preserved for future transportation improvements.

FHWA’s decision to prepare a draft EIS is based on the initial environmental assessment which indicates the proposed action is likely to have significant impacts on the environment including wetlands. The draft EIS will evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the alternatives including No Build, Transportation System Management (Low Build), and Full Build improvements within the existing US 51 highway corridor, and other Full Build improvements on other regional highway corridors.

Information describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, Native American Tribes, local agencies, private agencies and organizations, and other parties who have expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. Opportunities for agencies to become participating and/or cooperating agencies and to participate in project development activities, has been and will continue to be offered in compliance with 40 CFR 1500 and 23 CFR 771, as well as other FHWA policies.

During the development of the project Needs Assessment, coordination was conducted with State and local agencies, as well as extensive coordination with local officials. A Policy Advisory Committee consisting of local officials also met throughout the Needs Assessment process. A public information meeting was conducted in 2004 to present the findings of the project Needs Assessment. A public workshop was later held in 2005 to solicit ideas from the public about improvements to address the needs identified in the Needs Assessment process.

Between January 2006 and November 2011, several coordination meetings were held with State and Federal resource agencies, and local officials, to discuss Purpose and Need, other highway corridors to be studies, and alternatives to be evaluated. Between May 2006 and April 2011, several public information meetings were held to obtain public feedback on potential alternatives and improvement concepts. WisDOT has used feedback from those meetings and other data to develop proposed improvement concepts which will be incorporated into alternatives for further study.

Continued coordination with local, State, and Federal agencies and officials, including American Indian Tribes and other interested parties, is planned throughout the environmental analysis process. The Policy Advisory Committee will continue to meet regularly during the EIS process.

Public information meetings will be held while the draft EIS is being written and a public hearing will follow completion of the draft EIS to address the impacts of each alternative. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the public information meetings and public hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action is addressed, and all substantive issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to FHWA or WisDOT at the addresses provided below.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program 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.)

This study shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and of Executive Order 12898, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, sex, or country of national origin in the implementation of this action. It is also Federal and State policy that no group of people bears the negative consequences of this action in a disproportionately high and adverse manner without adequate mitigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Johnny Gerbitz, Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, City Center West, 525 Junction Road, Suite 8000, Madison, Wisconsin 53717; Telephone: (608) 829–7500. You may also contact Mr. Daniel Scudder, Chief, Environmental Services Section, Bureau of Technical Services, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 7965, Madison, Wisconsin 53707–7965; Telephone: (608) 267–3615.


Issued on: January 23, 2011.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket FTA–2012–0007]

Notice of Establishment of Emergency Relief Docket for Calendar Year 2012

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is establishing an Emergency Relief Docket for calendar year 2012 so grantees and subgrantees affected by national or regional emergencies may request relief from FTA administrative requirements set forth in FTA policy statements, circulars, guidance documents, and regulations. By this notice, FTA is establishing an Emergency Relief Docket for calendar year 2012.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to title 49 CFR part 601, subpart D, FTA is establishing the Emergency Relief Docket for calendar year 2012. The docket may be opened at the request of a grantee or subgrantee, or on the Administrator’s own initiative. When the Emergency Relief Docket is opened, FTA will post a notice on its Web site, at www.fta.dot.gov. In addition, a notice will be posted in the docket.

In the event a grantee or subgrantee believes the Emergency Relief Docket should be opened and it has not been opened, that grantee or subgrantee may submit a petition in duplicate to the Administrator, via U.S. mail, to: Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590; via telephone, at: (202) 366–4011; via fax, at (202) 366–3472, or via email, to Bonnie.Graves@dot.gov, requesting opening of the Docket for that emergency and including the information set forth below.

All petitions for relief from administrative requirements must be
posted in the docket in order to receive consideration by FTA. The docket is publicly accessible and can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, via the Internet at www.regulations.gov. Petitions may also be submitted by U.S. mail or by hand delivery to the DOT Docket Management Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. Any grantee or subgrantee submitting petitions for relief or comments to the docket must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and docket number FTA–2012–0007. Grantees and subgrantees making submissions to the docket by mail or hand delivery should submit two copies. Grantees and subgrantees are strongly encouraged to contact their FTA regional office and notify FTA of the intent to submit a petition to the docket.

In the event a grantee or subgrantee needs to request immediate relief and does not have access to electronic means to request that relief, the grantee or subgrantee may contact any FTA regional office or FTA headquarters and request that FTA staff submit the petition on its behalf. A petition for relief shall:

(a) Identify the grantee or subgrantee and its geographic location;
(b) Identify the policy statement, circular, guidance document and/or rule from which the grantee or subgrantee seeks relief;
(c) Specifically address how an FTA requirement in a policy statement, circular, agency guidance or rule will limit a grantee’s or subgrantee’s ability to respond to an emergency or disaster; and
(d) Specify if the petition for relief is one-time or ongoing, and if ongoing identify the time period for which the relief is requested. The time period may not exceed three months; however, additional time may be requested through a second petition for relief.

A petition for relief from administrative requirements will be conditionally granted for a period of three (3) business days from the date it is submitted to the Emergency Relief Docket. FTA will review the petition after the expiration of the three business days and review any comments submitted thereto. FTA may contact the grantee or subgrantee that submitted the request for relief, or any party that submits comments to the docket, to obtain more information prior to making a decision. FTA shall then post a decision to the Emergency Relief Docket. FTA’s decision will be based on whether the petition meets the criteria for use of these emergency procedures, the substance of the request, and the comments submitted regarding the petition. If FTA does not respond to the request for relief to the docket within three business days, the grantee or subgrantee may assume its petition is granted for a period not to exceed three months until and unless FTA states otherwise.

Pursuant to section 604.2(f) of FTA’s charter rule (73 FR 2325, Jan. 14, 2008), grantees and subgrantees may assist with evacuations or other movement of people that might otherwise be considered charter transportation when that transportation is in response to an emergency declared by the President, governor, or mayor, or in an emergency requiring immediate action prior to a formal declaration, even if a formal declaration of an emergency is not eventually made by the President, governor or mayor. Therefore, a request for relief is not necessary in order to provide this service. However, if the emergency lasts more than 45 calendar days, the grantee or subgrantee shall follow the procedures set out in this notice.

FTA reserves the right to reopen any docket and reconsider any decision made pursuant to these emergency procedures based upon its own initiative, based upon information or comments received subsequent to the three business day comment period, or at the request of a grantee or subgrantee upon denial of a request for relief. FTA shall notify the grantee or subgrantee if it plans to reconsider a decision. FTA decision letters, either granting or denying a petition, shall be posted in the Emergency Relief Docket and shall reference the document number of the petition to which it relates.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 26th day of January 2012.
Peter Rogoff, Administrator.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, on or after the date of publication of this notice.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before March 2, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestion for reducing the burden, to the (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Treasury, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or email at OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV and to the (2) Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 11020, Washington, DC 20220, or on-line at www.PRAComment.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 927–5331, email at PRA@treasury.gov, or the entire information collection request maybe found at www.reginfo.gov.

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)

OMB Number: 1513–0008.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Title: Application and Permit to Ship Liquors and Articles of Puerto Rican Manufacture Taxpaid to the United States.

Form: TTB F 5170.7.

Abstract: TTB F 5170.7 is used to document the shipment of taxpaid Puerto Rican Liquors and articles into the U.S. The form is reviewed by Puerto Rican and U.S. Treasury officials to certify that products are either taxpaid or deferred under appropriate bond. This serves as a method of protecting the revenue.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 100.

Dawn D. Wolfgang,
Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds—Name Change: American Hardware Mutual Insurance Company


ACTION: Notice.