

have been decreased and preliminary environmental and engineering studies have shown that the proposed project will have no significant impacts, and an EA will be prepared accordingly. The EA for the project will be made available for agency and public review and comment. EA availability will be advertised in local newspapers, and EA documents placed in local depositories. Based on the impacts of the current alternatives under study, this project is likely to result in a Finding of No Significant Impact.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning the proposed action should be directed to the FHWA or PennDOT at the addresses noted above.

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

David Cough,

District Engineer, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors on Thursday, January 14, 1999. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. The letter designations that follow each item mean the following: (I) is an information item; (A) is an action item; (D) is a discussion item. The General Session includes the following items: (1) Introductions and ITS America Antitrust Policy and Conflict of Interest Statements; (2) Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes for August 5, 1998, and October 11, 1998 (A); (3) U.S. Federal ITS Initiatives Report (I/D); (4) Executive Committee Report (I); (5) Coordinating Council Report (A); (6) National ITS Deployment Strategy Project (I); (7) State Chapters Task Force and Council Report (I); (8) Electronic Commerce Blue Ribbon Panel (I); (9) ITS America Association/Congressional

Report (I); (10) Report of the ITS World Congresses—Seoul World Congress Overview, Toronto World Congress Update/Other International Activities, Ratification of Approval of International Affairs Council Charter, Membership and Officers; (11) 1999/2001 ITS America Annual Meetings (I/D); (12) President's Report (External Issues) (I); (13) Other Business. 3:30 p.m. Business Session (US DOT participants excused; Board Members, ITS America Members and Staff Only.) (14) Report of the Finance Committee—Ratification of the Executive Committee Approval of the 1999 Budget, 1998 Budget Status, and the Strategic Plan. (A); (15) President's Report (Internal Issues), Membership Report (I); (16) Proposed Bylaws Revisions (A); (17) Presentation of the Slate of Nominees for the Board and Coordinating Council Positions and Officers of the Board and State Chapters Council (A); (18) Other Business; (19) Adjournment until April 1999, Board of Directors Meeting #30 held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C.

ITS AMERICA provides a forum for national discussion and recommendations on ITS activities including programs, research needs, strategic planning, standards, international liaison, and priorities.

The charter for the utilization of ITS AMERICA establishes this organization as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. app. 2, when it provides advice or recommendations to DOT officials on ITS policies and programs. (56 FR 9400, March 6, 1991).

DATES: The Board of Directors of ITS AMERICA will meet on Thursday, January 14, 1999, from 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, the Virginia Suite, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. Phone #: (202) 328-2000; Fax#: (202) 234-0015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue SW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20024. Persons needing further information or who request to speak at this meeting should contact Marlene Vence-Crampton at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-2904 or by FAX at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Mary C. Pigott, FHWA, HVH-1, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-9230. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. (23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Issued on: December 11, 1998.

Jeffrey Paniati,

Deputy Director, ITS Joint Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-98-4907]

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to revise the following currently approved information collection:

Customer Service Surveys.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before February 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Yvonne Griffin, Office of Budget and Policy, (202) 366-1727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) the necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: Customer Service Surveys (OMB Number: 2132-0559).

Background: Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards,"

requires FTA to identify its customers and determine what they think about FTA's service. The surveys covered in this request for a blanket clearance will provide FTA with a means to gather data directly from its customers. The information obtained from the surveys will be used to assess the kind and quality of services customers want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. The surveys will be limited to data collections which solicit voluntary opinions and will not involve information that is required by regulations.

Respondents: State and local government, Public Transit Operators, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's), transit constituents, Transit manufacturers, and Private transit operators.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: Varies according to survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,873 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

Issued: December 14, 1998.

Gordon J. Linton,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC-F-20938]

Coach USA, Inc. and Coach Canada, Inc.—Control and Continuance in Control—Autocar Connaisseur, Inc., Erie Coach Lines Company, and Trentway-Wagar, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving Finance Transaction.

