

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration**

[FTA Docket No. FTA-99-6204]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of a currently approved collection. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 4, 1999, [FR 64 pages 30096-30097].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 15, 1999. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvia L. Barney, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366-6680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rail Fixed Guideway Systems; State Safety Oversight (OMB Number: 2132-0558).

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. Section 5330 requires each State to designate a State Safety Oversight agency to oversee the safety and security operations of "a rail fixed guideway system" within the State's jurisdiction. The information collected will enable the State oversight agency to monitor effectively the safety of the rail fixed guideway system.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 37,158 hours.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: FTA Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;

ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Dorrie Y. Aldrich,*Associate Administrator for Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**[STB Docket No. MC-F-20951]; [STB Docket No. MC-F-20952]¹

Coach USA, Inc., and Coach USA South Central, Inc.—Control—Fun Time Tours, Inc.; Coach USA, Inc., and Coach USA North Central, Inc.—Control—G.W. Transportation, Inc., and Sam Van Galder, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.**ACTION:** Notice tentatively approving finance transactions.

SUMMARY: Coach USA, Inc. (Coach), a noncarrier, and its wholly owned noncarrier management subsidiaries, Coach USA South Central, Inc. (South Central), and Coach USA North Central, Inc. (North Central) (collectively, applicants), filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 for Coach and South Central to acquire control of Fun Time Tours, Inc. (Fun Time), and for Coach and North Central to acquire control of G.W. Transportation, Inc., d/b/a Greatway Transportation (Greatway) and Sam Van Galder, Inc. (Van Galder). In addition, Stagecoach Holdings plc (Stagecoach) and its subsidiaries, SUS 1 Limited, SUS 2 Limited, Stagecoach General Partnership and SCH US Holdings Corp., noncarriers that control Coach and Coach's various regional management subsidiaries and operating motor passenger carriers, seek authority to control Fun Time, Greatway and Van Galder.² The Board has tentatively

¹ These proceedings are not consolidated. A single decision is being issued for administrative convenience.

² When applicants filed their application on August 16, 1999, Stagecoach and its subsidiaries were not yet in control of Coach, the regional management subsidiaries and the operating motor passenger carriers. The tentative control authority granted in *Stagecoach Holdings plc—Control—Coach USA, Inc., et al.*, STB Docket No. MC-F-20948 (STB served July 22, 1999) became final on September 7, 1999, when no comments were filed in response to the notice of the tentative grant. Thus, Stagecoach and its subsidiaries are now applicants seeking control of Fun Time, Greatway and Van Galder.

approved the transactions, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

DATES: Comments must be filed by November 1, 1999. Applicants may file a reply by November 15, 1999. If no comments are filed by November 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-20951 *et al.* to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicants' representatives: Betty Jo Christian, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036 and William C. Sippel, Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly, Two Prudential Plaza, 45th Floor, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601-6710.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Coach is a noncarrier that currently controls 79 motor carriers of passengers. In previous Board decisions, Coach management subsidiaries, including South Central and North Central, have obtained authority to control motor passenger carriers jointly with Coach, with the latter retaining indirect control through its ownership of those management subsidiaries.³ In STB Docket No. MC-F-20951, Coach and South Central seek control of Fun Time.⁴ In STB Docket No. MC-F-20952, Coach and North Central seek control of Greatway⁵ and Van

³ See *Coach USA, Inc. and Coach USA North Central, Inc.—Control—Nine Motor Carriers of Passengers*, STB Docket No. MC-F-20931 *et al.* (STB served July 14, 1999).

⁴ Fun Time is a Texas corporation. It holds federally issued operating authority in Docket No. MC-176329, which authorizes it to provide charter and special operations beginning and ending at points in Texas, and extending to points in the United States (except Hawaii). It specializes in operations in the Corpus Christi, TX area, where it provides charter and tour services. Fun Time operates a fleet of 3 buses, employs 11 persons, and earned annual revenues for the 12-month period ending May 31, 1999, of approximately \$500,000.

⁵ Greatway is an Illinois corporation. It holds federally issued operating authority in Docket No. MC-243414, which authorizes it to engage in charter and special operations between points in the United States (except Alaska and Hawaii) and to operate as a motor contract carrier under continuing contracts with persons requiring passenger service. It also holds authority issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission to conduct intrastate operations. Greatway's federal operating authority was obtained in a transaction, recently approved by the Federal Highway Administration,

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