, remedy, or relief.

(25) If any employer of the employees covered by this arrangement shall have rearranged or adjusted its forces in anticipation of the Project, with the effect of depriving an employee of benefits to which the employee should be entitled under this arrangement, the provisions of this arrangement shall apply to such employee as of the date when the employee was so affected.

Pamela R. Lucas

Signature of Attorney

Gerald W. Clark

Signature of Authorized Official

Pamela R. Lucas

Name (printed)

Gerald W. Clark

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President, Board of County Commissioners of
Calvert County, Maryland

Title

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Date

CIVIL RIGHTS INFORMATION

As a condition of receipt of funding from Section 5307 and 5311 of the Federal Transit Act, information is needed from you on the implementation of Title VI, Civil Rights. You must submit the following as part of your application.

1. **Lawsuits or Complaints**

Attach to this certification a list of any active lawsuits or complaints naming your agency which allege discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin with respect to service or other transit benefits. The list should include; the date the lawsuit or complaint was filed, a summary of the allegation, the status of the lawsuit or complaint, including whether the parties to a lawsuit have entered into a consent decree.

 X Check here if no such lawsuits or complaints have occurred within the past year, a statement to this effect must be submitted.

2. **Federal Financial Assistance**

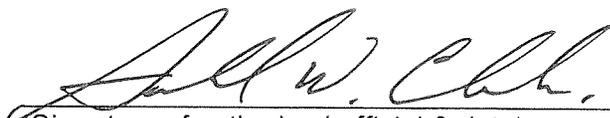
Attach a description of all pending applications for financial assistance, and all financial assistance currently provided by other Federal agencies.

3. **Civil Rights Compliance Reviews**

Attach a summary of all civil rights compliance review activities conducted in the last three years. The summary should include; the purpose or reason for the review, the name of the agency or organization that performed the review, a summary of the findings and recommendations of the review, a report on the status and/or disposition of such findings and recommendations.

 X Check here if a summary of all civil rights compliance review activities is not needed.

This review would be included as part of your A-128 or A-133 Single Audit or Triennial Review or conducted by the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, Federal Transit Administration.



(Signature of authorized official & date)

Gerald W. Clark

(Print authorized official's name)

President, Board of County Commissioners of
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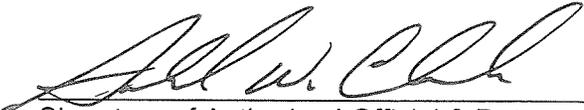
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CERTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

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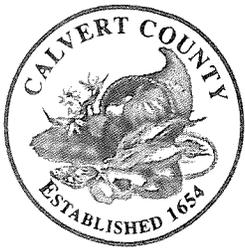
I, Gerald W. Clark, President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland hereby certify to the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation, on behalf of Calvert County Board of County Commissioners Calvert County Public Transportation that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid by or on behalf of the Applicant to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress regarding the award of Federal assistance, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal assistance agreement; and
 - a. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any application for Federal assistance, the Applicant assures that it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," including information required by the instructions accompanying the form, which form may be amended to omit such information as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1352.
 - b. The language of this certification shall be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, subagreements, contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements).
2. The Applicant understands that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed by the Federal Government and that submission of this certification is a prerequisite for providing Federal assistance for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. The Applicant also understands that any person who fails to file a required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

By: 
Signature of Authorized Official & Date

Gerald W. Clark
Name (print)

President, Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland
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To Whom It May Concern:

This communication will serve as the requisite opinion of counsel to be filed with the Federal Transit Administration, United States Department of Transportation, in connection with all applications of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland for financial assistance pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Transit Act (the "Act") for planning, capital, training, demonstration, and/or operating assistance project(s). The legal authority for the Board's ability to carry out planning, capital, training, demonstration, and/or operating assistance projects directly, by lease, contract or otherwise is set forth below:

1. Calvert County is authorized under Article 25, Section 3D of the Annotated Code of Maryland to provide and assist public transportation by acquisition, construction and operation of existing or additional transit facilities. This assistance may be provided directly to Calvert County or be lease arrangements with other parties.
2. The authority of Calvert County to provide for its share of project funds is set forth in the attached resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners.
3. I have reviewed the pertinent Federal, State, and local laws, and I am of the opinion that there is no legal impediment to the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland making applications for financial assistance pursuant to the Act. Furthermore, as a result of my examination, I find that there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect any proposed project(s), or the ability of Calvert County to carry out such projects.

Sincerely,

Pamela R. Lucas

49 CFR 387.9; and motor carrier of passengers—49 CFR 387.33). FMCSA and the public can verify that a motor carrier of property or passengers has obtained, and has in effect, the required minimum levels of financial responsibility, by use of the information enclosed within these documents.

Title: Financial Responsibility for Motor Carrier of Passengers and Motor Carriers of Property.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0008.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently-approved information collection.

Respondents: Insurance and surety companies of motor carriers of property (Forms MCS-90 and MCS-82) and motor carriers of passengers (Forms MCS-90B and MCS-82B).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 175,338.

Estimated Time per Response: The FMCSA estimates it takes two minutes to complete the Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurances for Public Liability or three minutes for the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond; and one minute to place either document on board the vehicle (foreign-domiciled motor carriers only) [49 CFR 387(f)]. These endorsements are maintained at the motor carrier's principal place of business [49 CFR 387.7(iii)(d)].

Expiration Date: March 31, 2010.

Frequency of Response: Upon creation, change or replacement of an insurance policy or surety bond.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 4,056 burden hours [182 hours for Passenger Carriers + 3,401 hours for Property Carriers + 33 hours for Property Carrier Surety Bonds] + 440 hours for placing financial responsibility documents in Canada-domiciled and Mexico- and Non-North America (NNA)-domiciled carriers].

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Issued on: October 9, 2009.

David Anewalt,

Acting Associate Administrator, for Research and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Annual List of Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Grants and Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(n), FTA is authorized to consolidate the certifications and assurances required by Federal law or regulations for its programs into a single document. FTA is also required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(n) to publish a list of those certifications and assurances annually.

Appendix A of this Notice contains the comprehensive compilation of FTA's Certifications and Assurances for Federal Fiscal Year (Federal FY) 2010 applicable to the various Federal assistance programs that FTA will administer during that Federal FY. FTA's Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2010 reflect Federal statutory, regulatory, and programmatic changes that have now become effective.

DATES: Effective Date: These FTA Certifications and Assurances are effective on October 1, 2009, the first day of Federal FY 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FTA staff in the appropriate FTA Regional Office or FTA Metropolitan Office listed below. For copies of other related documents, see the FTA Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov> or contact FTA's Office of Administration at 202-366-4022.

Region 1: Boston

States served: Connecticut (bus only), Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Telephone # 617-494-2055.

Region 2: New York

States served: Connecticut (rail only), New York, and New Jersey. Telephone # 212-668-2170.

Region 3: Philadelphia

States served: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Telephone # 215-656-7100.

Region 4: Atlanta

States served: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Territories served: Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Telephone # 404-865-5600.

Region 5: Chicago

States served: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Telephone # 312-353-2789.

Region 6: Dallas/Ft. Worth

States served: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Telephone # 817-978-0550.

Region 7: Kansas City

States served: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. Telephone # 816-329-3920.

Region 8: Denver

States served: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Telephone # 720-963-3300.

Region 9: San Francisco

States served: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Territories served: Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Telephone # 415-744-3133.

Region 10: Seattle

States served: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Telephone # 206-220-7954.

Chicago Metropolitan Office

Area served: Chicago Metropolitan Area. Telephone # 312-886-1616.

Los Angeles Metropolitan Office

Area served: Los Angeles Metropolitan Area. Telephone # 213-202-3950.

Lower Manhattan Recovery Office

Area served: Lower Manhattan. Telephone # 212-668-1770.

New York Metropolitan Office

Area served: New York Metropolitan Area. Telephone # 212-668-2201.

Philadelphia Metropolitan Office

Area served: Philadelphia Metropolitan Area. Telephone # 215-656-7070.

Washington DC Metropolitan Office

Area served: Washington DC Metropolitan Area. Telephone # 202-219-3562/219-3565.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Purposes

The purposes of this Notice are to:

- Publish FTA's Federal FY 2010 Certifications and Assurances for Applicants for Federal assistance administered by FTA and the Projects for which they seek Federal assistance.

