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**Marilyn G. Shazor,**

*Regional Administrator, FTA, Region 02.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Limitation on Claims Against a Proposed Public Transportation Project

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces final environmental actions taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for a project in 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(l) of Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.). A claim seeking judicial review of FTA actions announced herein for the listed public transportation project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before June 6, 2016.

**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 Environmental Programs, (202) 366-0442. 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 the 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 project. Interested parties may contact either the project sponsor or the relevant FTA Regional Office for more information. 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 for challenges of project decisions subject to previous notices for the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project published in the **Federal Register**. The project and actions that are the subject of this notice are:

*Project name and location:* Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project, Los Angeles County, CA. *Project sponsor:* Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). *Project description:* The proposed project would provide a 1.9-mile direct connection of light rail transit service from the Metro Gold Line Little Tokyo/Arts District Station to the 7th Street/Metro Center Station in downtown Los Angeles. The project would allow passengers to transfer to Blue, Expo, Red, and Purple Lines, bypassing Union Station and providing a one-seat ride for travel across Los Angeles County. In January 2012, FTA and LACMTA prepared and distributed a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Final EIS/EIR) for the project. On June 29, 2012, FTA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the project. Subsequently, the Final EIS/EIR and ROD were challenged in federal court. Final Judgment was entered on October 24, 2014, partially in favor of Flower Associates and partially in favor of the Defendants ("NEPA Judgment"). The NEPA Judgment partially vacated the June 29, 2012 ROD and directed the FTA to prepare a supplemental analysis under NEPA addressing the feasibility of open-face shield and sequential excavation

method tunneling alternatives under South Flower Street south of 4th Street in the Financial District. *See, Today's IV, Inc. v. Federal Transit Administration, et al.* (U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Western Division, Case No. 2:13-CV-00378) and *515/555 Flower Associates, LLC v. Federal Transit Administration, et al.* (U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Western Division, Case No. 2:13-CV-00453). Pursuant to the Court's decision, FTA and LACMTA prepared additional analysis for the project, specifically draft and final versions of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The SEIS was limited in its scope and analyzed in detail two additional tunnel construction alternatives along Flower Street from 4th Street to 7th Street, as required by the Court's Order. FTA issued the Final SEIS concurrently with a Supplemental ROD per 23 U.S.C. Section 139(n)(2)(A), as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, Public Law 114-94. This notice only applies to this discrete action taken by FTA. Nothing in this notice affects FTA's previous decisions, or notice thereof, for this project. *Final agency actions:* Supplemental Record of Decision, dated December 16, 2015. *Supporting documentation:* Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, dated December 2015.

**Lucy Garliauskas,**

*Associate Administrator Planning and Environment.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35986]

#### Connex Railroad LLC—Lease and Operation Exemption—Line of Buzzi Unicem USA in College Park, Ga.

Connex Railroad LLC (Connex), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from noncarrier Buzzi Unicem USA (Buzzi), operate, and maintain approximately 1,500 feet of railroad track located in College Park, Ga. (the Line). Connex states that the Line crosses West Point Avenue and connects to a CSX Transportation, Inc., mainline track in College Park, Ga., at milepost 12 of the CSX Old Atlanta West Point Subdivision. According to Connex, there are no mileposts associated with the Line, but it is identified as Buzzi Unicem Track ID XXB012.

Connex states that the proposed transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit Connex's ability to interchange with a third party.

The transaction may be consummated on or after January 21, 2016, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice of exemption was filed).

Connex certifies that the projected annual revenues do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier and will not exceed \$5 million.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than January 14, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35986, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on David H. Coburn, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Board decisions and notices are available at our Web site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: December 29, 2015.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Raina S. Contee,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 384X)]

#### Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in the City of St. Louis, Mo.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over an approximately 2.0-mile rail line between mileposts S 3.0 (near Branch Street) and S 5.0 (near May Street) (the Line), in the City of St. Louis, Mo. The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 63102 and 63147.

NSR has certified that: (1) No local or overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years and overhead traffic, if there were any, could be

rerouted over other lines; (2) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the two-year period; and (3) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will become effective on February 6, 2016, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>1</sup> must be filed by January 19, 2016.<sup>2</sup> Petitions to reopen must be filed by January 27, 2016, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to NSR's representative: William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "[WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV)."

Decided: December 30, 2015.

<sup>1</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,600. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>2</sup> Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, interim trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require an environmental review.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Tia Delano,**

Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Notice of Guarantee Availability (NOGA) inviting Qualified Issuer Applications and Guarantee Applications for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Bond Guarantee Program.

*Announcement Type:* Announcement of opportunity to submit Qualified Issuer Applications and Guarantee Applications.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 21.011.

*Key Dates:* Qualified Issuer Applications and Guarantee Applications may be submitted to the CDFI Fund starting on the date of publication of this NOGA. In order to be considered for the issuance of a Guarantee in FY 2016, Qualified Issuer Applications must be submitted by March 4, 2016 and Guarantee Applications must be submitted by March 18, 2016. If applicable, CDFI Certification Applications must be received by the CDFI Fund by 5:00 p.m. ET, February 12, 2016. Under FY 2016 authority, Bond Documents and Bond Loan documents must be executed, and Guarantees will be provided, in the order in which Guarantee Applications are approved or by such other criteria that the CDFI Fund may establish, in its sole discretion, and in any event by September 30, 2016.

*Executive Summary:* This NOGA is published in connection with the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program, administered by the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund), the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury). Through this NOGA, the CDFI Fund announces the availability of up to \$750 million billion of Guarantee Authority in FY 2016. This NOGA also explains application submission and evaluation requirements and processes, and provides agency contacts and information on CDFI Bond Guarantee Program outreach. Parties interested in being approved for a Guarantee under the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program must submit Qualified Issuer Applications and Guarantee Applications for