DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS). TRACS is a Federal Advisory Committee established to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administrator on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems.

DATES: The TRACS meeting will be held on November 29, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and November 30, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Adrianna Malasky (see contact information below) by November 15, 2016, if you wish to be added to the visitors list to gain access to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Association of Home Builders, 1201 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20005.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2). TRACS is composed of 29 members representing the broad base of expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. The tentative agenda for the November 29–30 meeting of TRACS is set forth below:

Agenda

1. Introductory Remarks
2. Facility Use/Safety Briefing
3. Updates from the FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight and the Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation
4. Work Group Presentations and Deliberations on Recommendations to FTA
5. Public Comments
6. Summary of Deliverables/Concluding Remarks

Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting, make an oral statement and participants seeking special accommodations at the meeting must contact Adrianna Malasky by November 15, 2016. Members of the public may submit written comments or suggestions concerning the activities of TRACS at any time before or after the meeting at TRACS@dot.gov, or to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, Room E54–425, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Attention: Adrianna Malasky.

Information from the meeting will be posted on FTA’s public Web site at https://www.transit.dot.gov/, on the TRACS Meeting Minutes page. Written comments submitted to TRACS will also be posted at the above web address.

Carolyn Flowers, Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket No. FTA–2016–0038]

Notice of Proposed Buy America Waiver for Radio Consoles

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Buy America waiver and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) received a request from the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (GDRTA) for a Buy America non-availability waiver for the procurement of radio consoles, which are a part of a voice and cellular data communications system (the “radio consoles”). GDRTA’s current voice and data communications equipment is obsolete and malfunctioning. The new communication system will result in improved operational efficiency. GDRTA seeks a waiver for the procurement of radio consoles because there are no manufacturers that produce radio consoles that are compatible with GDRTA’s communications system and comply with the Buy America requirements. 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(B) and 49 CFR 661.7(c), GDRTA is joining Montgomery County’s radio system, and the radio consoles compatible with the new system must be original equipment manufacturer (OEM) Motorola devices. Motorola cannot provide Buy America–compliant radio consoles. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(6)(A), FTA is providing notice of the non-availability waiver request and seeks public comment before deciding whether to grant the request. If granted, the waiver would apply to the radio consoles identified in the waiver request.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 15, 2016. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments by one of the following means, identifying your submissions by docket number FTA–2016–0038:

2. Fax: (202) 493–2251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cecelia Comito, FTA Assistant Chief Counsel, at (202) 366–2217 or Cecelia.comito@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this notice is to provide notice and seek public comment on whether the FTA should grant a Buy America non-availability waiver for the Greater Dayton Regional Transportation Authority (GDRTA) to procure radio consoles, which would be a part of GDRTA’s new communication system (the “radio consoles”). On May 24, 2016, GPMTD requested a Buy America waiver for the radio consoles because...