

LIRR indicated that it needs the waiver for Stage 1.1 because the procurement of the turnouts in that stage is on a critical path. LIRR calculated that, absent a non-availability waiver for the components of these two turnouts, LIRR's JCI-Phase I Project would be delayed by approximately one year, based on the extended lead times for design modifications, fabrication, and delivery of the alternate turnout design. LIRR withdrew its waiver request with respect to the components of eight turnouts needed for Stages 2.0.1, 2.0.2, and 2.0.3 because the procurement of those turnouts is not on a critical path and LIRR believes that it has enough time to design, fabricate, manufacture, deliver, and install the domestic alternates without causing delays to those stages of the project.

Following LIRR's letter dated February 13, 2015, LIRR engaged in additional efforts to utilize domestic manufacturers for the project. By electronic mail dated June 25, 2015, LIRR further narrowed its waiver request to apply to only one turnout needed for Stage 1.1 of its JCI-Phase I Project. LIRR also withdrew its request for a Buy America waiver with respect to the Schwihag roller assemblies, Schwihag plates, and the ZU1-60 steel switch point rail sections for that turnout. LIRR determined that, based on the project's redesign, LIRR could use domestically manufactured components as alternatives. LIRR limited its waiver request to just the movable point frog needed for a single turnout in Stage 1.1.

Based upon LIRR's good faith efforts to identify domestic manufacturers for the turnout components and redesign the project, LIRR's informed conclusion that there are presently no U.S. manufacturers that are willing and capable of producing the movable point frog critically needed for the project, and the lack of responses to FTA's **Federal Register** notice, FTA hereby issues a non-availability waiver to LIRR, pursuant to 49 CFR 661.7(c), for the movable point frog component needed for one turnout in Stage 1.1 of the JCI-Phase I Project. This waiver does not apply to the turnout itself, and accordingly, the turnout must be manufactured in the United States pursuant to FTA's Buy America requirements.

This Buy America waiver does not apply to track turnout components for Stages 2.0.1, 2.0.2, 2.0.3, and any other stages of LIRR's JCI-Phase I Project, or for LIRR's State of Good Repair Program, as LIRR has withdrawn such waiver requests. Furthermore, this Buy America waiver does not apply to track turnout components needed for the Northeast

Corridor Congestion Relief Project at Harold Interlocking, for which FRA granted a Buy America waiver on May 15, 2015, as FRA funds are being used for that project.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### FTA Supplemental Fiscal Year 2015 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) annually publishes one or more notices to apportion funds appropriated by law. This notice is the third notice which announces the remaining apportionment for programs funded with fiscal year (FY) 2015 contract authority.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information about this notice contact Kimberly Sledge, Director, Office of Transit Programs, at (202) 366-2053. Please contact the appropriate FTA regional office for any specific requests for information or technical assistance. A list of FTA regional offices and contact information is available on the FTA Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

#### I. Overview

The FTA's public transportation assistance program authorization, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), expired September 30, 2014. Since that time, Congress has enacted short-term extensions allowing FTA to continue its current programs. The most recent extension, the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015, Public Law 114-41, (July 31, 2015), continues MAP-21 through October 29, 2015. This extension allows FTA to make available contract authority for transit assistance programs through September 30, 2015.

The FTA's full-year appropriations, the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Public Law 113-235 (Dec. 16, 2014), hereinafter "Appropriations Act, 2015" was enacted in December 2014, giving

FTA appropriated resources for FY 2015 for Administrative Expenses, Capital Investment Grants (CIG), Research and Technical Assistance and Training programs, and Grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority. The Appropriations Act, 2015 also provides a full fiscal year obligation limitation of \$8,595,000,000 of contract authority for FTA programs funded from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund during this fiscal year.

On July 23, 2015, FTA published an apportionments notice that apportioned approximately 10/12ths of the FY 2015 authorized contract authority among potential program recipients based on contract authority that was available from June 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015 (80 FR 141). That notice also provided relevant information about the FY 2015 funding available and end-of-year grant management and application procedures. A copy of that notice and accompanying tables can be found on the FTA Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/apportionments>.

This document provides notice to stakeholders that FTA is apportioning the full-year FY 2015 authorized contract authority—October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015—among potential program recipients according to statutory formulas in 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. This document also allocates most of the remaining CIG funding to projects with existing Full Funding Agreements (FFGA) or projects recommended to receive an FFGA. The FTA has posted tables displaying the funds available to eligible states and urbanized areas on FTA's Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/apportionments>.

