

PUBLIC NOTICE

**STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INTERMODAL PLANNING/TRANSIT SECTION
FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2010 (10/01/09 THRU 09/30/10)**

Separate applications are required for each Federal Transit Administration Program applied for.
For further information and applications, please contact the Transit Division at
775-888-7356 or 775-888-7463

**Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered on or before:
April 15, 2009**

Nevada Department of Transportation
Intermodal Planning/Transit Section
1263 S. Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89712

All documents must be signed by persons with signature authority and their legal counsel.

Categories and Criteria

Mission/Vision Statement

Applicant's vision/mission statement: Include the organization's mission statement that clearly states the use of the proposed project funds. It needs to be clear how this funding enhances the organization's objective.

Service

Access type: Discuss equal access to your program and use of this service by all persons eligible for use of the requested funds. This includes but is not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Compliance and Activity issues involving Title VI non discrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and Americans with Disabilities Act; and state access and disability statutes, policies and guidelines.

Service area: Discuss anticipated/proposed routes, schedules, trip priorities, etc. Describe the geographic service area including scheduled and non-scheduled trips to adjoining areas.

Vehicle

Identify vehicle(s) requested as well as if the vehicle(s) is a replacement or an expansion vehicle. Also identify which vehicle(s) are to be replaced on the vehicle inventory sheet. Please note any special vehicle(s) options to be requested. (i.e. 4-wheel drive, bike racks, etc.)

Existing vehicle inventory: Describe the existing vehicle fleet (if applicable), vehicle identification number (VIN), license plate number, condition, year, make and model of vehicle, passenger seating capacity, ADA compliant, mileage, funding source vehicle was obtained through and usage of the existing fleet. Identify vehicle, if this is to be a replacement. Please list all vehicles in your inventory whether obtained from NDOT or another source.

Insurance: A Certificate of Insurance will need to be provided upon receipt of a vehicle. The state requires a minimum liability coverage and NDOT requires full coverage for the vehicle as long as NDOT holds title. (The standard insurance for a paratransit vehicle under this program is Liability and Property Damage Insurance with a limit of \$1,000,000. for each occurrence, for bodily injury, and property damage, naming the Department of Transportation as an additional insured and this shall be maintained through useful life of the vehicle and until NDOT releases lien of title.)

Budget

Match source/availability: The source of the matching funds must be identified. If funds are to come from another agency, those funds must be verified by the contributing agency. A letter verifying support to the applicant from the contributing agency will satisfy this request. Is the applicant requesting capital, operating or project administration funds? Describe other revenue (if applicable) that will be used to defray or assist for the total project expenses. (This can include a description of rider donations, fares, other financial assistance from agency, service or community groups.)

Project Justification

Resources: Coordination willingness/intent is a priority. Will the vehicle/services be part of the coordinated plan in the service area? If the applicant has a Coordination Plan or set of policies/objectives please attach with the application.

Maintenance and Safety

Is there a maintenance plan? A maintenance plan is required whether there is an existing plan or a new plan to be developed. This plan should include documented vehicle maintenance/accident repairs and ensure oversight for routine scheduled or non-scheduled maintenance activities.

Training: A training policy must contain: who will be trained in safety, drivers training, substance abuse awareness, passenger sensitivity, and customer service. How often will training occur, how will new recruits be trained, and who will perform CDL training (if required)? Describe the system in place for refresher training for all safety sensitive employees including how training refresher notifications will occur and how often, as well as a corrective action plan?

Section 5309 and 5311 sub-recipients are required to comply with regulations issued by the Federal Transit Administration on drug and alcohol testing, 49 C.F.R. Part 655. Among other requirements, these regulations require that all safety sensitive employees be tested for drug and alcohol use, pre-employment (drug only), randomly, and post accident, that certifications be made and reports submitted. There are limited exceptions to the testing requirements for contract maintenance workers under Section 5309 and 5311 and for volunteers. Annual reporting of the testing results must be submitted to NDOT by subrecipients on Management Information System (MIS) forms.

Customer Satisfaction and Community Support

Letters of Support: Provide any letters of support, if available, for this application.

Survey Reports: Include summary of informal survey results and on board rider satisfaction (not applicable if a new program).

