

minutes 48 seconds West, 127.82 feet to the north line of the northerly 438.36 feet of the southerly 550 feet of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 17; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 52 seconds East, along said north line, 242.69 feet to the west line of the east 80.00 feet of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 50 minutes 04 seconds East, along said west line, 550 feet to the Point of Beginning, in Sugar Grove Township, Kane County, Illinois. Containing 0.9776 acres, more or less.

The above described two parcels of land together contain 1.1542 acres, more or less.

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Mia Ratcliff,

Acting Manager, Chicago Airports District Office, FAA, Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Clarification of Solicitation of Applications and Notice of Funding Availability for the Capital Assistance to States—Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Clarification regarding solicitation for applications and notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: On February 19, 2008, FRA published a Solicitation of Applications and Notice of Funding Availability for the Capital Assistance to States—Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program. This notice provides clarifying information related to elements of the February 19, 2008 notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter Schwartz, Office of Railroad Development (RDV-11), Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Phone: (202) 493-6360; Fax: (202) 493-6330.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following publication of the notice, FRA received a number of inquiries from interested States seeking additional clarification from the agency with respect to some of the items included in the notice. In order to assist applicants, FRA is issuing this supplemental notice to provide additional clarification on three items of interest. Accordingly, the sections of the February 19, 2008 notice labeled “Eligible Projects” and “Eligible

Planning Projects” are amended to read as follows.

Eligible Projects: Eligible projects must be intended to result in significant benefits to intercity passenger rail service. Projects which meet this criterion, but for which the majority of benefits, as calculated by one or more measures of transportation production, may be projected to accrue to commuter or freight rail service, may be considered for funding subject to the reasonableness of the terms of the cost sharing arrangement between the parties affected by the proposed improvements. Only new projects will be eligible; projects for which construction has commenced before the date of the application will not be considered. Pre-award costs, dating from no earlier than the date of application, may be considered for funding, although an applicant will bear all risk for such costs in the event no award is made. Proposed projects must be specifically included in the applicant State’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan at the time of application to be eligible. Matching funding must be in the form of new financial commitments toward the proposed project by the applicant and/or its partners. Expenditures which occurred prior to the date of application and expenditures on unrelated projects will not be considered.

Eligible Planning Projects: Congress has allowed up to ten percent (\$3,000,000) of the funding available under the program to be used for planning activities that lead directly to the development of a passenger rail corridor investment plan. Only proposed planning projects which lead to (1) a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the purpose of route selection, and/or (2) a corridor transportation plan prepared in accordance with the methodologies set forth in FRA’s publication, entitled “Railroad Corridor Transportation Plans: A Guidance Manual,” available at http://www.fra.dot.gov/Downloads/RRdev/corridor_planning.pdf, will be considered for funding, subject to the Selection Criteria outlined below.

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Mark E. Yachmetz,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket Number: FTA-2008-0020]

Notice of Availability of Proposed Guidance on New and Small Starts Policies and Procedures

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Proposed Guidance on New and Small Starts Policies and Procedures and requests your comments on it. The guidance explains proposed changes to the New and Small Starts programs that will become effective upon the issuance of Final Guidance, which will be announced in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice. FTA requests comments on the Proposed Guidance, which is available in DOT’s electronic docket and on FTA’s Web site.

DATES: Comments must be received within 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Late filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by the Docket Number FTA-2008-0020] by any of the following methods:

Web site: <http://regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

Fax: 202-493-2251.

Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and the docket number (FTA-2007-0020). You should submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. If you wish to receive confirmation that FTA received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to the federal government Web site located at <http://regulations.gov>. This means that if your