- Highlight new changes to the FTA Certifications and Assurances now in effect.

- Identify locations where these FTA Certifications and Assurances may be viewed, and

- Provide directions for submitting these FTA Certifications and Assurances.

2. Background

a. *FTA's Responsibilities.* Since Federal FY 1995, FTA has been consolidating the various certifications and assurances that may be required of its Applicants and their projects into a single document for publication in the **Federal Register**. FTA intends to continue publishing this document annually, when feasible in conjunction with its publication of the FTA annual apportionment notice, which sets forth the allocations of funds made available by the latest U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) annual appropriations act. Because U.S. DOT's full-year appropriations for Federal FY 2010 were not signed into law on October 1, 2010 (the first day of Federal FY 2010), and have not yet been signed into law, FTA is proceeding with publication of its Certifications and Assurances for FY 2010.

b. *Applicant's Responsibilities.* Respective of whether a project will be financed under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code, or another Federal statute, the Applicant must submit Federal FY 2010 Certifications and Assurances to FTA applicable to all projects for which the Applicant seeks funding during Federal FY 2010.

FTA requests that an Applicant submit all of the twenty-four (24) categories of the Certifications and Assurances that may be needed for all projects for which the Applicant intends to or might seek Federal assistance in the Federal FY 2010. Selecting and submitting these Certifications and Assurances to FTA signifies the Applicant's intent and ability to comply with all applicable provisions thereof.

In order to assure FTA that the Applicant is authorized under State and local law to certify compliance with the FTA Certifications and Assurances it has selected, FTA requires the Applicant to obtain a current (Federal FY 2010) affirmation signed by the Applicant's attorney affirming the Applicant's legal authority to certify its compliance with the FTA Certifications

and Assurances that the Applicant has selected. The Applicant's attorney must sign this affirmation during Federal FY 2010. Irrespective of whether the Applicant makes a single selection of all twenty-four (24) categories of FTA Certifications and Assurances or selects individual categories from the FTA Certifications and Assurances, the Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney from a previous Federal FY is not acceptable, unless FTA expressly determines otherwise in writing.

c. *Effect of Subrecipient Participation.* Absent a written determination by FTA to the contrary, the Applicant itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with the FTA Certifications and Assurances it has selected even though the Project may be carried out in whole or in part by one or more subrecipients. Thus, if subrecipients will be participating in the Project, when the Applicant submits its FTA Certifications and Assurances, the Applicant is also signifying that it will be responsible for compliance, both of itself and of each of its subrecipients, with the provisions of the FTA Certifications and Assurances it has selected. Therefore, in providing Certifications and Assurances that necessarily involve the compliance of any prospective subrecipient, FTA strongly recommends that the Applicant take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient participating in the project, to assure the validity of the Applicant's Certifications and Assurances to FTA.

3. Significant Information About FTA's Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2010

a. Legal Implications

(1) *Binding Commitments.* Because the Applicant is required by Federal law and regulations to comply with the applicable provisions of all FTA Certifications and Assurances it submits, it is important that the Applicant be familiar with the provisions of all twenty-four (24) categories of FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2010. The text of those Certifications and Assurances is contained in Appendix A of this Notice, and also appears at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/2010-Certs-Appendix.A.pdf>, and in FTA's electronic award and management system, TEAM-Web, <http://ftateamweb.fta.dot.gov>, at the "Cert's & Assurances" tab of the "View/Modify Recipients" page in the "Recipients" option. Provisions of this Notice supersede conflicting statements in any FTA circular containing a

previous version of FTA's annual Certifications and Assurances. The Certifications and Assurances contained in those FTA circulars are merely examples, and are not acceptable or valid for Federal FY 2010.

An Applicant's annual Certifications and Assurances to FTA generally remain in effect for either the duration of the Grant or Cooperative Agreement supporting the Project until the Project is closed out or for the duration of the Project or Project property when a useful life or industry standard is in effect, whichever occurs later. If, however, the Applicant provides Certifications and Assurances to FTA in a later year that differ from the Certifications and Assurances previously provided, the later Certifications and Assurances will apply to the Grant, Cooperative Agreement, Project, or Project property, except to the extent FTA permits otherwise in writing.

(2) *Penalties for Noncompliance.* If the Applicant makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, certification, assurance, or representation to the Federal government or includes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in any agreement with the Federal government in connection with a Project authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other Federal law, the Federal government reserves the right to impose on the Applicant the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, or the penalties of 49 U.S.C. 5323(l) invoking the criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001, or other applicable Federal law to the extent the Federal government deems appropriate.

(3) *FTA's Certifications and Assurances Constitute Only a Partial List of Federal Requirements.* FTA cautions that the FTA Certifications and Assurances required by Federal law and regulations do not address all the Federal requirements that will apply to the Applicant and its Project. FTA's Certifications and Assurances are generally pre-award requirements, *i.e.*, those requirements of Federal law and regulations the Applicant must fulfill before FTA is legally authorized to award Federal financial assistance to an Applicant.

(4) *Other Federal Requirements.* Because FTA's Certifications and Assurances do not encompass all Federal requirements that will apply to the Applicant and its Project, FTA strongly encourages the Applicant to

review the Federal authorizing legislation, regulations, and directives pertaining to the program or programs for which the Applicant seeks Federal assistance. The FTA Master Agreement for Federal FY 2010 at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/16-Master.pdf> identifies a substantial number of those Federal laws, regulations, and directives that apply to Applicants and their various projects.

b. *Importance of FTA's Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2010.* Following publication of these Certifications and Assurances, FTA may not award Federal financial assistance through a Federal Grant or Cooperative Agreement until the Applicant submits all of the FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2010 pertaining to itself and its project as required by Federal laws and regulations. The Applicant's Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2010 will be applicable to all projects for which it seeks Federal assistance during Federal FY 2010 and through the next Federal FY until FTA issues its annual Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2011.

c. *Federal FY 2010 Changes.* Apart from minor editorial revisions, significant matters concerning FTA's Certifications and Assurances include the following:

(1) In the Introductory paragraphs preceding the text of FTA's Certifications and Assurances, the FTA Web site for the FTA Master Agreement for Federal FY 2010 is identified as <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/16-Master.pdf>.

(2) Certification (01)F.5(g) has been revised to substitute a more specific citation to the confidentiality provisions of the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, in lieu of the general citation to the Public Health Service Act of 1912.

(3) The text of Certification (02), "Lobbying Certification," has been revised for consistency with terms used in the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and to add a reference to OMB's Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," Rev. 7-97, currently in use.

(4) The heading of Certification (23) has been changed from "Infrastructure Finance Projects" to "TIFIA Projects" for clarity. The acronym "TIFIA" has thus been substituted for the term "Infrastructure Finance" where used previously.

(5) Although the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, February 17, 2009 ("Recovery Act") requires the

submission of certain certifications, as a condition of Recovery Act funding, Recovery Act certifications are resubmitted individually and separately as required by that Act, rather than as a part of FTA's Annual Certifications and Assurances. For that reason, we have not added a new category for annual Recovery Act certifications and assurances.

d. *When to Submit.* All Applicants for FTA formula program or capital program assistance, and current FTA Grantees with an active project financed with FTA formula program or capital program assistance, are expected to provide their FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal FY 2010 within 90 days from the date of this publication or as soon as feasible after their first application for Federal assistance authorized or made available for Federal FY 2010, whichever is earlier. In addition, FTA encourages Applicants seeking Federal assistance for other projects to submit their FTA Certifications and Assurances to FTA as soon as possible to expedite awards of FTA assistance.

4. Ways To Submit FTA Certifications and Assurances

As further explained, FTA will accept an Applicant's Certifications and Assurances submitted either in TEAM-Web at <http://ftatteamweb.fta.dot.gov>, or on paper containing the text set forth on the Signature Page(s) of Appendix A of this Notice. In order of preference, FTA permits:

a. *Electronic Submission in Team-Web.* An Applicant registered in TEAM-Web must submit its FTA Certifications and Assurances, as well as its applications for Federal assistance in TEAM-Web. FTA prefers that other Applicants for Federal assistance submit their FTA Certifications and Assurances through TEAM-Web.

The TEAM-Web "Recipients" option at the "Cert's & Assurances" tab of the "View/Modify Recipients" page contains fields for selecting among the twenty-four (24) categories of FTA Certifications and Assurances to be submitted. There is also a field for entering a single selection covering all twenty-four (24) categories of FTA Certifications and Assurances.

