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**Lirio Liu,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2017-0540.

*Petitioner:* Bell Helicopter Textron.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:*

§§ 61.113(a) and (b), 91.121, 91.151(a), 91.119(c).

*Description of Relief Sought:* The petitioner is seeking an exemption in conjunction with obtaining a Special Airworthiness Certificate (Experimental—Research and Development) for the Model SFV Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) for research and development purposes and subsequently for marketing purposes. Bell intends to operate the SFV UAS in Class G airspace with an altitude envelope of not greater than 400 feet above ground level (AGL) above an area of Palo Pinto County, Texas, with ground elevation above mean sea level (MSL) of approximately 1,050 feet.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Notice of Final Federal Agency Action on Proposed Highway in Arizona

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); DOT; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

**ACTION:** Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by the USACE.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to announce action taken by the USACE that are final within the meaning of the United States Code. The action relates to the construction of the South Mountain Freeway/Loop 202 Project (Project) in Maricopa County, in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area, in the State of Arizona. The USACE granted a Department of the Army permit, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, authorizing the Arizona Department of Transportation

(AZDOT) to discharge dredged or fill material into Waters of the United States at specified locations related to the Project.

**DATES:** By this notice the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the identified Federal agency action related to the Project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before April 19, 2018. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*For FHWA:* Mr. Alan Hansen, Team Leader Planning, Environment, Air Quality, and Realty Team, Federal Highway Administration, 4000 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1500, Phoenix, Arizona 85012-3500; telephone: (602) 379-3646, fax: (602) 382-8998, email: [Alan.Hansen@dot.gov](mailto:Alan.Hansen@dot.gov). The FHWA Arizona Division Office's normal business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time).

*For USACE:* Department of the Army, Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division, Attn: David Castanon, Regulatory Division Chief, 915 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017; email: [david.j.castanon@usace.army.mil](mailto:david.j.castanon@usace.army.mil); telephone: (213) 452-3406.

*For AZDOT:* Julie Gadsby, Asst. District Engineer, Arizona Department of Transportation, 2140 Hilton Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85009; email: [jgadsby@azdot.gov](mailto:jgadsby@azdot.gov); telephone: (602) 712-7677.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that USACE has taken final agency action by issuing certain approval related to the Project. The action related the Project, as well as the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Department of the Army Permit and related documents in the USACE administrative record for the permit action. Interested parties may contact the USACE Los Angeles District Regulatory Division Office for more information on the USACE's permit decision. Contact information for the appropriate USACE representative is above.

This notice applies to all claims seeking judicial review of the Department of the Army permit, and all laws under which such action was taken, including, but not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act [42 U.S.C. 4321-4375], the Clean Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act [33 U.S.C. 1251-1388]. This notice does not, however, alter or extend the limitations period for challenges of

Project decisions subject to the Federal Highway Administration notice regarding the Project published in the **Federal Register** on March 5, 2015 pursuant to Section 139 of Title 23 United States Code.

The Project and actions that are the subject of this notice are:

*Project name and location:* South Mountain Freeway/Loop 202, Maricopa County, AZ.

*Project Sponsor:* The Arizona Department of Transportation (AZDOT).

*Project description:* The Project includes the construction and operation of a 22-mile, eight-lane highway connecting Interstate 10 (Papago Freeway) to Interstate 10 (Maricopa Freeway). The Project begins in the Eastern portion at the intersection of Interstate 10 and State Route 202 near 41st Street in Chandler Arizona and continues generally westward along the existing Pecos Road, bordering the Gila River Indian Community's lands. The Project continues through a portion of the South Mountain Park/Preserve, as it turns north, roughly following 59th Avenue until it connects to Interstate 10 just north of Van Buren Street. Portions of the Project will pass through Laveen and Estrella villages in the west and will border both the Desert Foothills and Ahwatukee communities in the East. The Project includes approximately 15 interchanges, including two direct connections to Interstate 10 East and Loop 202 (Santan Freeway), in addition to a shared-use path, multi-use underpass crossings, a pedestrian bridge near Elwood Street, and two 2,700 foot long bridge crossings of the Salt River, as well as widening and improvements to Interstate 10 East.