Other: Include any other indications of community support for the program. This can include considerations for funding from groups, strong rider interest, documentation of high levels of interest by client groups at City Council/Supervisors/Commissioners meetings, etc.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

For your application to be considered complete, please submit all of the following that apply to each application:

- ___ 1. NDOT Intermodal Planning/Transit Section Federal Grant Application complete with authorized signatures.
- ___ 2. Authorizing Resolution with authorized signatures.
- ___ 3. Special Section 13 c Warranty OPINION OF COUNSEL with authorized signatures.
- ___ 4. Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Certifications and Assurances with authorized signatures.
- ___ 5. Additionally, if applying for:

5309 Funds

- ___ Drug/Alcohol Testing Plan/Policy
- ___ Americans with Disabilities Plan
- ___ Vehicle Maintenance Plan

5310 (Vehicle) Funds

- ___ Americans with Disabilities Plan
- ___ Vehicle Maintenance Plan

5310 (3rd Party) Funds

- ___ Americans with Disabilities Plan
- ___ Vehicle Maintenance Plan

5311 Funds

- ___ Drug/Alcohol Testing Plan/Policy
- ___ Americans with Disabilities Plan
- ___ Vehicle Maintenance Plan

5316 (JARC) Funds

- ___ Drug/Alcohol Testing Plan/Policy
- ___ Americans with Disabilities Plan
- ___ Vehicle Maintenance Plan

5317 (New Freedom) Funds

- ___ Americans with Disabilities Plan
- ___ Vehicle Maintenance Plan

SERVICE

- Clientele Served** _____ Elderly (60+ years old)
 _____ Persons with disabilities
 _____ Low Income/Welfare
 _____ Commuters
 _____ General Public (18-59 years old)
 _____ Children (under age 5)
 _____ Children (5-7 years old)
 _____ Children (8-17 years old)

- Location** _____ Non-Urban Area (Rural under 50,000 population)
 _____ Small Urban Area (50,000 - 200,000 population)
 _____ Las Vegas
 _____ Reno
 _____ Carson City

Cities Served _____

Counties Served _____

VEHICLE

	Quantity	Vehicle Description	Estimated Cost
Buses Requested	_____	Mini van w/Ramp & Dropped Floor 3 ambulatory w/2 wheelchair or 5 ambulatory passengers	\$35,000.00
	_____	Paratransit Type Bus w/Lift 6 ambulatory w/2 wheelchair or 10 ambulatory w/1 wheelchair	\$51,000.00
	_____	Paratransit Bus w/Lift 12 ambulatory w/2 wheelchair or 16 ambulatory w/1 wheelchair	\$55,000.00
	_____	Paratransit Shuttle Bus w/Lift 10 ambulatory w/3 wheelchair or 12 ambulatory w/2 wheelchair or 16 ambulatory w/1 wheelchair or 20 ambulatory passengers	\$58,000.00

BUDGET

CAPITAL EXPENSES

Office Furniture _____
 Computer Equipment _____
 Communication Equipment _____
 Vehicle Leases _____
 Other _____

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES \$ _____

ADMINISTRATION

Manager's Salary/Benefits _____
 Bookkeeper's Salary/Benefits _____
 Insurance (office Facility) _____
 Office Expenses (Phone, Utilities) _____
 Office Supplies _____
 Facilities Rental (Office) _____
 Marketing/Promotion _____

TOTAL ADMIN. EXPENSES \$ _____

OPERATING EXPENSES

Operations Mgr. Salary/Benefits _____
 Driver Salary/Benefits _____
 Dispatcher Salary/Benefits _____
 Maintenance Mgr. Salary/Benefits _____
 Communication Costs _____
 Fuel _____
 Vehicle Maintenance/Cleaning _____
 Maintenance Supplies _____
 Vehicle and Equipment Insurance _____
 Vehicle License, Permits _____
 Garage/Maint. Facility Rental _____
 Facility Utilities _____
 Employee Uniforms _____

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$ _____

MATCH

SOURCE	DOLLAR AMOUNT
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

TOTAL MATCH AMOUNT \$ _____

Other Revenue (if applicable)

SOURCE	DOLLAR AMOUNT
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

FTA Funds Requested _____

Grantee Match Amount _____

Total Project Amount _____

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES \$ _____

TOTAL ADMIN. EXPENSES \$ _____

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$ _____

TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES \$ _____

LESS FAREBOX REVENUE \$ _____

NET PROJECTED EXPENSES \$ _____

ESTIMATED ANNUAL HOURS OF SERVICE

***COST PER REVENUE SERVICE HOUR**

*Cost per service hour equals net projected expenses divided by estimated annual hours of service

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

1. Please describe in narrative form your transit program including any shortcomings that this grant will help to overcome. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

2. Describe transit services currently being provided to the elderly/disabled by your organization and/or others in the same region.