Within the "Cert's & Assurances" tab is a field for the Applicant's authorized representative to enter his or her personal identification number (PIN), which constitutes the Applicant's electronic signature for the FTA Certifications and Assurances selected. In addition, there is a field for the Applicant's attorney to enter his or her PIN, affirming the Applicant's legal

authority to make and comply with the FTA Certifications and Assurances the Applicant has selected. The Applicant's authorized representative may enter his or her PIN in lieu of the Attorney's PIN, provided that the Applicant has a current Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney as set forth in Appendix A of this Notice, written and signed by the attorney in Federal FY 2010.

For more information, the Applicant may contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office or Metropolitan Office listed in this Notice or the TEAM-Web Helpdesk.

b. *Paper Submission.* Only if the Applicant is unable to submit its FTA Certifications and Assurances in TEAM-Web may the Applicant submit its FTA Certifications and Assurances on paper.

If an Applicant is unable to submit its FTA Certifications and Assurances electronically, it must mark the categories of FTA Certifications and Assurances it is making on the Signature Page(s) in Appendix A of this Notice and submit them to FTA. The Applicant may signify compliance with all categories by placing a single mark in the appropriate space or select the categories applicable to itself and its projects.

The Applicant must enter its signature on the Signature Page(s) and must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances the Applicant has selected. The Applicant may enter its signature in lieu of its Attorney's signature in the Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney section of the Signature Page(s), provided that the Applicant has on file the Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney as set forth in Appendix A of this Notice, written and signed by the attorney and dated in Federal FY 2010.

For more information, the Applicant may contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office or Metropolitan Office listed in this Notice.

Authority. 49 U.S.C. chapter 53; the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), as amended by the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act, 2008, Public Law 110-244, June 6, 2008; Title 23, United States Code (Highways); other Federal laws administered by FTA; U.S. DOT and FTA regulations at Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations; and FTA Circulars.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 8th day of October 2009.

Peter M. Rogoff,
Administrator.

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**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2010 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS****PREFACE**

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(n), the following certifications and assurances have been compiled for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assistance programs. FTA requests each Applicant to provide as many certifications and assurances as needed for all programs for which the Applicant intends to seek FTA assistance during Federal Fiscal Year 2010. Category 01 applies to all Applicants. Category 02 applies to all applications for Federal assistance in excess of \$100,000. Categories 03 through 24 will apply to and be required for some, but not all, Applicants and projects. An Applicant may select a single certification that will cover all the programs for which it anticipates submitting an application. FTA requests each Applicant to read each certification and assurance carefully and select all certifications and assurances that may apply to the programs for which it expects to seek Federal assistance.

FTA and the Applicant understand and agree that not every provision of these certifications and assurances will apply to every Applicant or every project for which FTA provides Federal financial assistance through a Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement. The type of project and the section of the statute authorizing Federal financial assistance for the project will determine which provisions apply. The terms of these certifications and assurances reflect applicable requirements of FTA's enabling legislation currently in effect.

The Applicant also understands and agrees that these certifications and assurances are special pre-award requirements specifically prescribed by Federal law or regulation and do not encompass all Federal laws, regulations, and directives that may apply to the Applicant or its project. A comprehensive list of those Federal laws, regulations, and directives is contained in the current FTA Master Agreement MA(16) for Federal Fiscal Year 2010 at the FTA Web site <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/16-Master.pdf>. The certifications and assurances in this document have been streamlined to remove most provisions not covered by statutory or regulatory certification or assurance requirements.

Because many requirements of these certifications and assurances will require the compliance of the subrecipient of an Applicant, we strongly recommend that each Applicant, including a State, that will be implementing projects through one or more subrecipients, secure sufficient documentation from each subrecipient to assure compliance, not only with these certifications and assurances, but also with the terms of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the project, and the applicable Master Agreement for its project, if applicable, incorporated therein by reference. Each Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with the provisions of the certifications and assurances applicable to itself or its project irrespective of participation in the project by any subrecipient. The Applicant understands and agrees that when it applies for FTA assistance on behalf of a consortium, joint venture, partnership, or team, each member of that consortium, joint venture, partnership, or team is responsible for compliance with the certifications and assurances the Applicant selects.

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FTA strongly encourages each Applicant to submit its certifications and assurances through TEAM-Web, FTA's electronic award and management system, at <http://ftateamweb.fia.dot.gov>. Twenty-four (24) Categories of certifications and assurances are listed by numbers 01 through 24 in the TEAM-Web "Recipients" option at the "Cert's & Assurances" tab of "View/Modify Recipients." Should the Applicant choose not to submit its certifications and assurances through TEAM-Web, the Applicant may submit its certifications and assurances on paper by submitting the Signature Page(s) at the end of this document, indicating the certifications and assurances it is making on one side of the document or on one page, and signing its affirmation and that of its attorney on the other side or other page.

01. ASSURANCES REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICANT

Each Applicant for FTA assistance must provide all assurances in this Category "01." Except to the extent that FTA expressly determines otherwise in writing, FTA may not award any Federal assistance until the Applicant provides the following assurances by selecting Category "01."

A. Assurance of Authority of the Applicant and Its Representative

The authorized representative of the Applicant and the attorney who sign these certifications, assurances, and agreements affirm that both the Applicant and its authorized representative have adequate authority under applicable State, local, or Indian tribal law and regulations, and the Applicant's by-laws or internal rules to:

- (1) Execute and file the application for Federal assistance on behalf of the Applicant;
- (2) Execute and file the required certifications, assurances, and agreements on behalf of the Applicant binding the Applicant; and
- (3) Execute grant agreements and cooperative agreements with FTA on behalf of the Applicant.

B. Standard Assurances

The Applicant assures that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in carrying out any project supported by an FTA grant or cooperative agreement. The Applicant agrees that it is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement or cooperative agreement with FTA issued for its project. The Applicant recognizes that Federal laws and regulations may be modified from time to time and those modifications may affect project implementation. The Applicant understands that Presidential executive orders and Federal directives, including Federal policies and program guidance may be issued concerning matters affecting the Applicant or its project. The Applicant agrees that the most recent Federal laws, regulations, and directives will apply to the project, unless FTA issues a written determination otherwise.

C. Intergovernmental Review Assurance

Except if the Applicant is an Indian tribal government seeking assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1), the Applicant assures that each application for Federal assistance it submits to FTA has been submitted or will be submitted for intergovernmental review to the

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appropriate State and local agencies as determined by the State. Specifically, the Applicant assures that it has fulfilled or will fulfill the obligations imposed on FTA by U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) regulations, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Transportation Programs and Activities," 49 CFR part 17. This assurance does not apply to Applicants for Federal assistance under FTA's Tribal Transit Program, 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1).

D. Nondiscrimination Assurance

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5332 (which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity), by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act," 49 CFR part 21 at 21.7, the Applicant assures that it will comply with all requirements imposed by or issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21, so that no person in the United States, on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, or age will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity (particularly in the level and quality of transportation services and transportation-related benefits) for which the Applicant receives Federal assistance awarded by the U.S. DOT or FTA.

Specifically, during the period in which Federal assistance is extended to the project, or project property is used for a purpose for which the Federal assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or as long as the Applicant retains ownership or possession of the project property, whichever is longer, the Applicant assures that:

- (1) Each project will be conducted, property acquisitions will be undertaken, and project facilities will be operated in accordance with all applicable requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21, and understands that this assurance extends to its entire facility and to facilities operated in connection with the project;
- (2) It will promptly take the necessary actions to effectuate this assurance, including notifying the public that complaints of discrimination in the provision of transportation-related services or benefits may be filed with U.S. DOT or FTA. Upon request by U.S. DOT or FTA, the Applicant assures that it will submit the required information pertaining to its compliance with these provisions;
- (3) It will include in each subagreement, property transfer agreement, third party contract, third party subcontract, or participation agreement adequate provisions to extend the requirements imposed by or issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d and 49 CFR part 21 to other parties involved therein including any subrecipient, transferee, third party contractor, third party subcontractor at any level, successor in interest, or any other participant in the project;
- (4) Should it transfer real property, structures, or improvements financed with Federal assistance provided by FTA to another party, any deeds and instruments recording the transfer of that property shall contain a covenant running with the land assuring nondiscrimination for the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits;

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- (5) The United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, U.S. DOT implementing regulations, and this assurance; and
- (6) It will make any changes in its Title VI implementing procedures as U.S. DOT or FTA may request to achieve compliance with the requirements imposed by or issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21.

