

which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change this proposed rule based on your comments. FMCSA may issue a final rule at any time after the close of the comment period.

#### Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble, To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number "FMCSA-2014-0104" and click "Search." Next, click "Open Docket Folder" and you will find all documents and comments related to the proposed rulemaking.

#### Information on Individual Applicants

##### *Martin Anthony Bystrycki*

Mr. Bystrycki, 62, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Florida.

##### *Ronald Craver, Sr.*

Mr. Craver, 56, holds an operator's license in Texas.

##### *Byron Davis*

Mr. Davis, 36, holds an operator's license in Mississippi.

##### *Stephen Digiovanna*

Mr. Digiovanna, 52, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Pennsylvania.

##### *Bruce Howard Dunn*

Mr. Dunn, 51, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Louisiana.

##### *Brandon Thomas Londo*

Mr. Londo, 28, holds an operator's license in Texas.

##### *George T. Moore*

Mr. Moore, 46, holds an operator's license in Georgia.

##### *Robert J. Pippin*

Mr. Pippin, 45, holds an operator's license in South Dakota.

##### *Scott A. Perdue*

Mr. Perdue, 46, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Georgia.

##### *Adalberto Rodriguez*

Mr. Rodriguez, 48, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in New York.

##### *David Rodriguez*

Mr. Rodriguez, 55, holds an operator's license in Texas.

##### *Melvin Randall Ross*

Mr. Ross, 60, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Ohio.

##### *Abderrazek Merjouné*

Mr. Merjouné, 41, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Maryland.

##### *Seth Lee Shannon*

Mr. Shannon, 35, holds an operator's license in Washington.

##### *Thomas D. Sneer*

Mr. Sneer, 57, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Minnesota.

##### *Juan Sloan*

Mr. Sloan, 51, holds an operator's license in California.

##### *Charles F. Wirick, IV*

Mr. Wirick, 30, holds an operator's license in Maryland.

#### Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b)(4), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. The Agency will consider all comments received before the close of business November 26, 2014. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The Agency will file comments received after the comment closing date in the public docket, and will consider them 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 monitor the public docket for new material.

Issued on: October 16, 2014.

##### **Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Fiscal Year 2014 Bus Ladders of Opportunity Initiative Grant Program Project Selections

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration; FTA, DOT.

**ACTION:** Bus Ladders of Opportunity Initiative announcement of project selections.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects with prior year Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities funds authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109-59) and prior authorizations for the Bus and Bus Facilities Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative). The amount available to projects is \$100 million. On August 4, 2014, FTA published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) (79 FR 32358) announcing the availability of funding for this program. These program dollars will provide financial assistance to purchase, replace, or rehabilitate buses, bus facilities, and bus-related equipment, and other eligible capital project costs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office for information regarding applying for the funds or program-specific information. A list of Regional Offices can be found at [www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov). A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In response to the NOFA, FTA received 282 proposals for 446 projects from 49 States plus the District of Columbia, Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico requesting \$1.4 billion in Federal funds. FTA evaluated project proposals based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria as detailed in the NOFA. FTA is funding 24 projects as shown in Table 1 for a total of \$100 million.

Successful applicants selected for competitive discretionary funding should work with their FTA Regional Office to finalize the grant application in FTA's Transportation Electronic Awards Management System (TEAM) so that funds can be obligated expeditiously. Grant applications must only include eligible activities applied for in the original project application. Funds must be used consistent with the competitive proposal and for the eligible purposes established in the NOFA and

described in FTA Circulars 5010 and 9300.1B. In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer's requested amount, grantees should work with the Regional Office to reduce scope or scale the project such that a complete phase or project is accomplished. Grantees are reminded that program requirements such as cost sharing or local match can be found in the NOFA. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TEAM application. Selected projects are eligible for pre-award authority no earlier than September 25, 2014. Pre-award authority is also contingent upon Federal requirements, such as planning and environmental requirements, having been met. For more about FTA's policy on pre-award authority, please see the FTA Fiscal Year 2014 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program notice found in 77 FR 13461 (March 10, 2014). Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report and Milestone reports in TEAM as appropriate (see

FTA Circulars 5010.1D and 9030.1E). Grantees must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant.

FTA emphasizes that grantees must follow all third-party procurement guidance, as described in FTA Circular 4220.1F. Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2017.

Due to the volume of unfunded project proposals, FTA is unable to conduct individual debriefs with unsuccessful applicants. FTA can, however offer the following feedback to strengthen proposals when responding to other future discretionary opportunities:

- Submit new and carefully conceived proposals that directly reflect the requirements contained in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).
- Contact FTA staff, regional and Headquarters, to discuss eligibility of your project before submitting the proposal.

- Address, clearly and thoroughly, all of the criteria outlined in the NOFA, to include why the investment it is needed and how it will meet the need, and accomplish or meet the intent of the program/opportunity to which you are applying.