3. Currently, if you do not have a combined public/elderly/disabled transit service, describe any plans for combining these services in your area/region.

4. Describe any (proposed or currently in use) connectivity/coordination efforts with surrounding area transit providers (future/existing).

5. Attach your vehicle maintenance plan and training policy.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

Please print out this document, fill in and obtain signatures, then include with your Application Package to the Nevada Department of Transportation. Keep one copy for your records.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

APPLICANT _____
(Printed Name of Transportation Provider)

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE _____
(Printed name of Authorized Representative)

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for a Federal Transit Administration / Nevada Department of Transportation grant under 49 USC Chapter 53.

WHEREAS, the U S Department of Transportation (USDOT) is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support transportation projects under 49 USC Chapter 53; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) has been designated by the Governor to administer certain transportation projects under 49 USC Chapter 53; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the APPLICANT, including provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE APPLICANT:

That the above named representative is authorized to execute and file an application with NDOT on behalf of our agency to aid in the financing of capital, administration, and / or operating costs pursuant to 49 USC Chapter 53; and

That the above named representative is authorized to furnish such additional information as NDOT may require in connection with the application or the project.

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct statement.

(Printed Title of Authorized Representative)

(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Dated _____

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**Special Section 13(c) Warranty
OPINION OF COUNSEL**

The APPLICANT _____
(Name of Transportation Provider)

has agreed to be the legally and financially responsible party for the performance of terms and conditions of the following (and incorporated herein by reference) Special Section 13(c) Warranty, for this grant request.

This will serve as the requisite opinion of Counsel that the APPLICANT is legally capable of assuming the legal and financial responsibilities for the terms and conditions of the Warranty.

I have reviewed the pertinent federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and I am of the opinion that there is no legal impediment to the APPLICANT assuming these responsibilities.

Furthermore, as a result of my examinations, I can find no pending litigation or legislation that might in any way adversely affect the APPLICANT'S ability to assume and discharge these Responsibilities.

(Printed name of Legal Counsel)

(Signature of Legal Counsel) Dated _____

(Printed name of APPLICANT'S authorized representative)

(Printed title of APPLICANT'S authorized representative)

(Signature of APPLICANT'S authorized representative) Dated _____

Special Section 13(c) Warranty for Application to the Small Urban and Rural Program

The following language shall be made part of the contract of assistance with the State or other public body charged with allocation and administration of funds provided under Section 18 of the Act:

A. General Application

The Public Body ("Nevada Department of Transportation ") agrees that, in the absence of waiver by the Department of Labor, the terms and conditions of this warranty, as set forth below, shall apply for the protection of the transportation related employees of any employer providing transportation service assisted by the Project ("Recipient"), and the transportation related employees of any other surface public transportation providers in the transportation service area of the project.

The Public Body shall provide to the Department of Labor and maintain at all times during the Project an accurate, up-to-date listing of all existing transportation providers which are eligible Recipients of transportation assistance funded by the Project, in the transportation service area of the Project, and any labor organizations representing the employees of such providers.

Certification by the Public Body to the Department of Labor that the designated Recipients have indicated in writing acceptance of the terms and conditions of the warranty arrangement will be sufficient to permit the flow of Section 18 funding in the absence of a finding of non-compliance by the Department of Labor.

