Commission does take final action, notice of these actions will be published in the Federal Register after the meeting. Any actions specific to projects will also be provided in writing directly to project sponsors.

The meeting will be conducted both in person at the Commission’s headquarters and digitally. The public is invited to attend the Commission’s business meeting. You can access the Business Meeting through a computer (Audio and Video) by following the link: https://srbc.webex.com/srbc/j.php?MTID=m5f5acabf7a543cc0f92dcdfadd.php?MTID=m5f5acabf7a543cc0f92dcdfadd1007da then enter meeting number 177 499 9312 and password Dec17CommMtg. You may also participate telephonically by dialing 1–877–668–4493 and entering the meeting number 177 499 9312 followed by the # sign.

Written comments pertaining to items on the agenda at the business meeting may be mailed to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Avenue, Room 614, Augusta, ME 04330; telephone: 207–512–4921; email: eva.birk@dot.gov. For MAINEDOT: Kristen Chamberlain, NEPA Manager, Maine Department of Transportation, 24 Child Street, Augusta, ME 04330; telephone: 207–557–5089; email: kristen.chamberlain@maine.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FHWA and other Federal agencies have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of Maine: Replacement of the existing 1926 concrete tied arch Blue Hill Fall Bridge (#5038) with a 110' long and 30' wide enhanced girder bridge. Federal Project Number: STP–1771(200X).

The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in Categorical Exclusion (CE) approved on June 29, 2021, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The Categorical Exclusion and other project records are available by contacting FHWA at the address provided above.

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


(A catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Exec. Order No. 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)


Todd D. Jorgensen,
Division Administrator, Augusta, Maine.

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thrombosis, or any other cardiovascular disease of a variety known to be accompanied by syncope, angina pectoris, coronary insufficiency, thrombosis, or any other cardiovascular disease of a variety known to be accompanied by syncope, dyspnea, collapse, or congestive heart failure. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals with ICDs to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 13, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA–2021–0159 using any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov/, insert the docket number, FMCSA–2021–0159, in the keyword box, and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer–Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click on the “Comment” button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.


• Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

• Fax: (202) 493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (Docket No. FMCSA–2021–0159), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to www.regulations.gov, insert the docket number FMCSA–2021–0159 in the keyword box, and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer–Older),” choose the first notice listed, click the “Comment” button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

B. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number, FMCSA–2021–0159, in the keyword box, and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer–Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click “Browse Comments.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

C. Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.transportation.gov/privacy.

II. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for no longer than a 5-year period if it finds such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption. The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 5-year period. FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver’s medical certification.

The five individuals listed in this notice have requested an exemption from 49 CFR 391.41(b)(4). Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

The physical qualification standard found in § 391.41(b)(4) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has no current clinical diagnosis of myocardial infarction, angina pectoris, coronary insufficiency, thrombosis, or any other cardiovascular disease of a variety known to be accompanied by syncope, dyspnea, collapse, or congestive cardiac failure.

In addition to the regulations, FMCSA has published advisory criteria to assist medical examiners in determining whether drivers with certain medical conditions are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. The advisory criteria states that ICDs are disqualifying due to risk of syncope.

III. Qualifications of Applicants

Rosie A. Byrd

Ms. Byrd is a CMV driver with a CDL in Kansas seeking to transfer her CDL to Texas. An August 26, 2021, letter from Ms. Byrd’s cardiologist reports that she has never been symptomatic from her underlying heart condition. Ms. Byrd’s cardiologist’s letter states that her ICD was implanted in October of 2019, has not discharged since implantation, and that she is stable with no clinical events related to the heart condition.

Thomas Jacobs

Mr. Jacobs is a CMV driver in New York. An August 31, 2021 letter from Mr. Jacobs’ cardiologist reports that his ICD was implanted in October of 2018. Mr. Jacobs’ cardiologist’s letter states that there have been no displays of...
tachycardia pacing or shocks in the 3 years since implantation, and that the status of his underlying heart condition is stable, his echocardiogram is unchanged, and he has a left ventricular ejection fraction of 35 percent.