*Final agency actions:* Department of the Army permit issued pursuant to Section 404 Clean Water Act effective November 9, 2017.

*Supporting documentation:* USACE Record of Decision issued November 9, 2017.

The USACE decision and permit No. SPL-2202-00055 are available by contacting USACE at the address provided above, and can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Projects-Programs/>.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which the final action was taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351].

2. *Air:* Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7506(c)].

3. *Wildlife*: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and Section 1536], Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661–667(d)], Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703–712].

4. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [54 U.S.C. 306108 *et seq.*].

5. *Social and Economic*: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)–2000(d)(1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996].

6. *Water*: Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C. 1251–1387].

7. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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**Karla S. Petty,**

*Division Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Buy America Waiver Notification

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information regarding FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for 33 iron and steel components of Georgia Ports Authority-procured Rail Mounted Gantry (RMG) cranes that will increase intermodal capacity at the Garden City Terminal in Garden City, Georgia. These iron and steel components are not manufactured (from melting to coating) in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality.

**DATES:** The effective date of the waiver is November 21, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366–1562, or via email at [Gerald.Yakowenko@dot.gov](mailto:Gerald.Yakowenko@dot.gov). For legal questions, please contact Mr. Jomar Maldonado, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, 202–366–1373, or via email at [Jomar.Maldonado@dot.gov](mailto:Jomar.Maldonado@dot.gov). Office hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Publishing Office's database at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

##### Background

The FHWA's Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available (non-availability). This notice provides information regarding FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for twenty-eight iron and steel components of eight RMG cranes that will be procured by the Georgia Ports Authority to increase intermodal capacity at the Garden City Terminal in Garden City, Georgia due to non-availability.

In accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Pub. L. 115–31), FHWA published a notice seeking comments on whether a waiver is appropriate on its Web site, <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=150> on May 9. The FHWA received no comments in response to the publication.

The Georgia Ports Authority commissioned an independent study demonstrating that RMG cranes could not be produced domestically. These findings are consistent with past studies demonstrating that no RMG cranes using 100 percent domestic steel and iron are reasonably available. Based on vendor responses to the port's procurement solicitation, some crane components could be manufactured in the U.S. However, the following 33

items are not manufactured in the U.S. in manner that the iron and steel complies with FHWA's Buy America requirements: gantry motor, gantry motor brake, gantry gearbox couplings, gantry gearbox, gantry wheel, gantry guide and thrust roller assembly, gantry rail brake hydraulic pump, gantry rail brake hydraulic solenoid, gantry oleo bumper, trolley motor, trolley motor brake, trolley motor gearbox coupling, trolley motor gearbox, trolley wheel, trolley guide thrust roller assembly, trolley oleo bumper, hoist motor, hoist motor gearbox coupling, hoist gearbox, hoist gearbox hoist drum coupling, hoist brake thruster, hoist sheave, hoist headblock sheave, slew motor, slew motor brake, slew motor gearbox coupling, slew gearbox, gantry cable rear motor, gantry cable reel gearbox, gantry cable reel brake assembly, gantry cable reel slip ring assembly, load cell pin, and main power transformer. Based on all the information available to the agency, FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers for these 33 components of RMG cranes for use by the Georgia Ports Authority. Accordingly, the FHWA waives the Buy America requirements for these 33 components. This limited waiver does not include steel and iron components of the RMG cranes that are available with steel and iron produced domestically, including the steel gantry structure.

This project will be completed under a Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies, Significant Freight, and Highway Projects FY 2016 grant award (commonly referred to as FASTLANE grants).

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA–LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–244, 122 Stat. 1572), FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the waiver page noted above.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110–161, 23 CFR 635.410

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**Brandye L. Hendrickson,**

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