B. Standard Terms and Conditions

(1) The Project shall be carried out in such a manner and upon such terms and conditions as will not adversely affect employees of the Recipient and of any other surface public transportation provider in the transportation service area of the Project. It shall be an obligation of the Recipient and any other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body to assure that any and all transportation services assisted by the Project are contracted for and operated in such a manner that they do not impair the rights and interests of affected employees. The term "Project," as used herein, shall not be limited to the particular facility, service, or operation assisted by Federal funds, but shall include any changes, whether organizational, operational, technological, or otherwise, which are a result of the assistance provided. The phrase "as a result of the Project," shall when used in this arrangement, include events related to the Project occurring in anticipation of, during, and subsequent to the Project and any program of efficiencies or economies related thereto; provided, however, that volume rises and falls of business, or changes in volume and character of employment brought about by causes other than the Project (including any economies or efficiencies unrelated to the Project) are not within the purview of this arrangement.

An employee covered by this arrangement, who is not dismissed, displaced or otherwise worsened in his position with regard to his employment as a result of the Project, but who is dismissed, displaced or otherwise worsened solely because of the total or partial termination of the Project, discontinuance of Project services, or exhaustion of Project funding shall not be deemed eligible for a dismissal or displacement allowance within the meaning of paragraphs (6) and (7) of the Model agreement or applicable provisions of substitute comparable arrangements.

(2)(a) Where employees of a Recipient are represented for collective bargaining purposes, all Project services provided by that Recipient shall be provided under and in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement applicable to such employees which is then in effect.

(2)(b) The Recipient or legally responsible party shall provide to all affected employees sixty (60) days' notice of intended actions which may result in displacements or dismissals or rearrangements of the working forces. In the case of employees represented by a union, such

notice shall be provided by certified mail through their representatives. The notice shall contain a full and adequate statement of the proposed changes, and an estimate of the number of employees affected by the intended changes, and the number and classifications of any jobs in the Recipient's employment available to be filled by such affected employees.

(2)(c) The procedures of this subparagraph shall apply to cases where notices involve employees represented by a union for collective bargaining purposes. At the request of either the Recipient or the representatives of such employees negotiations for the purposes of reaching agreement with respect to the application of the terms and conditions of this arrangement shall commence immediately. If no agreement is reached within twenty (20) days from the commencement of negotiations, any party to the dispute may submit the matter to dispute settlement procedures in accordance with paragraph (4) of this warranty. The foregoing procedures shall be complied with and carried out prior to the institution of the intended action.

(3) For the purpose of providing the statutory required protections including those specifically mandated by Section 13(c) of the Act, the Public Body will assure as a condition of the release of funds that the Recipient agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the National (Model) Section 13(c) Agreement executed July 23, 1975, identified below, provided that other comparable arrangements may be substituted therefore, if approved by the Secretary of Labor and certified for inclusion in these conditions.

(4) Any dispute or controversy arising regarding the application, interpretation, or enforcement of any of the provisions of this arrangement which cannot be settled by and between the parties at interest within thirty (30) days after the dispute or controversy first arises, may be referred by any such party to any final and binding disputes settlement procedure acceptable to the parties, or in the event they cannot agree upon such procedure, to the Department of Labor or an impartial third party designated by the Department of Labor for final and binding determination. The compensation and expenses of the impartial third party, and any other jointly incurred expenses, shall be borne equally by the parties to the proceeding and all other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring them.

In the event of any dispute as to whether or not a particular employee was affected by the Project, it shall be his obligation to identify the Project and specify the pertinent facts of the Project relied upon. It shall then be the burden of either the Recipient or other party legally responsible for the application of these conditions to prove that factors other than the Project affected the employee. The claiming employee shall prevail if it is established that the Project had an effect upon the employee even if other factors may also have affected the employee.

(5) The Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body will be financially responsible for the application of these conditions and will make the necessary arrangements so that any employee covered by these arrangements, or the union representative of such employee, may file claim of violation of these arrangements with the Recipient within sixty (60) days of the date he is terminated or laid off as a result of the Project, or within eighteen (18) months of the date his position with respect to his employment is otherwise worsened as a result of the Project. In the latter case, if the events giving rise to the claim have occurred over an extended period, the 18-month limitation shall be measured from the last such event. No benefits shall be payable for any period prior to six (6) months from the date of the filing of any claim.

(6) Nothing in this arrangement shall be construed as depriving any employee of any rights or benefits which such employee of any rights or benefits which such employee may have under existing employment or collective bargaining agreements, nor shall this arrangement be deemed a waiver of any rights of any union or of any represented employee derived from any other agreement or provision of federal, state or local law.

