

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****Limitation on Claims Against Proposed Public Transportation Projects**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a final environmental action taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for a project in Perth Amboy and South Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The purpose of this notice is to announce publicly the environmental decision by FTA on the subject project and to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge this final environmental action.

**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 April 19, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy-Ellen Zusman, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, (312) 353-2577 or Alan Tabachnick, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Environmental Programs, (202) 366-8541. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that FTA has taken final agency action by issuing a certain approval for the public transportation project listed below. The action on the project, as well as the laws under which such action was taken, is 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 FTA Regional Office for more information. Contact information for FTA's Regional Offices may be found at <https://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 action was 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 published in the **Federal Register**. The project and action that are the subject of this notice follows:

*Project name and location:* Raritan River Bridge Replacement Project, Middlesex County, New Jersey. *Project Sponsor:* New Jersey Transit Corporation. *Project description:* This project consists of the demolition of the 100+ year old two-track Raritan River swing span bridge and replacement with a new two-track moveable vertical life span bridge on a parallel alignment to the west of the existing bridge. The Raritan River rail bridge suffered structural damage during Hurricane Sandy in October 2012, when ocean surge moved the approach girder spans out of alignment atop their supporting piers. The replacement of the bridge will reduce the vulnerability of the existing Raritan River rail bridge to major storm flood events, enhancing the reliability of the North Jersey Coast Line (NJCL), the third busiest of NJ Transit's commuter rail lines.

*Final agency actions:* Section 4(f) determination, dated June 2017; Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, dated August 21, 2017; and a Finding of No Significant Impact, dated October 13, 2017. *Supporting documentation:* Environmental Assessment dated June, 2017.

**Lucy Garliauskas,**

*Associate Administrator Planning and Environment.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 8609 and 8609A**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8609, Low-Income Housing Credit

Allocation and Certification, and Form 8609-A, Annual Statement for Low-Income Housing Credit.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 19, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to L. Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Taquesha Cain, at (202) 317-8979 Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [Taquesha.R.Cain@irs.gov](mailto:Taquesha.R.Cain@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Low-Income Housing Credit Allocation and Certification.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0988.

*Form Number:* Form 8609 and Form 8609A.

*Abstract:* Owners of residential low-income rental buildings are allowed a low-income housing credit for each qualified building over a 10-year credit period. Form 8609 can be used to obtain a housing credit allocation from the housing credit agency. A separate Form 8609 must be issued for each building in a multiple building project. Form 8609 is also used to certify certain information. Form 8609-A is filed by a building owner to report compliance with the low-income housing provisions and calculate the low-income housing credit. Form 8609-A must be filed by the building owner for each year of the 15-year compliance period. File one Form 8609-A for the allocation(s) for the acquisition of an existing building and a separate Form 8609-A for the allocation(s) for rehabilitation expenditures.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this existing regulation. However, the agency has updated the number of respondents to reflect the most recent data available.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and farms.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 18 hours, 16 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 548,700.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information

unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: November 14, 2017.

**L. Brimmer,**

*Senior Tax Analyst.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Reimbursement for Caskets and Urns for Burial of Unclaimed Remains in a National Cemetery or a VA-funded State or Tribal Veterans' Cemetery

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is updating the monetary reimbursement rates for caskets and urns purchased for the interment in a VA national cemetery or a VA-funded state or tribal veterans' cemetery of Veterans who die with no known next of kin and where there are insufficient resources for furnishing a burial container. The purpose of this notice is to notify interested parties of the rates that will apply to reimbursement claims that occur during calendar year (CY) 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Axelbank, Budget Formulation Division, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420. Telephone: (202) 632-7236 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 2306(f) of title 38, U.S.C., authorizes VA National Cemetery Administration (NCA) to furnish a casket or urn for interment in a VA national cemetery or a VA-funded state or tribal veterans' cemetery of the unclaimed remains of Veterans for whom VA cannot identify a next of kin and determines that sufficient financial resources for the furnishing of a casket or urn for burial are not available. VA implemented regulations to administer this authority as a reimbursement benefit in section 38.628 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

Public Law 114-273 extended VA's authority to furnish a casket or urn for interment of the unclaimed remains of Veterans for whom VA cannot identify a next of kin and determines that sufficient financial resources for the furnishing of a casket or urn for burial are not available when those remains are to be buried in a VA national cemetery or a VA-funded state or tribal

veterans' cemetery. The reimbursement amounts shown in this notice are applicable to those interments.

Reimbursement for a claim received in any CY will not exceed the average cost of a 20-gauge metal casket or a durable plastic urn during the fiscal year (FY) preceding the CY of the claim. Average costs are determined by market analysis for 20-gauge metal caskets, designed to contain human remains, with a gasketed seal, and external rails or handles. The same analysis is completed for durable plastic urns, designed to contain human remains, which include a secure closure to contain the cremated remains.

Using this method of computation, in FY 2017, the average costs for caskets were determined to be \$2,131 and \$169 for urns. Accordingly, the reimbursement rates payable for qualifying interments occurring during CY 2018 are \$2,131 for caskets and \$169 for urns.

#### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on November 14, 2017, for publication.

Dated: November 14, 2017.

**Jeffrey Martin,**

*Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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