

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), the FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the Illinois waiver page noted above.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410.

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Victor M. Mendez,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in California

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 326, and other Federal agencies.

SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is issuing this notice to announce actions taken by Caltrans, and other Federal agencies, that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to a proposed local assistance bridge replacement project on Main Street (former State Route 49) in Amador City, Amador County, State of California. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before August 5, 2012. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Caltrans: Jacqueline Wait, Chief, Environmental MPS and Local Assistance Branch (Unit 2576), California Department of Transportation, District 10, 1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Stockton,

CA 95205, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific time, (209) 948-7427, Jacqueline_Wait@dot.ca.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 1, 2007, the FHWA assigned, and Caltrans assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 326. Notice is hereby given that the Caltrans has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of California: The Amador Creek Bridge Replacement Project on Main Street (former State Route 49) in Amador City, Amador County, California. This project would replace the structurally-deficient Amador Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 26C-0052), a contributing element to the Amador City Historic District, and improve three adjoining road segments. The existing two-lane, two-span, steel stringer/multi-beam bridge would be replaced with a two-lane, single-span, concrete slab bridge. The FHWA project reference number is BRLS-5228(002). The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation for the project, approved on August 17, 2011 and in the Categorical Exclusion (CE) issued on October 20, 2011. The Final Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation, CE, and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans District 10 at the address provided above. This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.]; Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, Section 4(f), as amended [49 U.S.C. 303]; Section 6004 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) [Pub. L. 109-59].

2. *Air:* Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].

3. *Wildlife:* The Endangered Species Act of 1973 [16 U.S.C. 1531-1543]; Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, as amended [16 U.S.C. 703-711]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, as amended [16 U.S.C. 661-666].

4. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-11].

5. *Social and Economic:* Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended [42 U.S.C. 2000(d) et seq.].

6. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

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

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 39(l)(1)

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Gary Sweeten,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2011-0012]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for a waiver of compliance from certain requirements of its safety standards.

In a letter dated January 27, 2011, the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, Inc. (HVRM) of North Judson, IN, petitioned for a permanent waiver of compliance for one switching locomotive (HVRM 11) from the requirements of 49 CFR part 223, Railroad Safety Glazing Standards, which require certified glazing in all windows. The request was assigned Docket Number FRA-2011-0012. This 95-ton diesel-electric locomotive, built by General Electric (s/n 31517) in Erie, PA, in May of 1952, is equipped with safety glass that is in good condition, clear and unscratched. The locomotive is used on a semiregular basis to primarily pull excursion trains over trackage owned by the Town of North Judson and operated by the Chesapeake and Indiana Railroad (CKIN). CKIN trackage, over which this locomotive is operated, is in a very rural area (mostly farmland); and there have been no issues with glass vandalism in the past. The maximum speed for movement over CKIN trackage is 15 mph for passenger trains and the locomotive itself is geared to a maximum speed of 25 mph. HVRM states that they are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission to preserve railroad history in northwest Indiana and would very much like to keep the locomotive's as-built appearance. Moreover the expense of

retrofitting the subject locomotive with FRA-certified glazing will impose a high financial burden.

Pursuant to the receipt of the waiver request, FRA is hereby providing the public an opportunity to comment on this waiver. Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (FRA-2011-0012) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the U.S. Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78), or online at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 2, 2012.

Michael W. Lestingi,

Acting Director for the Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities Program and National Research Program Funds.

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) of FTA Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program and Section 5312 National Research Program Funds: Solicitation of Project Proposals for Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative II Grants.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of discretionary funds from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Section 5309(b)(3) Bus and Bus Facilities Program and the FY 2011 Section 5312 National Research Program for continuing support of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility's (Coordinating Council or CCAM) Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI).

The Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011 (Temporary Authorization, 2012) continues the authorization of the Federal transit programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) through March 31, 2012, and provides contract authority for these programs equal to approximately one half of the amounts available in FY 2011. Under this funding opportunity, subject to funding availability by Congress, FTA will provide approximately \$25 million in unallocated discretionary FY 2012 Bus and Bus Facilities Program funds, supplemented by approximately \$5 million in unallocated FY 2011 National Research Program funds.

This grant opportunity, referred to as "VTCLI II" in this notice, makes funds available to state and local governmental agencies for the capital costs of creating, expanding, or increasing access to local One-Call/One-Click Transportation Resource Centers (One-Call/One-Click Centers), as well as some research costs to demonstrate successful implementation of these capital projects. The One-Call/One-Click Centers simplify access to transportation for the public by providing one place to connect veterans, service members, military families, persons with disabilities and other transportation-disadvantaged populations, such as older adults, low-income families or disadvantaged youth, to rides and transportation options provided in their

locality by a variety of transportation providers and programs.

This notice describes the transportation service coordination and simplified customer access priorities established by the Coordinating Council's partnership, the criteria the interagency review panel will use to identify meritorious projects for funding, and how to apply. This announcement is available on the FTA's Web site, on the Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative Web page at: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/veterans>. FTA will announce final selections on the FTA Web site and may announce selections in the **Federal Register**. A synopsis of this announcement will be posted in the FIND module of the government-wide electronic grants Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>.

DATES: Complete proposals for VTCLI II grants must be submitted by 11:59 pm EDT on April 19, 2012. Applicants who have not already begun registering on the GRANTS.GOV site should do so immediately to ensure completion of registration before the submission deadline.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general program information, as well as proposal-specific questions, please send an email to VeteransTransportation@dot.gov or contact Erik Weber, (202) 366-0705. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

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I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Authority

The capital funding for VTCLI II is authorized under 49 U.S.C. Section 5309(b), as amended by Section 3011 of SAFETEA-LU:

The Secretary may make grants under this section to assist State and local governmental authorities in financing * * * capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities, including programs of bus and bus-related projects for assistance to subrecipients that are public agencies, private companies engaged in public