

5. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)–11]; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469–469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001–3013].

6. *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]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201–4209].

7. *Wetlands and Water Resources*: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [16 U.S.C. 4601–4604]; Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [42 U.S.C. 300(f)–300(j)(6)]; Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 [33 U.S.C. 401–406]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271–1287]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001–4128].

8. *Water*: Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. 1251–1387.

9. *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.)

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

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**Karla S. Petty**,

*Arizona Division Administrator, Phoenix, Arizona.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2021–0082]

#### Draft General Conformity Determination for the California High-Speed Rail System Burbank to Los Angeles Section

**AGENCY**: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION**: Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY**: FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a draft General Conformity Determination for the Burbank to Los Angeles Section of the California High-Speed Rail (HSR) System is available for public and agency review and comment.

**DATES**: Comments must be received on or before October 20, 2021.

**ADDRESSES**: Comments related to Docket No. FRA–2021–0082 may be submitted by going to <http://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions*: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number (FRA–2021–0082). All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the *Privacy Act Statement* heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

*Docket*: For access to the docket to read the draft General Conformity Determination, background documents, or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Andréa Martin, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Railroad Policy and Development (RPD), telephone: (202) 493–6201, email: [Andrea.Martin@dot.gov](mailto:Andrea.Martin@dot.gov); or Marlys Osterhues, Chief Environment and Corridor Planning, RPD, telephone: (202) 493–0413, email: [Marlys.Osterhues@dot.gov](mailto:Marlys.Osterhues@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**:

*Privacy Act Statement*: FRA will post comments it receives, without edit, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL–14 FDMS, accessible through [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization;

however, inclusion of names is completely optional. Whether commenters identify themselves or not, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

*Background*: The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is advancing the environmental review of the Burbank to Los Angeles Section (Project) of the California HSR System pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327, under which it has assumed FRA’s environmental review responsibilities. However, under Section 327, FRA remains responsible for making General Conformity Determinations under the Clean Air Act. This draft General Conformity Determination documents FRA’s evaluation of the Burbank to Los Angeles Section, consistent with the relevant section of the Clean Air Act and its implementing regulations.

FRA’s analysis of the Project’s potential emissions, completed in close collaboration with CHSRA and informed by CHSRA’s coordination with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the California Air Resources Board, found that Project-generated emissions will either be offset for its construction phase, or will be less than zero for its operational phase; and therefore, the Action’s emissions can be accommodated in the Statewide Implementation Plan (SIP) for the South Coast Air Basin. FRA concludes that the Project, as designed, will conform to the approved SIP, based on a commitment from the CHSRA that construction-phase NO<sub>x</sub> emissions will be offset consistent with the applicable federal regulations in the SCAQMD.

#### Next Steps

The draft General Conformity Determination for the California High-Speed Rail System, Burbank to Los Angeles Section is being issued for public review and comment for 30-days at Docket No. FRA–2021–0082. Comments related to Docket No. FRA–2021–0082 may be submitted by going to <http://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments. Although CHSRA is assisting FRA by disseminating notice of the availability of the draft General Conformity Determination through its usual outreach methods, CHSRA is not accepting comments on behalf of FRA. FRA cannot ensure consideration of any comment that is not submitted via <http://www.regulations.gov>. FRA will consider all relevant comments it

receives before issuing a final General Conformity Determination.

Issued in Washington, DC.

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Federal Railroad Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Fiscal Year 2021 Competitive Funding Opportunity; Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for approximately \$409.59 million in fiscal year (FY) 2021 funds under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (Federal Assistance Listing #20.526). As required by Federal public transportation law and subject to funding availability, funds will be awarded competitively to assist in the financing of capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses and related equipment, and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct or lease bus-related facilities. Projects may include costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or to the construction of facilities, such as the costs of related workforce development and training activities, and project administration expenses. FTA may award additional funds if they are made available to the program prior to the announcement of project selections.

**DATES:** Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *GRANTS.GOV* "APPLY" function by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 19, 2021. Prospective applicants should initiate the process by promptly registering on the *GRANTS.GOV* website to ensure completion of the application process before the submission deadline. Instructions for applying can be found on FTA's website at <http://transit.dot.gov/howtoapply> and in the "FIND" module of *GRANTS.GOV*. The *GRANTS.GOV* funding opportunity ID is FTA 2021-008-TPM-Bus. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Wilson, FTA Office of Program Management, 202-366-5279, or [thomas.wilson@dot.gov](mailto:thomas.wilson@dot.gov).

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##### A. Program Description

Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5339(b)) authorizes FTA to award grants for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program through a competitive process, as described in this notice. Grants under this program are for capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses and related equipment, or to rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities.

FTA will evaluate projects based on how they will address significant repair and maintenance needs and improve the safety of transit systems through timely and efficient investment in public transportation. FTA may prioritize projects that support FTA's strategic goals and objectives.

This program supports President Biden's Build Back Better initiative to mobilize American ingenuity to build a modern infrastructure and an equitable, clean energy future. In addition, this NOFO will advance the goals of the President's January 27, 2021, Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, and has the potential to enhance environmental stewardship and community partnerships, consistent with the goals of Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.

##### B. Federal Award Information

Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5338(a)(2)(M)) authorizes \$289,044,179 in FY 2021 funds for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, appropriated an additional \$125,000,000 for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. After the mandatory oversight takedown of \$4,455,331, FTA is announcing the availability of \$409,588,848 for the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program through this notice. In FY 2020, the program received applications for 282 projects requesting a total of \$1.8 billion. Ninety-six projects were funded at a total of \$464 million.

As required by Federal public transportation law at 49 U.S.C. 5339(b)(5), a minimum of 10 percent of the amount awarded under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program will be awarded to projects located in rural areas. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5339(b)(8), no single grant recipient will be awarded more than 10 percent of the amount made available. FTA may further cap the amount a single recipient or State may receive as part of the selection process. There is no minimum grant award amount. FTA intends to fund as many meritorious projects as possible.

##### C. Eligibility Information

###### 1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed route bus operators, States or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service, and Indian tribes. Eligible subrecipients include all otherwise eligible applicants and also private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation.

States may submit a statewide application on behalf of public agencies or private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation in rural areas or for other areas to which a State allocates funds. Except for projects proposed by Indian tribes, all proposals for projects in rural (non-urbanized) areas must be submitted by a State, either individually or as a part of a statewide application. States and other eligible applicants also may submit consolidated proposals for projects in urbanized areas. The submission of a statewide or consolidated urbanized area application shall not preclude the submission and consideration of any application from other eligible recipients in an urbanized area in a State. Proposals may contain projects to be implemented by the recipient or its subrecipients.

To be considered eligible, applicants must be able to demonstrate the requisite legal, financial, and technical capabilities to receive and administer Federal funds under this program.

###### 2. Cost Sharing or Matching

The maximum Federal share for projects selected under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program is 80 percent of the net project cost (*i.e.*, the non-Federal amount must be at least 20 percent of the net project cost, not 20 percent of the requested grant amount), unless any of the following exceptions applies:

The maximum Federal share is 85 percent of the net project cost of