Lee Latin

Mr. Latin is a CMV driver in North Carolina. An October 12, 2021 letter from his cardiologist’s office reports that his biventricular device was implanted in 2012. His last ejection fraction in 2018 was “mildly reduced” at 45 to 55 percent. He has experienced one inappropriate shock for sinus tachycardia in 2017. He had a generator replacement in 2019, is stable, and has not experienced any ICD therapies since September of 2021.

Wayne Pimpare

Mr. Pimpare is a CMV driver in Maine. A May 6, 2021 letter from Mr. Pimpare’s cardiologist reports that his ICD was initially implanted in 2012 and was replaced in 2020. Mr. Pimpare’s letter from his cardiologist states that his ICD has never discharged, that he has no symptoms related to his ICD, and that his underlying cardiac condition is stable.

Bradley Plunket

Mr. Plunket is a CMV driver in Illinois. A July 27, 2021 letter from Mr. Plunket’s cardiologist reports that his ICD was implanted in January of 2017. Mr. Plunket’s cardiologist’s letter states that as of April 2021 Mr. Plunket reports no complaints and no ICD shocks, and that he is scheduled for routine follow-ups every 3 months.

IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31313(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. We will consider all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated under the DATES section of the notice.

Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Transit Administration

FY 2021 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Enhancing Mobility Innovation

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 a total of $2,000,000 in competitive cooperative agreement awards in fiscal year (FY) 2021 funds for projects that enhance mobility innovations for transit. Funds will be awarded competitively for projects that advance emerging technologies, strategies and innovations in passenger-centric mobility in two distinct areas. Of the total available funds, $1,000,000 is available to accelerate innovative mobility and is for projects to improve mobility and enhance the rider experience with a focus on innovative service delivery models, creative financing, novel partnerships, and integrated payment solutions; and $1,000,000 is available for projects to support the development of software solutions that facilitate the provision of integrated demand-response public transportation service that dispatches public transportation fleet vehicles through riders mobile devices or other means. Projects will be competitively selected based on criteria outlined in this notice. FTA may award additional funding that is 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 January 11, 2022.

Prospective applicants should initiate the process by registering on the GRANTS.GOV website promptly to ensure completion of the application process before the submission deadline. Instructions for applying can be found on FTA’s website at http://www.transit.dot.gov/howtoapply and in the “FIND” module of GRANTS.GOV.

The funding opportunity ID is FTA–2021–010–TR–EMI. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Gikakis, FTA Office of Research, Demonstration, and Innovation, 202–366–2637, christina.gikakis@dot.gov.

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A. Program Description

Under FTA’s Public Transportation Innovation Program (49 U.S.C. 5312), FTA may make grants, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements, for research, development, demonstration, and deployment projects of national significance to public transportation agencies that the Secretary determines will improve public transportation service. This NOFO (Federal Assistance Listing: 20.530) has been developed under this authority. As directed by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116–260), FTA will competitively fund up to $1,000,000 in cooperative agreements to accelerate innovations that improve mobility and enhance the rider experience, and will competitively fund up to $1,000,000 in cooperative agreements for the development of software solutions to facilitate demand-response public transportation.

This NOFO implements the provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, by seeking targeted projects that advance emerging technologies, strategies and innovations in passenger-centric mobility, in these two distinct areas: (a) To develop novel operational concepts and/or demonstrate innovations that improve mobility and enhance the rider experience, with a focus on innovative service delivery models, creative financing, novel partnerships, and integrated payment solutions; and (b) to support the development of software solutions that facilitate the provision of demand-response public transportation service that dispatches public transportation fleet vehicles, through riders mobility devices or other advanced means.

This effort also supports the President’s promotion of increased access to transit for environmental justice populations and adoption of equity-focused policies. This NOFO will advance the goals of Executive Order 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.

These research efforts will build upon significant FTA and private sector investments in mobility innovation through efforts such as the Mobility on...