The formula apportionment tables that allocate the full year of FY 2015 appropriated funds can be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/apportionments>. In addition, the National Transit Database (NTD) and Census Data used in the funding formulas can be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/apportionments>.

#### II. Grant Management and Application Procedures

A. The Transportation Electronic Awards Management (TEAM) system will close on Friday, September 25, 2015. Grants and cooperative agreements must have all applicable assurances and certifications completed so that funds can be awarded by the deadline. Funding that has not been awarded in an application by September 25, 2015 will not be migrated into the new FTA financial system, TrAMS. Instead, these applications will need to be re-created when TrAMS deploys in FY 2016. This applies to new

applications as well as amendments to existing awards.

B. Recipients of open American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants should be aware that, as a matter of law, all remaining ARRA funds MUST be disbursed from grants by the end of the 5th fiscal year (FY) after funds were required to be obligated. (See 31 U.S.C. 1552.) For FTA ARRA projects, that requirement takes affect at the end of FY 2015. Accordingly, once FTA's ECHO grant payment system closes for disbursement payments on September 25, 2015, all remaining unliquidated funds within FTA ARRA funded grants will no longer be available to the grantee, will be deobligated from the grant, and returned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Even if a grantee has incurred costs or disbursed funds prior to the close of ECHO, if the grantee has not actually drawn down the funds by 2:00 p.m. EDT on September 25, 2015 FTA would be unable to reimburse the grantee. Therefore, grantees with open ARRA grants must ensure project activities are completed and all funds are drawdown by 2:00 p.m. EDT on September 25, 2015. For ARRA TIGER I projects, the same requirement will be in effect for the end of FY 2016.

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Acting Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2014-0092]

#### Pipeline Safety: Request for Revision of a Previously Approved Information Collection: National Pipeline Mapping System Program (OMB Control No. 2137-0596)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to revise this information collection. On July 30, 2014, (79 FR 44246) PHMSA published a notice and request for comments in the **Federal Register** titled: "Pipeline Safety: Request for Revision of a Previously Approved Information Collection: National Pipeline Mapping

System (NPMS) Program (OMB Control No. 2137-0596)" seeking comments on proposed changes to the NPMS data collection. During the comment period, PHMSA received several comments and suggestions on ways to improve this data collection. We are publishing this notice to address the many comments received and to request additional comments on PHMSA's proposed path forward. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

**DATES:** A public meeting to discuss the revisions to the NPMS will be held on the afternoon of September 10, 2015.

Written comments on this information collection should be submitted by October 26, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the Crystal City Marriott located at 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway in Arlington, Virginia. Details regarding the meeting can be found at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=106>.

You may submit written comments identified by Docket No. PHMSA-2014-0092 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

- *Instructions:* Identify the docket number PHMSA-2014-0092 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You should know that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received in 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.). Therefore, you may want to review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or visit <http://www.regulations.gov> before submitting any such comments.

- *Docket:* For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of DOT's West Building, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on PHMSA-2014-0092." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (Internet, fax, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Nelson, GIS Manager, Program Development Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, by phone at 202-493-0591, or email at [amy.nelson@dot.gov](mailto:amy.nelson@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

##### II. Dropped Attributes

- A. Installation Method if Pipe Segment Crosses Water Body Which is 100 Feet in Width or Greater
- B. Year of Last Direct Assessment
- C. Type of Leak Detection
- D. Special Permit Segment and Permit Number
- E. Offshore Gas Gathering Line (Y/N)
- F. Average Daily Throughput
- G. Refineries
- H. Gas Processing and Treatment Plants

##### III. Kept Attributes

- A. Positional Accuracy (changed from previous 60-day notice)
- B. Pipe Diameter
- C. Wall Thickness
- D. Commodity Detail
- E. Pipe Material
- F. Pipe Grade
- G. Pipe Join Method
- H. Highest Percent Operating SMYS
- I. Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure/ Maximum Operating Pressure
- J. Seam Type
- K. Year or Decade of Installation
- L. Onshore/Offshore
- M. Inline Inspection
- N. Class Location
- O. Gas HCA Segment
- P. Segment Could Affect an HCA
- Q. Year of Last ILI
- R. Coated/Uncoated and Cathodic Protection
- S. Type of Coating
- T. FRP Control Number and Sequence Number, if Applicable
- U. Year and Pressure of Last and Original Pressure Test
- V. Abandoned Pipelines
- W. Pump and Compressor Stations
- X. Mainline Block Valves
- Y. Gas Storage Fields
- Z. Breakout Tanks