SUMMARY: Coach USA, Inc. (Coach), a noncarrier that controls numerous motor passenger carriers, and its wholly owned noncarrier subsidiary, Coach Canada, Inc. (Coach Canada) (collectively, applicants), filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 for control of Autocar Connaisseur, Inc. (Autocar) and Erie Coach Lines Company (Erie), and for continuance in control of Trentway-Wagar, Inc. (Trentway), all motor carriers of passengers or, in the case of Erie, an entity that intends to become a motor carrier of passengers. Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules under 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8.¹

¹ Revised procedures governing finance applications filed under 49 U.S.C. 14303 were

The Board has tentatively approved the transaction, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

DATES: Comments must be filed by February 1, 1999. Applicants may file a reply by February 22, 1999. If no comments are filed by February 1, 1999, this notice is effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-20938 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicants' representatives: Betty Jo Christian and David H. Coburn, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Coach currently controls several motor passenger carriers. Coach Canada is a wholly owned Coach subsidiary established for the purpose of obtaining control of those motor passenger carriers that Coach currently controls that are based in Canada, as well as Canada-based motor passenger carriers that Coach and Coach Canada may in the future seek to control. In their application, Coach and Coach Canada state that Coach assumed control of Autocar² by a stock transaction that was consummated on December 19, 1996. Applicants indicate that Coach did not until recently determine that Autocar holds not only operating authority from Canadian agencies, but also authority issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Having discovered this unresolved control issue, Coach and Coach Canada now seek Board authority to control this carrier.

Coach and Coach Canada also seek Board authority to control Erie, which they will acquire through a stock transaction. Erie, a noncarrier, intends to obtain through a transfer of authority to be requested from the Federal

adopted in *Revisions to Regulations Governing Finance Applications Involving Motor Passenger Carriers*, STB Ex Parte No. 559 (STB served Sept. 1, 1998).

² Autocar is a Quebec corporation. It holds federally issued operating authority in Docket No. MC-166643, allowing it to conduct charter and special operations between certain U.S./Canada border crossings and points in the United States. Autocar operates a fleet of approximately 180 buses and employs approximately 250 full and part time persons. Autocar's annual revenues for the twelve month period ending June 1998 were approximately \$12.1 million.

Highway Administration the operating authority currently held by Erie Coach (1985), Inc. (Erie 1985).³ The stock of both Erie and Erie Coach (1985) is currently being held in voting trusts pending the transfer of authority and any action by the Board approving this application.

Coach currently controls Trentway.⁴ The Board exempted that control in *Coach USA, Inc. and Leisure Time Tours—Control and Merger Exemption—Van Nortwick Bros., et al.*, Finance Docket No. 33428 (STB served Nov. 13, 1997). By this application, Coach seeks Board approval for Coach Canada to obtain direct control of Trentway by acquiring all of the voting stock of Trentway's ultimate parent, 337429 Canada, Inc., with Coach retaining indirect control of Trentway through its control of Coach Canada.

Applicants state that granting the application will not result in any changes to carrier operations that are now being conducted and will not reduce competitive options available to the traveling public. They assert that each carrier is relatively small and faces substantial competition from other bus companies and modes of transportation.

Applicants also submit that granting the application will produce, or continue to produce, substantial benefits, including savings in interest costs from the restructuring of debt and reduced operating costs from Coach's enhanced volume purchasing power. Specifically, applicants claim that the carriers to be acquired will benefit from the lower insurance premiums negotiated by Coach or Coach Canada and from volume discounts for equipment and fuel. Applicants indicate that Coach will provide each carrier with centralized legal and accounting functions and coordinated purchasing services. In addition, applicants state that vehicle sharing arrangements will be facilitated through Coach or Coach Canada to ensure maximum use and

³ Erie, a Nova Scotia corporation, plans to acquire from Erie (1985) federally issued operating authority in Docket No. MC-127027. That authority authorizes transportation of passengers between U.S./Canada border crossing points and points in the United States. Erie will operate a fleet of 23 motorcoaches and employ approximately 35 persons. Erie 1985's gross revenues for the twelve month period ending June 1998 were approximately \$1.7 million.

⁴ Trentway is an Ontario corporation. It holds federally issued operating authority in Docket No. MC-126430. That authority allows it to operate regular route and charter and special services between points in Canada and points in the United States. Trentway operates a fleet of approximately 348 buses and employs approximately 600 full and part time persons. Its annual revenues for the twelve month period ending June 1998 were approximately \$28.4 million.