(7) In the event any employee covered by these arrangements is terminated or laid off as a result of the Project, he shall be granted priority of employment or reemployment to fill any vacant position within the control of the Recipient for which he is, or by training or retraining within a reasonable period, can become qualified. In the event training or retraining is required by such employment or reemployment, the Recipient or other legally responsible party

designated by the Public Body shall provide or provide for such training or retraining at no cost to the employee.

(8) The Recipient will post, in a prominent and accessible place, a notice stating that the Recipient has received federal assistance under the Urban Mass Transportation Act and has agreed to comply with the provisions of Section 13(c) of the Act. This notice shall also specify the terms and conditions set forth herein for the protection of employees. The Recipient shall maintain and keep on file all relevant books and records in sufficient detail as to provide the basic information necessary to the proper application, administration, and enforcement of these arrangements and to the proper determination of any claims arising thereunder.

(9) Any labor organization which is the collective bargaining representative of employees covered by these arrangements, may become party to these arrangements by serving written notice of its desire to do so upon the Recipient and the Department of Labor. In the event of any disagreement that such labor organization represents covered employees, or is otherwise eligible to become a party to these arrangements, as applied to the Project, the dispute as to whether such organization shall participate shall be determined by the Secretary of Labor.

(10) In the event the Project is approved for assistance under the Act, the foregoing terms and conditions shall be made part of the contract of assistance between the federal government and the Public Body or Recipient of federal funds; provided, however, that this arrangement shall not merge into the contract of assistance, but shall be independently binding and enforceable by and upon the parties thereto, and by any covered employee or his representative, in accordance with its terms, nor shall any other employee protective agreement merge into this arrangement, but each shall be independently binding and enforceable by and upon the parties thereto, in accordance with its terms.

C. Waiver

As a part of the grant approval process, either the Recipient or other legally responsible party designated by the Public Body may in writing seek from the Secretary of Labor as waiver of the statutory required protections. The Secretary will waive these protections in cases, where at the time of the requested waiver, the Secretary determines that there are no employees of the Recipient or of any other surface public transportation providers in the transportation service area who could be potentially affected by the Project. A 30-day notice of proposed waiver will be given by the Department of Labor and in the absence of timely objection, the Department of Labor will review the matter and determine whether a waiver shall be granted. In the absence of waiver, these protections shall apply to the Project.

APPENDIX TO THE SPECIAL WARRANTY FOR SECTION 18

The Following provisions of the 7/23/75 National (Model) Section 13(c) Agreement, set forth below, are incorporated into the "Special Section 13(c) Warranty for Application to the Small Urban and Rural Program" (Special Warranty), sometimes referred to as the Section 18 Warranty or the Section 5311 Warranty, as provided for in Section B(3) of the Special Warranty.

(Omitted Paragraphs: 1, 2, 5, 15, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, and 29)

(3) All rights, privileges, and benefits (including pension rights and benefits) of employees covered by this agreement (including employees having already retired) under existing collective bargaining agreements or otherwise, or under any revision or renewal thereof, shall be preserved and continued; provided, however, that such rights, privileges and benefits which are not foreclosed from further bargaining under applicable law or contract may be modified by collective bargaining and agreement by the Recipient and the union involved to substitute other rights, privileges and benefits. Unless otherwise provided, nothing in this agreement shall be deemed to restrict any rights the Recipient may otherwise have to direct the working forces and

manage its business as it deems best, in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

(4) The collective bargaining rights of employees covered by this agreement, including the right to arbitrate labor disputes and to maintain union security and checkoff arrangements, as provided by applicable laws, policies and/or existing collective bargaining agreements, shall be preserved and continued. [(footnote.) *As an addendum to this agreement, there shall be attached where applicable the arbitration or other dispute settlement procedures or arrangements provided for in the existing collective bargaining agreements or any other existing agreements between the Recipient and the Union, subject to any changes in such agreements as may be agreed upon or determined by interest arbitration proceedings.*] Provided, however, that this provision shall not be interpreted so as to require the Recipient to retain any such rights which exist by virtue of a collective bargaining agreement after such agreement is no longer in effect.