E. Assurance of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability

As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," at 49 CFR 27.9, the Applicant assures that, as a condition to the approval or extension of any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to construct any facility, obtain any rolling stock or other equipment, undertake studies, conduct research, or to participate in or obtain any benefit from any program administered by FTA, no otherwise qualified person with a disability shall be, solely by reason of that disability, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination in any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal assistance administered by the FTA or any entity within U.S. DOT. The Applicant assures that project implementation and operations so assisted will comply with all applicable requirements of U.S. DOT regulations implementing the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, *et seq.*, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations at 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38, and any other applicable Federal laws that may be enacted or Federal regulations that may be promulgated.

F. U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Assurances

Consistent with OMB assurances set forth in SF-424B and SF-424D, the Applicant assures that, with respect to itself or its project, the Applicant:

- (1) Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to assure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in its application;
- (2) Will give FTA, the Comptroller General of the United States, and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives;
- (3) Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain;
- (4) Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable project time periods following receipt of FTA approval;
- (5) Will comply with all applicable Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin;

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- (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 through 1683, and 1685 through 1687, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR part 25, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex;
- (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability;
- (d) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 through 6107, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
- (e) The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse;
- (f) The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4541 *et seq.* relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism;
- (g) The Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 290dd through 290dd-2., relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records;
- (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing; and
- (i) Any other nondiscrimination statute(s) that may apply to the project;
- (6) To the extent applicable, will comply with, or has complied with, the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (Uniform Relocation Act) 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, which, among other things, provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or persons whose property is acquired as a result of federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes and displacement caused by the project regardless of Federal participation in any purchase. As required by sections 210 and 305 of the Uniform Relocation Act, 42 U.S.C. 4630 and 4655, and by U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs," 49 CFR 24.4, the Applicant assures that it has the requisite authority under applicable State and local law to comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Act, 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs," 49 CFR part 24, and will comply with that Act or has complied with that Act and those implementing regulations, including but not limited to the following:
- (a) The Applicant will adequately inform each affected person of the benefits, policies, and procedures provided for in 49 CFR part 24;
- (b) The Applicant will provide fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance as required by 42 U.S.C. 4622, 4623, and 4624; 49 CFR part 24; and any applicable FTA procedures, to or for families, individuals, partnerships, corporations, or associations displaced as a result of any project financed with FTA assistance;
- (c) The Applicant will provide relocation assistance programs offering the services described in 42 U.S.C. 4625 to such displaced families, individuals, partnerships, corporations, or associations in the manner provided in 49 CFR part 24;
- (d) Within a reasonable time before displacement, the Applicant will make available comparable replacement dwellings to displaced families and individuals as required by 42 U.S.C. 4625(c)(3);

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- (e) The Applicant will carry out the relocation process in such manner as to provide displaced persons with uniform and consistent services, and will make available replacement housing in the same range of choices with respect to such housing to all displaced persons regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin;
 - (f) In acquiring real property, the Applicant will be guided to the greatest extent practicable under State law, by the real property acquisition policies of 42 U.S.C. 4651 and 4652;
 - (g) The Applicant will pay or reimburse property owners for their necessary expenses as specified in 42 U.S.C. 4653 and 4654, with the understanding that FTA will provide Federal financial assistance for the Applicant's eligible costs of providing payments for those expenses, as required by 42 U.S.C. 4631;
 - (h) The Applicant will execute such amendments to third party contracts and subagreements financed with FTA assistance and execute, furnish, and be bound by such additional documents as FTA may determine necessary to effectuate or implement the assurances provided herein; and
 - (i) The Applicant agrees to make these assurances part of or incorporate them by reference into any third party contract or subagreement, or any amendments thereto, relating to any project financed by FTA involving relocation or land acquisition and provide in any affected document that these relocation and land acquisition provisions shall supersede any conflicting provisions;
- (7) To the extent applicable, will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3141 *et seq.*, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended, at 18 U.S.C. 874, and at 40 U.S.C. 3145, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*, regarding labor standards for federally assisted projects;
 - (8) To the extent applicable, will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4012a(a), requiring the Applicant and its subrecipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more;
 - (9) To the extent applicable, will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, 42 U.S.C. 4831(b), which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in the construction or rehabilitation of residence structures;
 - (10) To the extent applicable, will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities on which a construction project supported with FTA assistance takes place without permission and instructions from FTA;
 - (11) To the extent required by FTA, will record the Federal interest in the title of real property, and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project;
 - (12) To the extent applicable, will comply with FTA provisions concerning the drafting, review, and approval of construction plans and specifications of any construction project supported with FTA assistance. As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Seismic Safety," 49 CFR 41.117(d), before accepting delivery of any building financed with FTA assistance, it will obtain a certificate of compliance with the seismic design and construction requirements of 49 CFR part 41;
 - (13) To the extent applicable, will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site of any project supported with FTA assistance to assure

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- that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications, and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by FTA or the State;
- (14) To the extent applicable, will comply with any applicable environmental standards that may be prescribed to implement the following Federal laws and executive orders:
- (a) Institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 through 4335 and Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;
 - (b) Notification of violating facilities pursuant to Executive Order No. 11738, 42 U.S.C. 7606 note;
 - (c) Protection of wetlands pursuant to Executive Order No. 11990, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;
 - (d) Evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with Executive Order No. 11988, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;
 - (e) Assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed pursuant to the requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1451 through 1465;
 - (f) Conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 through 7671q;
 - (g) Protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f through 300j-6;
 - (h) Protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 through 1544; and
 - (i) Environmental protections for Federal transportation programs, including, but not limited to, protections for parks, recreation areas, or wildlife or waterfowl refuges of national, State, or local significance or any land from a historic site of national, State, or local significance to be used in a transportation project as required by 49 U.S.C. 303(b) and 303(c);
 - (j) Protection of the components of the national wild and scenic rivers systems, as required under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1271 through 1287; and
 - (k) Provision of assistance to FTA in complying with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470f; with the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 469 through 469c; and with Executive Order No. 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), 16 U.S.C. 470 note;
- (15) To the extent applicable, will comply with the requirements of the Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. 1501 through 1508 and 7324 through 7326, which limit the political activities of State and local agencies and their officers and employees whose primary employment activities are financed in whole or part with Federal funds including a Federal loan, grant agreement, or cooperative agreement except, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(2) and 23 U.S.C. 142(g), the Hatch Act does not apply to a nonsupervisory employee of a public transportation system (or of any other agency or entity performing related functions) receiving FTA assistance to whom that Act does not otherwise apply;
- (16) To the extent applicable, will comply with the National Research Act, Pub. L. 93-348, July 12, 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 289 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Protection of

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- Human Subjects,” 49 CFR part 11, regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by Federal assistance;
- (17) To the extent applicable, will comply with the Animal Welfare Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*, and U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations, “Animal Welfare,” 9 CFR subchapter A, parts 1, 2, 3, and 4, regarding the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held or used for research, teaching, or other activities supported by Federal assistance;
 - (18) Will have performed the financial and compliance audits as required by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, 31 U.S.C. 7501 *et seq.*, OMB Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations,” Revised, and the most recent applicable OMB A-133 Compliance Supplement provisions for the U.S. DOT; and
 - (19) To the extent applicable, will comply with all applicable provisions of all other Federal laws or regulations, and follow Federal directives governing the project, except to the extent that FTA has expressly approved otherwise in writing.

02. LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

An Applicant that submits or intends to submit an application to FTA for any Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance exceeding \$100,000 is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance exceeding \$100,000 until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category “02.”

