CFR 381.315(b). If the Agency denies the request, it must state the reason for doing so. If the decision is to grant the exemption, the notice must specify the person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision or provisions from which an exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 2 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.315(c) and 49 CFR 381.300(b)).

Transsecurity’s Application for Exemption

Transsecurity has applied for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.60(e)(1) to allow the installation of the camera-based OBMS at the bottom of the windshield on CMVs. A copy of the application is included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice. Section 393.60(e)(1) of the FMCSRprohibits the obstruction of the driver’s field of view by devices mounted at the top of the windshield. Antennas, transponders and similar devices (devices) must not be mounted more than 152 mm (6 inches) below the upper edge of the windshield. These devices must be located outside the area swept by the windshield wipers and outside the driver’s sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals.

Transsecurity has applied for the exemption because it wants to install the camera-based OBMS equipment in up to 500 CMVs operating throughout the United States in support of research being conducted on behalf of FMCSA. Transsecurity contends that it must be able to mount the camera-based OBMS lower than allowed under 49 CFR 393.60(e)(1) because the safety equipment must have a clear forward facing view of the road, and low enough to accurately scan facial features for detection of impaired driving. Transsecurity’s mounting preference for the camera-based OBMS and necessary mounting brackets is at the bottom of the windshield, and is best suited for mounting within and/or below 3 inches of the bottom of the windshield wiper sweep, and out of the driver’s sightlines to the road and highway signs and signals, to the extent practicable.

FMCSA Grant of Waiver to Transsecurity

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 31135(a) and 49 CFR part 381, subpart B, the FMCSA granted Transsecurity a 90-day waiver on July 23, 2012 to allow the placement of the OBMS at the bottom of windshields on CMVs, outside of the area permitted by § 393.60 of the FMCSR. This waiver is effective from July 24, 2012, through October 23, 2012. Up to 500 OBMS will be installed, and the affected motor carriers are listed as below:

1. DOT # 90792; Engle Transport Corporation—Florida.
2. DOT # 252234; Holiday Tours Inc.—Randleman, NC.
3. DOT # 16377; H&W Trucking Co. Inc.—Mt. Airy, NC.
4. DOT # 348258; Associated Grocers—Baton Rouge, LA.
5. DOT # 2222676; AM Express Inc.—Escanaba, MI.

During the waiver period, these motor carriers participating in the FMCSA research field operation test must ensure that the OBMS is mounted within 3 inches of the bottom of the driver side windshield wiper sweep, and out of the driver’s sightlines to the road and highway signs and signals as much as practicable. Vehicles participating in the study must carry a copy of this waiver in the vehicle.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on Transsecurity’s application for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.60(e)(1). All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the “Addresses” section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

Issued on: August 16, 2012.

Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments may be submitted to Mitchell A. Alderman, P.E., Director of Transit & Rail Programs, SANBAG, 1170 W. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410, or email to RPRP_Public_Comments@sanbag.co.gov. Written comments may also be submitted to Mr. Hymie Luden, City and Regional Planner, FTA, Region 9, 201 Mission Street, Suite 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105.

In accordance with Section 6002 of SAFETEA–LU, FTA and SANBAG invite comment on the scope of the EIS, specifically on the project’s purpose and need, the alternatives to be evaluated that may address the purpose and need, and the potential impacts of the alternatives considered. Comments on the EIS/DEIR must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on October 11, 2012. Additional information is available on SANBAG’s Web site: http://sanbag.co.gov/projects/redlands-transit.html or by calling Jane Dreher, SANBAG’s Public Information Officer (909–884–8276). This information will be made available at the public scoping meetings.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice published on July 31, 2012 (77 FR 45415) provided an incorrect address for one of the public scoping meetings. This notice provides a corrected address for that meeting and corrected dates for the public scoping meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mitchell A. Alderman, P.E., Director of Transit & Rail Programs, SANBAG, 1170 W. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410, or email to RPRP_Public_
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Transit Administration

Limitation on Claims Against Proposed Public Transportation Projects

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces final environmental actions taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Westside Subway Extension project, Los Angeles, CA. The purpose of this notice is to announce publicly the environmental decisions by FTA on the subject project and to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge these final environmental actions.

DATES: By this notice, FTA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to Section 139(f) of Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.). A claim seeking judicial review of the FTA actions announced herein for the listed public transportation project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before February 19, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy-Ellen Zusman, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, (312) 353–2577 or Terence Plaskon, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Human and Natural Environment, (202) 366–4422. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FTA has taken final agency actions by issuing certain approvals for the public transportation project listed below. The actions on this project, as well as the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the documentation issued in connection with the project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in other documents in the FTA administrative record for the projects. Interested parties may contact either the project sponsor or the relevant FTA Regional Office for more information on the project. Contact information for FTA’s Regional Offices may be found at http://www.fta.dot.gov.

This notice applies to all FTA decisions on the listed project as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including, but not limited to, NEPA [42 U.S.C. 4321–4375], Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. § 303], Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. § 470f], and the Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. § 7401–7671q]. This notice does not, however, alter or extend the limitation period of 180 days for challenges of project decisions subject to previous notices published in the Federal Register. The project and actions that are the subject of this notice are:

Project name and location: Westside Subway Extension, Los Angeles County, CA.

Project sponsor: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). Project description: The project will extend heavy rail transit, in a subway, nearly nine miles from the existing Expo Line western terminus at the Wilshire/Western Station to a new western terminus at the Westwood/Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital station. The project includes seven new stations and enhancements to the Division 20 Maintenance and Storage Facility located in Downtown Los Angeles to accommodate additional heavy rail vehicles. Final agency actions: Determination of de minimis impact to four Section 4(f) resources and a direct use of one Section 4(f) resource; a Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement; project-level air quality conformity; and Record of Decision (ROD), dated August 9, 2012. Supporting documentation: Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Final EIS/EIR), dated March 2012.

Issued on: August 20, 2012.

Lucy Garliauskas,
Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment, Washington, DC.

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