The Recipient agrees that it will bargain collectively with the union or otherwise arrange for the continuation of collective bargaining, and that it will enter into agreement with the union or arrange for such agreements to be entered into, relative to all subjects which are or may be proper subjects of collective bargaining. If, at any time, applicable law or contracts permit or grant to employees covered by this agreement the right to utilize any economic measures, nothing in this agreement shall be deemed to foreclose the exercise of such right.

(6)(a) Whenever an employee, retained in service, recalled to service, or employed by the Recipient pursuant to paragraphs (5), (7)(e), or (18) hereof is placed in a worse position with respect to compensation as a result of the Project, he shall be considered a "displaced employee", and shall be paid a monthly "displacement allowance" to be determined in accordance with this paragraph. Said displacement allowance shall be paid each displaced employee during the protective period following the so long as the employee is unable, in the exercise of his seniority rights, to obtain a position producing compensation equal to or exceeding the compensation he received in the position from which he was displaced, adjusted to reflect subsequent general wage adjustments, including cost of living adjustments where provided for.

(b) The displacement allowance shall be a monthly allowance determined by computing the total compensation received by the employee, including vacation allowances and monthly compensation guarantees, and his total time paid for during the last twelve (12) months in which he performed compensated service more than fifty per centum of each such months, based upon his normal work schedule, immediately preceding the date of his displacement as a result of the Project, and by dividing separately the total compensation and the total time paid for by twelve, thereby producing the average monthly compensation and the average monthly time paid for. Such allowance shall be adjusted to reflect subsequent general wage adjustments, including cost of living adjustments where provided for. If the displaced employee's compensation in his current position is less in any month during his protective period than the aforesaid average compensation (adjusted to reflect subsequent general wage adjustments, including cost of living adjustments where provided for), he shall be paid the difference, less compensation for any time lost on account of voluntary absences to the extent that he is not available for service equivalent to his average monthly time, but he shall be compensated in addition thereto at the rate of the current position for any time worked in excess of the average monthly time paid for. If a displaced employee fails to exercise his seniority rights to secure another position to which he is entitled under the then existing collective bargaining agreement, and which carries a wage rate and compensation exceeding that of the position which he elects to retain, he shall thereafter be treated, for the purposes of this paragraph, as occupying the position he elects to decline.

(c) The displacement allowance shall cease prior to the expiration of the protective period in the event of the displaced employee's resignation, death, retirement, or dismissal for cause in accordance with any labor agreement applicable to his employment.

(7)(a) Whenever any employee is laid off or otherwise deprived of employment as a result of the Project, in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement applicable to his employment, he shall be considered a "dismissed employee" and shall be paid a monthly dismissal allowance

to be determined in accordance with this paragraph. Said dismissal allowance shall first be paid each dismissed employee on the thirtieth (30th) day following the day on which he is "dismissed" and shall continue during the protective period, as follows:

<u>Employee's length of service prior to adverse effect</u>	<u>Period of protection equivalent period</u>
1 to 6 years	equivalent period
6 years or more	6 years

The monthly dismissal allowance shall be equivalent to one-twelfth (1/12th) of the total compensation received by him in the last twelve (12) months of his employment in which he performed compensation service more than fifty per centum of each such months based on his normal work schedule to the date on which he was first deprived of employment as a result of the Project. Such allowance shall be adjusted to reflect subsequent general wage adjustments, including cost of living adjustments where provided for.

(b) An employee shall be regarded as deprived of employment and entitled to a dismissal allowance when the position he holds is abolished as a result of the Project, or when the position he holds is not abolished but he loses that position as a result of the exercise of seniority rights by an employee whose position is abolished as a result of the Project or as a result of the exercise of seniority rights by other employees brought about as a result of the Project, and he is unable to obtain another position, either by the exercise of his seniority rights, or through the Recipient, in accordance with subparagraph (e). In the absence of proper notice followed by an agreement or decision pursuant to paragraph (5) hereof, no employee who has been deprived of employment as a result of the Project shall be required to exercise his seniority rights to secure another position in order to qualify for a dismissal allowance hereunder.

(c) Each employee receiving a dismissal allowance shall keep the Recipient informed as to his current address and the current name and address of any other person by whom he may be regularly employed, or if he is self-employed.