- A. As required by 31 U.S.C. 1352 and U.S. DOT regulations, “New Restrictions on Lobbying,” at 49 CFR 20.110, the Applicant’s authorized representative certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that for each application to U.S. DOT or FTA for a Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, or a commitment that the Federal Government to guarantee or insure a loan exceeding \$100,000:
 - (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid by or on behalf of the Applicant to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress regarding the award of a Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance;
 - (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any application for a Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance, the Applicant assures that it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” Rev. 7-97; and
 - (3) The language of this certification shall be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, subagreements, and contracts

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- under grants, loans (including a line of credit), cooperative agreements, loan guarantees, and loan insurance).
- B. The Applicant understands that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed by the Federal government and that submission of this certification is a prerequisite for providing a Federal grant, loan (including a line of credit), cooperative agreement, loan guarantee, or loan insurance for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. The Applicant also understands that any person who fails to file a required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

03. PROCUREMENT COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(g)(3)(ii), each Applicant that is a State, local, or Indian tribal government that is seeking Federal assistance to acquire property or services in support of its project is requested to provide the following certification by selecting Category "03." FTA also requests other Applicants to provide the following certification. An Applicant for FTA assistance to acquire property or services in support of its project that fails to provide this certification may be determined ineligible for award of Federal assistance for the project, if FTA determines that its procurement practices and procurement system fail to comply with Federal laws or regulations in accordance with applicable Federal directives.

The Applicant certifies that its procurements and procurement system will comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations in accordance with applicable Federal directives, except to the extent FTA has expressly approved otherwise in writing.

04. PROTECTIONS FOR PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Each Applicant that is a State, local, or Indian tribal government that is seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any property or an interest in the property of a private provider of public transportation or to operate public transportation equipment or facilities in competition with, or in addition to, transportation service provided by an existing private provider of public transportation is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance for such a project until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "04."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(a)(1), the Applicant certifies that before it acquires the property or an interest in the property of a private provider of public transportation or operates public transportation equipment or facilities in competition with, or in addition to, transportation service provided by an existing public transportation company, it has or will have:

- A. Determined that the assistance is essential to carrying out a program of projects as required by 49 U.S.C. 5303, 5304, and 5306;
- B. Provided for the participation of private companies engaged in public transportation to the maximum extent feasible; and
- C. Paid just compensation under State or local law to the company for any franchise or property acquired.

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05. PUBLIC HEARING

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 for a capital project that will substantially affect a community or a community's public transportation service is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance for a capital project of that type until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "05."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(b), for a proposed capital project that will substantially affect a community, or the public transportation service of a community, the Applicant certifies that it has, or before submitting its application, it will have:

- A. Provided an adequate opportunity for public review and comment on the proposed project;
- B. After providing notice, including a concise description of the proposed project, published in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic area to be served, held a public hearing on the project if the project affects significant economic, social, or environmental interests;
- C. Considered the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project; and
- D. Determined that the proposed project is consistent with official plans for developing the community.

06. ACQUISITION OF ROLLING STOCK FOR USE IN REVENUE SERVICE

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any rolling stock for use in revenue service is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award any Federal assistance to acquire such rolling stock until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "06."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(m) and implementing FTA regulations, "Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits of Rolling Stock Purchases," 49 CFR part 663, at 49 CFR 663.7, the Applicant certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 CFR part 663 as modified by amendments authorized by section 3023(k) of SAFETEA-LU when procuring revenue service rolling stock. Among other things, the Applicant agrees to conduct or cause to be conducted the requisite pre-award and post delivery reviews, and maintain on file the certifications required by 49 CFR part 663, subparts B, C, and D.

07. ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS BY LEASE

An Applicant that intends to request the use of Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire capital assets by lease is required to provide the following certifications. FTA may not provide Federal assistance to support those costs until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "07."

As required by FTA regulations, "Capital Leases," 49 CFR part 639, at 49 CFR 639.15(b)(1) and 49 CFR 639.21, if the Applicant acquires any capital asset by lease financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Applicant certifies as follows:

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- (1) It will not use Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to finance the cost of leasing any capital asset until it performs calculations demonstrating that leasing the capital asset would be more cost-effective than purchasing or constructing a similar asset; and it will complete these calculations before entering into the lease or before receiving a capital grant for the asset, whichever is later; and
- (2) It will not enter into a capital lease for which FTA can provide only incremental Federal assistance unless it has adequate financial resources to meet its future obligations under the lease if Federal assistance is not available for capital projects in the subsequent years.

08. BUS TESTING

An Applicant for Federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any new bus model or any bus model with a new major change in configuration or components is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not provide Federal assistance for the acquisition of any new bus model or bus model with a major change until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "08."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5318 and FTA regulations, "Bus Testing," at 49 CFR 665.7, the Applicant certifies that, before expending any Federal assistance to acquire the first bus of any new bus model or any bus model with a new major change in configuration or components, or before authorizing final acceptance of that bus (as described in 49 CFR part 665):

- A. The bus model will have been tested at FTA's bus testing facility; and
- B. The Applicant will have received a copy of the test report prepared on the bus model.

09. CHARTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 (except as permitted by 49 CFR 604.2), or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, to acquire or operate any public transportation equipment or facilities is required to enter into the following Charter Service Agreement. FTA may not provide Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 (except as permitted by 49 CFR 604.2), or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, for such projects until the Applicant enters into this Charter Service Agreement by selecting Category "09."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) and (g) and FTA regulations at 49 CFR 604.4, the Applicant understands and agrees that it and each subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project at any tier may provide charter service for transportation projects that uses equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance authorized under the Federal transit laws (except as permitted by 49 CFR 604.2), or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, only in compliance with those laws and FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by reference.
- B. The Applicant understands and agrees that:
 - (1) The requirements of FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, will apply to any charter service it or its subrecipients, lessees, third party contractors, or other participants in the project provide;
 - (2) The definitions of FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, will apply to

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- this Charter Service Agreement; and
- (3) A pattern of violations of this Charter Service Agreement may require corrective measures and imposition of remedies, including barring the Applicant, subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project that has engaged in that pattern of violations from receiving FTA financial assistance, or withholding an amount of Federal assistance as set forth in FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, Appendix D.

10. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

An Applicant that is seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or under 23 U.S.C.133 or 142 to acquire or operate public transportation facilities and equipment is required to enter into the following School Transportation Agreement. FTA may not provide Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or under 23 U.S.C.133 or 142 for such projects until the Applicant enters into this School Transportation Agreement by selecting Category "10."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) and (g) and FTA regulations at 49 CFR 605.14, the Applicant understands and agrees that it and each subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project at any tier may engage in school transportation operations in competition with private school transportation operators that uses equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance authorized under the Federal transit laws or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, only in compliance with those laws and FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) or (g), the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by reference.
- B. The Applicant understands and agrees that:
- (1) The requirements of FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) or (g), will apply to any school transportation service it or its subrecipients, lessees, third party contractors, or other participants in the project provide;
 - (2) The definitions of FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605 will apply to this School Transportation Agreement; and
 - (3) If there is a violation of this School Transportation Agreement, FTA will bar the Applicant, subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project that has violated this School Transportation Agreement from receiving Federal transit assistance in an amount FTA considers appropriate.

11. DEMAND RESPONSIVE SERVICE

An Applicant that operates demand responsive service and applies for direct Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire non-rail public transportation vehicles is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award direct Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to an Applicant that operates demand responsive service to acquire non-rail public transportation vehicles until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "11."

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As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," at 49 CFR 37.77(d), the Applicant certifies that its demand responsive service offered to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, is equivalent to the level and quality of service offered to individuals without disabilities. Viewed in its entirety, the Applicant's service for individuals with disabilities is provided in the most integrated setting feasible and is equivalent with respect to: (1) response time, (2) fares, (3) geographic service area, (4) hours and days of service, (5) restrictions on trip purpose, (6) availability of information and reservation capability, and (7) constraints on capacity or service availability.

12. ALCOHOL MISUSE AND PROHIBITED DRUG USE

If the Applicant is required by FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," at 49 CFR part 655, to provide the following certification concerning its activities to prevent alcohol misuse and prohibited drug use in its public transportation operations, FTA may not provide Federal assistance to that Applicant until it provides this certification by selecting Category "12."

As required by FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," at 49 CFR part 655, subpart I, the Applicant certifies that it has established and implemented an alcohol misuse and anti-drug program, and has complied with or will comply with all applicable requirements of FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," 49 CFR part 655.

13. INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCING COSTS

An Applicant that intends to request the use of Federal assistance for reimbursement of interest or other financing costs incurred for its capital projects financed with Federal assistance under the Urbanized Area Formula Program, the Capital Investment Program, or the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not provide Federal assistance to support interest or other financing costs until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "13."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(g)(3), 5309(g)(2)(B)(iii), 5309(g)(3)(B)(iii), 5309(i)(2)(C), and 5320(h)(2)(C), the Applicant certifies that it will not seek reimbursement for interest or other financing costs unless it is eligible to receive Federal assistance for those costs and its records demonstrate that it has used reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms underlying those costs, to the extent FTA may require.

14. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

An Applicant for FTA assistance for an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project, defined as any project that in whole or in part finances the acquisition of technologies or systems of technologies that provide or significantly contribute to the provision of one or more ITS user services as defined in the "National ITS Architecture," is requested to provide the following

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assurance. FTA strongly encourages any Applicant for FTA financial assistance to support an ITS project to provide this assurance by selecting Category "14." An Applicant for FTA assistance for an ITS project that fails to provide this assurance, without providing other documentation assuring its commitment to comply with applicable Federal ITS standards and protocols, may be determined ineligible for award of Federal assistance for the ITS project.

As used in this assurance, the term Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project is defined to include any project that in whole or in part finances the acquisition of technologies or systems of technologies that provide or significantly contribute to the provision of one or more ITS user services as defined in the "National ITS Architecture."

- A. As provided in subsection 5307(c) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. 512 note, apart from certain exceptions, "intelligent transportation system projects carried out using funds made available from the Highway Trust Fund, including funds made available under this subtitle to deploy intelligent transportation system technologies, [shall] conform to the national architecture, applicable standards or provisional standards, and protocols developed under subsection (a) [of section 5307 of SAFETEA-LU]." To facilitate compliance with subsection 5307(c) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. 512 note, the Applicant assures it will comply with all applicable provisions of Section V (Regional ITS Architecture) and Section VI (Project Implementation) of FTA Notice, "FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects," at 66 FR 1455 *et seq.*, January 8, 2001, and other FTA policies that may be issued in connection with any ITS project it undertakes financed with funds authorized under Title 49 or Title 23, United States Code, except to the extent that FTA expressly determines otherwise in writing; and
- B. With respect to any ITS project financed with Federal assistance derived from a source other than Title 49 or Title 23, United States Code, the Applicant assures that it will use its best efforts to assure that any ITS project it undertakes will not preclude interface with other intelligent transportation systems in the Region.

15. URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 is required to provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and any subrecipients participating in its projects. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. If, however a "Designated Recipient" as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5307(a)(2)(A) enters into a Supplemental Agreement with FTA and a Prospective Grantee, that Grantee is recognized as the Applicant for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance and must provide the following certifications and assurances.

Each Applicant is required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J) to expend at least one (1) percent of its

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Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance for public transportation security projects, unless the Applicant has certified that such expenditures are not necessary. Information about the Applicant's intentions will be recorded in the "Security" tab page of the TEAM-Web "Project Information" window when the Applicant enters its Urbanized Area Formula Program application in TEAM-Web.

FTA may not award Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance to any Applicant that is required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K) to expend one (1) percent of its Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance for eligible transit enhancements unless that Applicant's quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year has been submitted to FTA and includes the requisite list or the Applicant attaches in TEAM-Web or includes in its quarterly report information sufficient to demonstrate that the Designated Recipients in its area together have expended one (1) percent of the amount of Urbanized Area Program assistance made available to them for transit enhancement projects.

FTA may not award Federal assistance for the Urbanized Area Formula Program to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications and assurances by selecting Category "15."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies as follows:

- A. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
- B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of Project equipment and facilities;
- C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the Project equipment and facilities;
- D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5307, not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;
- E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
- F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, the Applicant: (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for the Urbanized Area Formula Program, 49 U.S.C. 5307, and the program of projects it proposes to undertake; (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested

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parties including private transportation providers, a proposed program of projects for activities to be financed; (3) has published or will publish a proposed program of projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed program and submit comments on the proposed program and the performance of the Applicant; (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed program of projects; (5) has assured or will assure that the proposed program of projects provides for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source; (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final program of projects; and (7) has made or will make the final program of projects available to the public;

- G. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), the Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(e) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law;
- H. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with: (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
- I. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation;
- J. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J), each Federal fiscal year, the Applicant will spend at least one (1) percent of its funds authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307 for public transportation security projects, unless the Applicant has certified to FTA that such expenditures are not necessary. Public transportation security projects include increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages), increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system, emergency telephone line or lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and any other project intended to increase the security and safety of existing or planned public transportation; and
- K. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K), if the Applicant is a Designated Recipient serving an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000, (1) the Applicant certifies either that it has expended or will expend for transit enhancements as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)(15) not less than one (1) percent of the amount of the Urbanized Area Formula Assistance it receives this Federal fiscal year, or that at least one Designated Recipient in its urbanized area has certified or will certify that the Designated Recipients within that urbanized area together have expended or will expend for transit enhancements as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)(15) not less than one (1) percent of the total amounts the Designated Recipients receive each Federal fiscal year under 49 U.S.C. 5307, and (2) either the Applicant has listed or will list the transit enhancement projects it has carried out with those

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funds, or at least one Designated Recipient in the Applicant's urbanized area has listed or will list the transit enhancement projects carried out with funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307. If the Designated Recipient's quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year includes a list of transit enhancement projects the Designated Recipients in its urbanized area have implemented during that preceding Federal fiscal year using those funds, the information in that quarterly report will fulfill the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K)(ii), and thus that quarterly report will be incorporated by reference and made part of the Designated Recipient's and Applicant's certifications and assurances.

16. CLEAN FUELS GRANT PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Clean Fuels Grant Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5308 is required to provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and its subrecipients. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the Clean Fuels Grant Program until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "16."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5308(d)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Clean Fuels Grant Program assistance, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the designated recipient or the recipient serving as the Applicant on behalf of the designated recipient, or the State or State organization serving as the Applicant on behalf of the State, certifies as follows:

- A. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
- B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
- C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
- D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5308, not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;
- E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5308: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of

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- 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
- F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, the Applicant: (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for the Clean Fuels Grant Program, 49 U.S.C. 5308, and the projects it proposes to undertake; (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, the proposed projects to be financed; (3) has published or will publish a list of the proposed projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed projects and submit comments on the proposed projects and the performance of the Applicant; (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed projects; (5) has assured or will assure that the proposed projects provide for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source; (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of projects; and (7) has made or will make the final list of projects available to the public;
- G. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), the Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5308(d)(2) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law;
- H. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with: (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
- I. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation; and
- J. The Applicant certifies it will operate vehicles purchased with Federal assistance provided under the Clean Fuels Grant Program, 49 U.S.C. 5308 only with clean fuels.

**17. ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM AND PILOT PROGRAM**

Before FTA may award Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program assistance and, if applicable, Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program assistance to a State, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee is required to make the pre-award determinations required by 49 U.S.C. 5310. Because certain information is needed before FTA can make those determinations, each State is requested to provide the following certifications assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the State itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor,

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or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the State is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the State has made to FTA. A State that fails to provide these certifications and assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients may be determined ineligible for a grant of Federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5310 if FTA lacks sufficient information from which to make those determinations required by Federal laws and regulations governing the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program and, if applicable, the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5310 and section 3012 of SAFETEA-LU, respectively. The State is thus requested to select Category "17."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5310(d), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program to the extent that the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the State or State organization serving as the Applicant (State) and that administers, on behalf of the State, the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5310, and, if applicable, the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program authorized by subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU, 49 U.S.C. 5310 note, certifies and assures on behalf of itself and its subrecipients as follows:
- (1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
 - (2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
 - (3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
 - (4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5310 or subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
 - (5) The State has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5310(c), and if applicable by subsections 3012(b)(3) and (4) of SAFETEA-LU, for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and
 - (6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with:
 - (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil);
 - (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and
 - (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through

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- 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
- B. The State assures that each subrecipient either is recognized under State law as a private nonprofit organization with the legal capability to contract with the State to carry out the proposed project, or is a public body that has met the statutory requirements to receive Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5310;
 - C. The private nonprofit subrecipient's application for 49 U.S.C. 5310 assistance contains information from which the State concludes that the transit service provided or offered to be provided by existing public or private transit operators is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meet the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities;
 - D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(A) and subsection 3012(b)(2) of SAFETEA-LU, the State certifies that, before it transfers funds to a project funded under 49 U.S.C. 5336, that project has been or will have been coordinated with private nonprofit providers of services under 49 U.S.C. 5310;
 - E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(C), the State certifies that allocations to subrecipients of financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5310 or subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis; and
 - F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(B) and subsection 3012(b)(2) of SAFETEA-LU, the State certifies that: (1) projects it has selected or will select for assistance under that program were derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and (2) the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public.

18. NONURBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM FOR STATES

The provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5311 establishing the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program for States do not impose, as a pre-condition of award, any explicit certification or assurance requirements established specifically for that program. Only a State or a State organization acting as the Recipient on behalf of a State (State) may be a direct recipient of this Nonurbanized Area Formula Program assistance. Separate certifications and assurances have been established in Category 22 for an Indian tribe that is an Applicant for Tribal Transit Program assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1).

Before FTA may award Nonurbanized Area Formula Program assistance to a State, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee is required to make the pre-award determinations required by 49 U.S.C. 5311. Because certain information is needed before FTA can make those determinations, each State is requested to provide the following certifications and assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the State itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the State is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the State has made to FTA. A State that fails to provide these certifications and assurances on behalf of itself and its

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subrecipients may be determined ineligible for a grant of Federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5311 if FTA lacks sufficient information from which to make those determinations required by Federal laws and regulations governing the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311. The State is thus requested to select Category "18."

The State or State organization serving as the Applicant and that administers, on behalf of the State (State) the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program for States authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311, assures on behalf of itself and its subrecipients as follows:

- A. The State has or will have the necessary legal, financial, and managerial capability to apply for, receive, and disburse Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311; and to carry out each project, including the safety and security aspects of that project;
- B. The State has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
- C. The State assures that the project equipment and facilities will be adequately maintained;
- D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(b)(2)(C)(i), the State's program has provided for a fair distribution of Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311 within the State, including Indian reservations within the State;
- E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(b)(2)(C)(ii), the State's program provides or will provide the maximum feasible coordination of public transportation service to receive assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5311 with transportation service assisted by other Federal sources;
- F. The projects in the State's Nonurbanized Area Formula Program are included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and, to the extent applicable, the projects are included in a metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program;
- G. The State has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5311(g) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and
- H. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(f), the State will expend not less than fifteen (15) percent of its Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5311 to develop and support intercity bus transportation within the State, unless the chief executive officer of the State, or his or her designee, after consultation with affected intercity bus service providers, certifies to the Federal Transit Administrator, apart from these certifications and assurances herein, that the intercity bus service needs of the State are being adequately met.

19. JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Formula Grant Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316 is required to provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and any subrecipient that may be implementing its project. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and

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assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the JARC Formula Grant Program until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "19."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) formula grants, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant for JARC Formula Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316, certifies on behalf of itself and its subrecipients, if any, as follows:
- (1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
 - (2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
 - (3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
 - (4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316 not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;
 - (5) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
 - (6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(1) and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant certifies that (1) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316, it will conduct in cooperation with the appropriate MPO an areawide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis and (2) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316, it will conduct a statewide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis; and that these activities will be carried out in a manner that complies with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. 5307(c);
 - (7) The Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(h) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and
 - (8) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with:
 - (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); and
 - (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through

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- 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
- B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(d), the Applicant certifies that (1) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(A), it will conduct in cooperation with the appropriate MPO an areawide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis and (2) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(B) or 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(C), it will conduct a statewide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis;
 - C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(2), the Applicant certifies that any allocations to subrecipients of financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316 will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis;
 - D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(g)(2), the Applicant certifies that, before it transfers funds to a project funded under 49 U.S.C. 5336, that project has been or will have been coordinated with private nonprofit providers of services;
 - E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(g)(3), the Applicant certifies that: (1) the projects it has selected or will select for assistance under that program were derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and (2) the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public; and
 - F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(3), before the Applicant uses funding apportioned under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(B) or (C) for projects serving an area other than that specified in 49 U.S.C. 5316(2)(B) or (C), the Applicant certifies that the chief executive officer of the State, or his or her designee will have certified to the Federal Transit Administrator, apart from these certifications herein, that all of the objectives of 49 U.S.C. 5316 are being met in the area from which such funding would be derived.

20. NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM

Each Applicant for New Freedom Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 must provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and any subrecipient that may be implementing its project. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the New Freedom Program until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "20."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5317(e)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5310 applicable to New Freedom grants to the extent the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, by 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula grants to the extent the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, and by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant for New

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Freedom Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 certifies and assures on behalf of itself and its subrecipients, if any, as follows:

- (1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
 - (2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
 - (3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
 - (4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
 - (5) The Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5317(g) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and
 - (6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with:
 - (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil);
 - (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and
 - (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
- B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(d), the Applicant certifies that (1) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(A), it will conduct in cooperation with the appropriate MPO an areawide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis and (2) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(B) or 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(C), it will conduct a statewide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis;
- C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(f)(2), the Applicant certifies that, before it transfers funds to a project funded under 49 U.S.C. 5336, that project has been or will have been coordinated with private nonprofit providers of services;
- D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(e)(2), the Applicant certifies that any allocations to subrecipients of financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis; and
- E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(f)(3), the Applicant certifies that: (1) the projects it has selected or will select for assistance under that program were derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and (2) the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and through participation by the public.

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21. PAUL S. SARBANES TRANSIT IN PARKS PROGRAM

Each State, tribal area, or local government authority that is an Applicant for Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program assistance (Applicant) authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5320, is required to provide the following certifications. FTA may not award assistance for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "21."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5320(i), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program to the extent the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies as follows:
- (1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed project, including the safety and security aspects of that project;
 - (2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
 - (3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
 - (4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5320, the Applicant: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
 - (5) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F) and with 49 U.S.C. 5320(e)(2)(C), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, it: (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program, 49 U.S.C. 5320, and the projects it proposes to undertake; (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, projects to be financed; (3) has published or will publish a list of proposed projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed projects and submit comments on the proposed projects and the performance of the Applicant; (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed projects; (5) has assured or will assure that the proposed projects provide for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source; (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of projects; and (7) has made or will make the final list of projects available to the public;
 - (6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with:
 - (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and

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23. TIFIA PROJECTS

Each Applicant for Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) credit assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, is required to provide the following certifications. FTA may not award TIFIA credit assistance to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "23."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(o), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Applicants seeking TIFIA credit assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies as follows:
- (1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
 - (2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
 - (3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
 - (4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;
 - (5) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
 - (6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, it: (a) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for TIFIA credit assistance, 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and the projects it proposes to undertake; (b) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, the proposed projects to be financed; (c) has published or will publish a list of projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed projects and submit comments on the proposed projects and the performance of the Applicant; (d) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed projects; (e) has assured or will assure that the proposed projects provide for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source; (f) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially

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- those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of projects; and
- (g) has made or will make the final list of projects available to the public;
- (7) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), the Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law;
- (8) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), (1) the Applicant will comply with: 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
- (9) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation;
- (10) To the extent that the Applicant will be using funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for the project, in compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J), each Federal fiscal year, the Applicant will spend at least one (1) percent of those funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for public transportation security projects (this includes only capital projects in the case of a Applicant serving an urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or more), unless the Applicant has certified to FTA that such expenditures are not necessary. Public transportation security projects include increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages), increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system, emergency telephone line or lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and any other project intended to increase the security and safety of an existing or planned public transportation; and
- (11) To the extent that the Applicant will be using funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for the project, in compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5309(d)(1)(K): (1) an Applicant that serves an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000 will expend not less than one (1) percent of the amount it receives each Federal fiscal year under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for transit enhancements, as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a), and (2) if it has received transit enhancement funds authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(1), its quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year includes a list of the projects it has implemented during that Federal fiscal year using those funds, and that report is incorporated by reference and made part of its certifications and assurances; and
- B. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(o), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5309 applicable to Applicants seeking TIFIA credit assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and by 49 U.S.C. 5309(g)(2)(B)(iii), 5309(g)(3)(B)(iii), and 5309(i)(2)(C), the Applicant certifies that it will not seek reimbursement for interest and other financing costs incurred in connection with the Project unless the Applicant is eligible to receive Federal assistance for those expenses and the Applicant's records demonstrate that it has used reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms underlying those costs, to the extent FTA may require.