- If a project is scalable, include both the scalable amount and an explanation of what can/will be funded with the scalable amount and how the benefits of the project may be scaled as a result of lesser funding.

- Ensure supporting documentation and attachments are clearly referenced in the application, and that they are relevant for the criteria.

- Ensure that qualitative and quantitative data provided in response to the criteria is project specific or specific to the targeted service area.

- Check numbers for the local match and ensure the budget shows the required match or accounts for the use of in-kind match that is equal to or more than the required local share.

**Therese W. McMillan,**  
*Acting Administrator.*

TABLE I—FY 2014 BUS LADDERS OF OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE PROJECT SELECTIONS

| State | Recipient   | Project ID   | Project description  | Allocation              |
|-------|---|--|--|-------------------------|
| AK    | State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. | D2014-BUSP-00001   | Bus Shelters   | \$82,318                |
| CA    | Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.           | D2014-BUSP-00002   | Bus Stop Improvements  | 1,668,557               |
| CA    | San Diego Metropolitan Transit System                               | D2014-BUSP-03001   | Bus Replacements   | 18,054,003              |
| CA    | San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency                       | D2014-BUSP-00003   | Buses for Service Expansion                                    | 8,995,226               |
| CO    | Mesa County   | D2014-BUSP-00004   | Bus Replacements   | 432,000                 |
| CO    | Regional Transportation District                                    | D2014-BUSP-03002   | Priority Signalization & Service Enhancement.                  | 4,999,000               |
| FL    | Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX).           | D2014-BUSP-97001 D2014-BUSP-04001  | Bus Transfer Center; Compressed Natural Gas Articulated Buses. | 1,000,000;<br>8,390,860 |
| IA    | Ames Transit Agency   | D2014-BUSP-04002   | Buses for Expansion of Service                                 | 2,550,000               |
| IL    | Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System (Connect Transit).         | D2014-BUSP-10001   | Bus Replacements   | 2,040,000               |
| IL    | Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD)                            | D2014-BUSP-06001   | Expanded Bus Service (Bus Purchase).                           | 762,400                 |
| KS    | Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri                                      | D2014-BUSP-06002   | Vans for New Service   | 66,308                  |
| KY    | Transit Authority of River City                                     | D2014-BUSP-06003   | Replacement Buses  | 8,700,000               |
| MI    | City of Detroit Department of Transportation                        | D2014-BUSP-05001<br>(\$20,325,548);<br>D2014-BUSP-01001<br>(\$5,600,000) | Replacement Buses  | 25,925,548              |
| MN    | Metropolitan Council—Metro Transit                                  | D2014-BUSP-07001   | Bus Stop Improvements  | 3,260,000               |
| MO    | Kansas City Area Transportation Authority                           | D2014-BUSP-07002   | Transit Access Improvements                                    | 1,200,000               |
| NE    | City of Lincoln, Nebraska   | D2014-BUSP-02003   | Replacement Buses  | 2,014,496               |
| OK    | Oklahoma Department of Transportation                               | D2014-BUSP-07003   | Replacement Buses  | 4,082,400               |

TABLE I—FY 2014 BUS LADDERS OF OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE PROJECT SELECTIONS—Continued

| State | Recipient   | Project ID       | Project description  | Allocation |
|-------|---|------------------|--|------------|
| OR    | Douglas County—Oregon Department of Transportation. | D2014—BUSP—07004 | Replacement Buses  | 576,000    |
| OR    | Lake County—Oregon Department of Transportation     | D2014—BUSP—11001 | ADA vans to expand service                                     | 105,400    |
| OR    | Lane Transit District (Eugene)                      | D2014—BUSP—98001 | Paratransit Vehicle Replacement and Security Camera Expansion. | 1,064,145  |
| TX    | Fort Worth Transportation Authority                 | D2014—BUSP—99001 | Replacement Buses  | 1,162,078  |
| TX    | Texarkana Urban Transit District                    | D2014—BUSP—99002 | Replacement Buses  | 1,200,000  |
| WA    | Muckleshoot Indian Tribe                            | D2014—BUSP—02001 | Buses for New Service  | 194,262    |
| WA    | Washington State Department of Transportation       | D2014—BUSP—02002 | Transit Facility   | 1,474,999  |

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD–2014–0136]

**Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SUNSEAMOON; Invitation for Public Comments**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 26, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to Docket Number MARAD–2014–0136. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on

the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Williams, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23–453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–0903, Email [Linda.Williams@dot.gov](mailto:Linda.Williams@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SUNSEAMOON is: *Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel: “Day Charters”.* *Geographic Region: “Florida”.*

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2014–0136 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR Part 388.

**Privacy Act**

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 DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register**

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
 Dated: October 20, 2014.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD–2014–0137]

**Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel ZENYATTA; Invitation for Public Comments**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 26, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to Docket Number MARAD–2014–0137. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this