

practices pertinent to the hazards listed above to determine if further enhancements in safety are warranted and advise FRA as to what action is necessary to enhance the level of safety. Changes in existing rules shall be specified. In conducting this review, the operating authority shall analyze the measures imposed in sections 1 and 2 of this order and may propose alternative approaches that ensure the same enhancements in safety associated with those measures.

(C) *Adverse conditions.* In conducting the review of railroad operating rules and practices, consideration shall be given to adverse or unusual operating conditions such as weather (e.g., fog, heavy rain or snow, flooding, etc.).

(D) *Short-term technology enhancements.* The authority shall consider short-term enhancements in technology that may improve the safety of train operations, such as use of alerting devices, equipping of additional locomotives with cab signal/ATC apparatus (where in effect on the territory), or other available enhancements to enhance engineer performance or provide warning of operation in excess of authority provided by the wayside signal system. In addition, the authority shall consider whether the installation of additional signals on any particular line would appreciably reduce the risk of train collisions.

(E) *Crew management.* The authority shall review crew management practices in light of contemporary literature regarding shift work and cumulative fatigue to determine if the alertness and performance of employees can be promoted by changes in those practices. Special attention shall be given to the issue of night split shifts.

(F) *Highway-rail grade crossings.* The authority shall review risks to passengers associated with occupancy of cab or MU cars in the lead while passing over highway-rail crossings, particularly crossings utilized by heavy vehicles and vehicles transporting hazardous materials, and shall address measures that can reduce these risks.

(G) *Emergency exit notification.* The authority shall review methods it uses, in addition to marking emergency exits, to inform passengers of the location and operation of those exits, such as flyers dropped on seats, announcements to passengers, explanations on the face of passenger tickets, etc. The authority shall specify any plans it has to increase passenger awareness of the location and operation of emergency exits.

Upon receipt of plans responsive to the above-referenced requirements, the Administrator, in consultation with the

FTA Administrator, will determine whether other mandatory action appears necessary to address hazards associated with the subject rail passenger service.

#### Relief

Petitions for special approval to take actions not in accordance with this order may be submitted to the Associate Administrator for Safety, who shall be authorized to dispose of those requests without the necessity of amending this order.

#### Penalties

Any violation of this order shall subject the person committing the violation to a civil penalty of up to \$20,000. 49 U.S.C. § 1301. FRA may, through the Attorney General, also seek injunctive relief to enforce this order. 49 U.S.C. § 20112.

#### Effective Date and Notice to Affected Persons

This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m on February 21, 1996. This notice will be published in the Federal Register as soon as possible. Prior to publication, copies of this notice will be delivered by overnight mail or facsimile to the affected passenger railroads, public authorities, and railroad labor organizations.

#### Review

Opportunity for formal review of this Emergency Order will be provided in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 20104(b) and section 554 of Title 5 of the United States Code.

Administrative procedures governing such review are found at 49 CFR Part 211. See 49 CFR §§ 211.47, 211.71, 211.73, 211.75, and 211.77.

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Jolene M. Molitoris,  
Administrator.

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### Office of the Secretary

#### Criteria and Application Process for the Secretary of Transportation's Community Partnership Awards

**AGENCY:** DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation (DOT) announces procedures and guidelines for nominating community programs to receive the Secretary of Transportation's Community Partnership Awards. These annual awards will recognize

exceptional community partnerships that have implemented innovative transportation-related safety programs in their communities.

**DEADLINE DATE:** Applications for the Secretary of Transportation's Community Partnership Awards must be postmarked on or before April 19, 1996.

**MAILING ADDRESSES:** Applications and all documents are to be submitted to: Military Assistant to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Room 10200, Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Diane Wigle, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Room 10200, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9361.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This Notice solicits nominations for the Secretary of Transportation's Community Partnership Awards and provides relevant information on the application and selection process. This award program recognizes exceptional community programs which have successfully implemented innovative programs to improve transportation safety.

##### Purpose

Transportation safety begins at home. Be it a parent securing a child in a safety seat or a bike helmet or a child reminding a car operator to buckle-up, those safe behaviors are carried out by individuals across the nation millions of times each day. It has been shown time and again that the way to instill safe behavior in people is to reach them through community programs and activities. One of the most significant developments in the fight to reduce transportation-related deaths, injuries and their costs is the emergence of local coalitions and programs addressing a community's transportation safety problems. The Secretary of Transportation has established the Secretary of Transportation's Community Partnership Awards to recognize and honor outstanding community transportation safety programs because of the important and vital role they play in keeping Americans safe each time they travel.