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**24. DEPOSITS OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANKS**

The State organization that administers the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Program on behalf of a State (State) and that is also an Applicant for Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 that it intends to deposit in its SIB is requested to provide the following assurances on behalf of itself, its SIB, and each subrecipient. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the State itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though the SIB and a subrecipient may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its SIB and prospective subrecipients, the State is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from the SIB and each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the State has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the SIB Program to the State until the State provides these assurances by selecting Category "24."

The State organization, serving as the Applicant (State) for Federal assistance for its State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Program authorized by section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified at 23 U.S.C. 610, or by section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or by section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, agrees and assures the agreement of its SIB and the agreement of each recipient of Federal assistance derived from the SIB within the State (subrecipient) that each public transportation project financed with Federal assistance derived from SIB will be administered in accordance with:

- A. Applicable provisions of section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified at 23 U.S.C. 610, or by section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or by section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181;
- B. The provisions of the FHWA, FRA, and FTA or the FHWA and FTA cooperative agreement with the State to establish the State's SIB Program;
- C. The provisions of the FTA grant agreement with the State that provides Federal assistance for the SIB, except that any provision of the Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement incorporated by reference into that grant agreement will not apply if it conflicts with any provision of section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified at 23 U.S.C. 610, or section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or Federal guidance pertaining to the SIB Program, the provisions of the cooperative agreement establishing the SIB Program within the State, or the provisions of the FTA grant agreement;
- D. The requirements applicable to projects of 49 U.S.C. 5307 and 5309, as required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(o); and
- E. The provisions of applicable Federal guidance that may be issued and amendments thereto, unless FTA has provided written approval of an alternative procedure or course of action.

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Selection and Signature Page(s) follow.

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**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2010 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

(Signature page alternative to providing Certifications and Assurances in TEAM-Web)

Name of Applicant: Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of Categories 01 – 24. _____

OR

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Categories it has selected:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	
01.	Assurances Required For Each Applicant.	<u>SW</u>
02.	Lobbying.	<u>SW</u>
03.	Procurement Compliance.	<u>SW</u>
04.	Protections for Private Providers of Public Transportation.	<u>SW</u>
05.	Public Hearing.	<u>SW</u>
06.	Acquisition of Rolling Stock for Use in Revenue Service.	<u>SW</u>
07.	Acquisition of Capital Assets by Lease.	<u>SW</u>
08.	Bus Testing.	<u>SW</u>
09.	Charter Service Agreement.	<u>SW</u>
10.	School Transportation Agreement.	<u>SW</u>
11.	Demand Responsive Service.	<u>SW</u>
12.	Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use.	<u>SW</u>
13.	Interest and Other Financing Costs.	<u>SW</u>
14.	Intelligent Transportation Systems.	<u>SW</u>
15.	Urbanized Area Formula Program.	<u>SW</u>
16.	Clean Fuels Grant Program.	<u>SW</u>
17.	Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Program and Pilot Program.	<u>SW</u>
18.	Nonurbanized Area Formula Program for States.	<u>SW</u>
19.	Job Access and Reverse Commute Program.	<u>SW</u>
20.	New Freedom Program.	<u>SW</u>
21.	Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program.	<u>SW</u>
22.	Tribal Transit Program.	<u>SW</u>
23.	TIFIA Projects	<u>SW</u>
24.	Deposits of Federal Financial Assistance to a State Infrastructure Banks.	<u>SW</u>

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FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2010 FTA CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE
(Required of all Applicants for FTA assistance and all FTA Grantees with an active capital or formula project)

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of Applicant: Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland

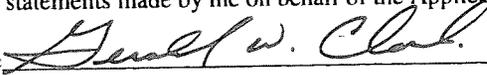
Name and Relationship of Authorized Representative: Gerald W. Clark, President, Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, MD

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that the Applicant has duly authorized me to make these certifications and assurances and bind the Applicant's compliance. Thus, the Applicant agrees to comply with all Federal statutes and regulations, and follow applicable Federal directives, and comply with the certifications and assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application it makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Federal Fiscal Year 2010.

FTA intends that the certifications and assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document, as representative of the certifications and assurances in this document, should apply, as provided, to each project for which the Applicant seeks now, or may later, seek FTA assistance during Federal Fiscal Year 2010.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the certifications and assurances it has made in the statements submitted herein with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31 apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a Federal public transportation program authorized in 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing certifications and assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and correct.

Signature  Date: 3/18/12

Name Gerald W. Clark
Authorized Representative of Applicant

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under State, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the certifications and assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the certifications and assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on the Applicant.

I further affirm to the Applicant that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these certifications and assurances, or of the performance of the project.

Signature  Date: 3/14/12

Name Pamela R. Lucas
Attorney for Applicant

Each Applicant for FTA financial assistance and each FTA Grantee with an active capital or formula project must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature, provided the Applicant has on file this Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this Federal fiscal year.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2009-0271]

Identification of Interstate Motor Vehicles: New York City, Cook County and New Jersey Tax Identification Requirements; Petition for Determination

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Petition for Determination; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA is inviting all interested persons to comment on three petitions submitted by the American Trucking Associations (ATA) requesting determinations that the Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) identification requirements imposed by the State of New Jersey, New York City, and Cook County, Illinois are preempted by Federal law. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) prohibits States and their political subdivisions from requiring motor carriers to display in or on CMVs any form of identification other than forms required by the Secretary of Transportation, with certain exceptions. FMCSA seeks comment on whether the credential display requirements described below are preempted or whether they qualify for the relevant exception codified at 49 U.S.C. 14506(b)(3).

DATES: Comments are due on or before November 18, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System Number in the heading of this document by any of the following methods. Do not submit the same comments by more than one method. However, to allow effective public participation before the comment period deadline, the Agency encourages use of the Web site that is listed first. It will provide the most efficient and timely method of receiving and processing your comments.

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

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation,

Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Ground floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this action. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Refer to the Privacy Act heading on <http://www.regulations.gov> for further information.

Public Participation: The www.regulations.gov system is generally available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can find electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the "Help" section of the Web site. For notification that FMCSA received the comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard, or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on line. Copies or abstracts of all documents referenced in this notice are in the docket: FMCSA-2009-0271. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address. Comments received after the closing date will be considered to the extent practicable. FMCSA may, however, issue a final determination at any time after the close of the comment period. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file in the public docket relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should monitor the public docket for new material.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Genevieve D. Sapir, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-7056; e-mail Genevieve.Sapir@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

New Jersey's Tax Code requires all motor carriers hauling, transporting, or

delivering fuel to display a Motor Fuel Transport License Plate and annual Transport License Certificate. This requirement applies to all motor carriers hauling, transporting, or delivering fuel in New Jersey regardless of their State of domicile or registration. New Jersey Statutes Annotated § 54:39-41 and § 54:39-53.

New York City's Administrative Code requires CMVs used principally in the city or used principally in connection with a business carried on within the city to pay a tax and display a stamp. The requirement appears to apply whether or not the CMV is registered to an address in New York City.¹

Cook County's Code of Ordinances requires motor vehicle owners residing within the unincorporated area of Cook County to: (a) Display a window sticker showing payment of fees; and (b) paint business vehicle identification information on their vehicles. Article XIV of chapter 74 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances is referred to as the "Cook County Wheel Tax on Motor Vehicles Ordinance," and was amended most recently on March 4, 2009.

Section 4306 of SAFETEA-LU, codified at 49 U.S.C. 14506(a), prohibits States from requiring motor carriers to display in or on CMVs any form of identification other than forms required by the Secretary of Transportation. However, § 14506(b)(3) provides, in part, that "a State may continue to require display of credentials that are required * * * under a State law regarding motor vehicle license plates or other displays that the Secretary determines are appropriate." This authority has been delegated to FMCSA by 49 CFR 1.73 (a)(7). FMCSA believes that Congress intended to limit the exception at § 14506(b)(3) to two categories of requirements. The first includes identification requirements related to motor vehicle license plates. The second includes any other identification displays that the Secretary of Transportation approves.

FMCSA seeks comment on whether the referenced identification display requirements are preempted by Federal law. Specifically, the Agency seeks comment on: (1) Whether New Jersey's, New York City's, and/or Cook County's credential display requirements qualify as identification requirements related to motor vehicle license plates; and/or (2) whether there is any other reason FMCSA should consider approving these requirements under 49 U.S.C.

¹ Chapter 8 of Title 11 of the New York City Administrative Code Tax on Commercial Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicles for Transportation of Passengers.