

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Special Permit**

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** List of Applications for Special Permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart

B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 1, 2010.

**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials, Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in

triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

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**NEW SPECIAL PERMITS**

Application No.	Docket number applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permits thereof
14950-N .....	Certified Cylinder, Division of American Welding & Tank, LLC Crossville, TN.	49 CFR 180.211 .....	To authorize the rebuilding or modification and sale of certain DOT Specification 4B, 4BA, and 4BW cylinders for use in the transportation in commerce of certain hazardous materials. (mode 1).
14952-N .....	Mebrom NV Ertvelde-Rieme .....	49 CFR 173.193 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Methyl bromide and Chloropicrin and methyl bromide mixtures in non-DOT specification cylinders by motor vehicle and cargo vessel for export only. (modes 1, 3).
14953-N .....	Applied Laboratories, Inc. Columbus, IN .....	49 CFR 173.306(a)(3)(v).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT Specification 2Q non-refillable aluminum inside containers which have been tested by an alternative method in lieu of the hot water bath test. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
14954-N .....	Zotos International, Inc. Geneva, NY .....	49 CFR 173.306(a)(3)(v).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT Specification 2P non-refillable aluminum inside containers which have been subject to an automated pressure test on the line in lieu of the hot water bath test. (mode 1).
14956-N .....	American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) .....	49 CFR 173.196, 178.609.	To authorize the one-way transportation in commerce of certain Category A infectious substances by motor vehicle in alternative packaging. (mode 1).
14957-N .....	Sika Corporation Lyndhurst, NJ .....	49 CFR 173.4 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of approximately 80,000 packages under the terms of 49 CFR 173.4 with alternative marking to deplete carton stock. (modes 1, 2).
14959-N .....	Skagit County Public Works Department Mount Vernon, WA.	49 CFR 176.91 .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce Class 3 Gasoline in approved containers of 6 gallon or less capacity on passenger ferry vessels transporting motor vehicles. (mode 6).
14960-N .....	Cheltec, Inc. Sarasota, FL .....	49 CFR 173.154(d) ....	To authorize the transportation of certain Class 8 materials that are corrosive only to steel in non-bulk packagings made of non-reactive materials without being subject to the Hazardous Materials Regulations. (modes 1, 2).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on Transportation Improvements Within the Blue-Line Corridor in Shaker Heights and Warrensville Heights, Cuyahoga County, OH

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA or RTA) are issuing this notice to advise interested agencies and the public that, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) may be prepared for the proposed transportation improvements in the Blue Line Corridor and extended areas located in Shaker Heights and Warrensville Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

The EIS will evaluate the following alternatives: (a) A no-build alternative; (b) a Transportation System Management (TSM) alternative; and (c) various build alternatives that emerge from the scoping process. Scoping will be accomplished through meetings and correspondence with interested persons, organizations, the general public, and federal, state and local agencies.

The EIS will address the need to: (a) Improve mobility and accessibility in the corridor; (b) minimize adverse environmental impacts of the transportation improvements; (c) provide long-term, cost-effective transportation infrastructure and services; and (d) enhance regional economic development.

**DATES: Comment Due Date:** Written comments on the purpose and need for the improvements, and the scope of the alternatives and impacts to be considered, should be sent to the address listed below in **ADDRESSES** by February 11, 2010. An interagency scoping meeting will be held on the following date:

- Monday, February 22, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Warrensville Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 22035 Clarkwood Parkway, Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128.

The location of the scoping meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Any individual with a disability who requires special assistance to participate in the scoping meetings should contact Maribeth Feke, Director of Programming and Planning, The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, 1240 W.6th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113-1331. Phone: 216-566-5160; Fax (216) 771-4424; E-mail to

[BlueLineExtension@pbworld.com](mailto:BlueLineExtension@pbworld.com) no later than a week before the meeting date in order for GCRTA to make necessary arrangements.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the purpose and need for the project, alternatives to be considered, scope of the analysis and the impacts to be considered should be sent by February 11, 2010 to: Maribeth Feke, Director of Programming and Planning, The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, 1240 W.6th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113-1331. Phone: 216-566-5160; Fax (216) 771-4424; E-mail:

[BlueLineExtension@pbworld.com](mailto:BlueLineExtension@pbworld.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Stephen Polito, Federal Transit Administration, Region 5, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606. Phone: (312) 353-1552; Fax: (312) 886-0351.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FTA, the federal lead agency, in cooperation with GCRTA, the local lead agency, may prepare an EIS for proposed transportation improvements in the Blue Line Corridor and extended areas. The lead agencies will also seek the cooperation of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency (NOACA), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for transportation planning in metropolitan Cleveland; the City of Shaker Heights; and the City of Warrensville Heights.

The transportation improvements are being defined through an Alternatives Analysis. Issues and alternatives will be identified through a scoping process in accordance with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. The scoping process will include refinement of the purpose and need for the project, and the identification and evaluation of alternative design concepts. It also will provide the basis for the selection of a preferred design concept for inclusion in the regional transportation plan. Subsequently, alternative alignments and designs that are consistent with the selected concept and scope may be addressed in an EIS.

The RTA is evaluating the potential extension of the Blue Line Rapid Transit Route beyond its current terminus in the

Warrensville—Van Aken area of Shaker Heights. A major bus transfer center is co-located with the Blue Line, forming a major hub in RTA's service network. The major transportation improvement to be evaluated by this alternatives analysis includes light rail, bus access and circulation, and pedestrian access.

Although RTA completed a Major Investment Study (MIS) on this corridor in 2001, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was initiated with the MIS, no recommendation for a locally-preferred alternative was made. Since then, the City of Shaker Heights has completed a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Study of the Warrensville—Van Aken area, resulting in recommendations to redevelop the area. Major components of that plan are to: (a) Reconfigure the existing six-leg Warrensville—Van Aken intersection into a standard four-leg intersection; (b) modify the surrounding roadway network to accommodate the intersection reconfiguration and to improve walkability; and (c) to generally enhance the economic development opportunities in the area. Reconfiguration of the Warrensville—Van Aken intersection includes the relocation of the Blue Line's Van Aken station and the associated bus transfer center from the northwest quadrant to the southeast quadrant of the intersection. The City of Shaker Heights is currently engaged in another related project, the Warrensville—Van Aken Intermodal Facility Plan, which will guide redevelopment in the area of the relocated rail transit station and bus transfer center. The roadway reconfiguration project and the Intermodal Facility Plan are on-going, concurrent with the Blue Line Corridor Alternatives Analysis study.

Taking into account these existing plans, the Blue Line Corridor Alternatives Analysis study will evaluate the potential extension of the Blue Line in accordance with requirements of the FTA New Starts/ Small Starts/Very Small Starts Program. The study will incorporate a community outreach and engagement program, designed to obtain and incorporate the opinions and ideas of the stakeholders and general public into the development and evaluation of the potential alternatives to extend the Blue Line and relocate the bus transfer center. The Blue Line Corridor Alternatives Analysis study consists of three phases, as described below:

**Phase 1—Alternatives Analysis:** The Alternatives Analysis will identify the transportation and development needs of the extended Blue Line Corridor and a preferred strategy for meeting those