##### Award Categories

Four (4) awards will be presented in the following three (3) categories:

- Child Transportation Safety—One award will be presented to recognize an

exemplary community program partnership which addresses transportation safety issues involving children under the age of 16.

- **Transportation Safety**—Two awards will be made in this category to recognize community program partnerships addressing identified or potential transportation safety problems. One award, of the two, will recognize a program addressing multimodal transportation safety issues. Multimodal issues include traffic (bicycle, pedestrian, and roadway) boating, transit, railroad, aviation, pipeline, transportation of hazardous materials, and motor carrier safety issues; and
- **Safe Communities**—One award will be presented to a "Safe Community" program. In addition to transportation-related injuries, a Safe Community program addresses other types of injury such as: falls and those related to sports, occupation, and violence. This award will be made to a community transportation safety program that has shown innovation in moving toward this comprehensive injury prevention approach, has included a broad array of partners (including both traditional transportation partners and new partners from the health, medical, and business communities) and is focused on reducing injuries and associated costs.

#### Presentation of Awards

Recipients will receive an award and letter of commendation from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. In addition, each recipient will be featured in an awards publication designed to share each program's success story as an illustration of creative solutions used to build safer and healthier communities. Awards will be presented at a special luncheon program during the Department of Transportation's "Moving Kids Safely '96: Building Safe Communities," child safety conference to be held June 9–12, 1996 in Vienna, Virginia.

Further information about the award ceremony will be provided once the award recipients have been selected and notified. For further information about the conference, please call 1-800-784-1215.

#### Application Process

Attach a cover sheet stating the program's name, address, telephone and fax number, and contact person. A program may only be nominated in one award category; please specify on the cover sheet the award category for which the program is being nominated. To be eligible the application must contain a brief summary statement (no

longer than one page) describing the program, how it has met the identified needs of the community, and its impact on the community. Beginning on a separate piece of page, please provide detailed information describing:

- the community being served by the program;
- the problem(s) or potential problem(s) and how they were identified;
- the program's goals, objectives, and outcomes;
- program partnerships; and
- how this program meets the identified transportation safety needs of the community and how its effectiveness is measured.

#### Review Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Problem Identification and Community Assessment.** The program demonstrates an understanding of the nature of the transportation-related fatalities, injuries and non-injury incidents within the community. This includes an understanding of the causes, the seriousness of the injuries, the risk factors, and the costs to the community. In addition, the program demonstrates an understanding of the community it serves, including local resources.
- **Community Partnerships.** The program demonstrates the importance of partnerships in determining and solving transportation-related safety problems by forging relationships with a variety of stakeholders such as local government, law enforcement, emergency medical services, hospitals, rehabilitation specialists, schools, and businesses. If the program is multimodal, representatives of the different transportation modes are involved.
- **Innovative and Comprehensive Approaches.** The program demonstrates visible community support by involving community members in prioritizing identified problems, identifying solutions unique to the community and implementing those solutions. It also demonstrates unique partnerships, creative approaches for involving partners, and solving community safety problems or potential risk situations using multiple strategies for addressing identified problems.

- **Evidence of Concrete, Quantifiable Results.** The program has achieved measurable results showing the effectiveness of its strategies in determining improvements in identified transportation safety problems and reduction of related costs.

#### Program Eligibility

To be eligible, a program must be a coordinated, comprehensive activity that addresses an identified or potential transportation-related safety problem(s) within a community. The community being served by the program should be defined by the applicant. Definitions of "community" include the citizenry in neighborhoods, towns, cities, villages, counties, etc. In addition, a nominated community program must have been operational for at least one year.

#### Review Process

An initial review of all applications will be conducted by DOT staff to determine completeness and compliance with the award criteria. Applications will then be submitted to a panel of reviewers that includes representatives from Departmental agencies, partner organizations, and community advocacy groups. Each award category will have a separate panel of reviewers. A numerical score will be given to each of the criteria segments. The criteria will be weighted equally.

#### Entry Rules

An original and three (3) copies of the nomination must be submitted to Commander Edward Gleason, Military Assistant to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Room 10200, Washington, DC 20590, and postmarked on or before April 19, 1996. Delivery by certified mail is recommended. Facsimile applications will not be accepted.

Issued this 15th day of February 1996, in Washington, DC, by: Commander Edward Gleason, Military Assistant to the Secretary.

Edward Gleason, Commander,  
*Military Assistant to the Secretary.*  
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#### Federal Aviation Administration

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#### Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitioners Received; Disposition of Petitions Issued

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this