(d) The dismissal allowance shall be paid to the regularly assigned incumbent of the position abolished. If the position of an employee is abolished when he is absent from service, he will be entitled to the dismissal allowance when he is available for service. The employee temporarily filling said position at the time it was abolished will be given a dismissal allowance on the basis of that position, until the regular employee is available for service, and thereafter shall revert to his previous status and will be given the protections of the agreement in said position, if any are due him.

(e) An employee receiving a dismissal allowance shall be subject to call to return to service by his former employer after being notified in accordance with the terms of the then-existing collective bargaining agreement. Prior to such call to return to work by his employer, he may be required by the Recipient to accept reasonably comparable employment for which he is physically and mentally qualified, or for which he can become qualified after a reasonable training or retraining period, provided it does not require a change in residence or infringe upon the employment rights of other employees under then-existing collective bargaining agreements.

(f) When an employee who is receiving a dismissal allowance again commences employment in accordance with subparagraph (e) above, said allowance shall cease while he is so reemployed, and the period of time during which he is so reemployed shall be deducted from the total period for which he is entitled to receive a dismissal allowance. During the time of such reemployment, he shall be entitled to the protections of this agreement to the extent they are applicable.

(g) The dismissal allowance of any employee who is otherwise employed shall be reduced to the extent that his combined monthly earnings from such other employment or self-employment, any benefits received from any unemployment insurance law, and his dismissal allowance exceed the amount upon which his dismissal allowance is based. Such employee, or his union representative, and the Recipient shall agree upon a procedure by which the Recipient shall be kept currently informed of the earnings of such employee in employment other than with his former employer, including self-employment, and the benefits received.

(h) The dismissal allowance shall cease prior to the expiration of the protective period in the event of the failure of the employee without good cause to return to service in accordance with the applicable labor agreement, or to accept employment as provided under subparagraph (e) above, or in the event of his resignation, death, retirement, or dismissal for cause in accordance with any labor agreement applicable to his employment.

(I) A dismissed employee receiving a dismissal allowance shall actively seek and not refuse other reasonably comparable employment offered him for which he is physically and mentally qualified and does not require a change in his place of residence. Failure of the dismissed employee to comply with this obligation shall be grounds for discontinuance of his allowance; provided that said dismissal allowance shall not be discontinued until final determination is made either by agreement between the Recipient and the employee or his representative, or by final arbitration decision rendered in accordance with paragraph (15) of this agreement that such employee did not comply with this obligation.

(8) In determining length of service of a displaced or dismissed employee for purposes of this agreement, such employee shall be given full service credits in accordance with the records and labor agreements applicable to him and he shall be given additional service credits for each month in which he receives a dismissal or displacement allowance as if he were continuing to perform services in his former position.

(9) No employee shall be entitled to either a displacement or dismissal allowance under paragraphs (6) or (7) hereof because

of the abolishment of a position to which, at some future time, he could have bid, been transferred, or promoted.

(10) No employee receiving a dismissal or displacement allowance shall be deprived, during his protected period, of any rights, privileges, or benefits attaching to his employment, including, without limitation, group life insurance, hospitalization and medical care, free transportation for himself and his family, sick leave, continued status and participation under any disability or retirement program, and such other employee benefits as Railroad Retirement, Social Security, Workmen's Compensation, and unemployment compensation, as well as any other benefits to which he may be entitled under the same conditions and so long as such benefits continue to be accorded to other employees of the bargaining unit, in active service or furloughed as the case may be.

(11)(a) Any employee covered by this agreement who is retained in the service of his employer, or who is later restored to service after being entitled to receive a dismissal allowance, and who is required to change the point of his employment in order to retain or secure active employment with the Recipient in accordance with this agreement, and who is required to move his place of residence, shall be reimbursed for all expenses of moving his household and other personal effects, for the traveling expenses for himself and members of his immediate family, including living expenses for himself and his immediate family, and for his own actual wage loss during the time necessary for such transfer and for a reasonable time thereafter, not to exceed five (5) working days. The exact extent of the responsibility of the Recipient under this paragraph, and the ways and means of transportation, shall be agreed upon in advance between the Recipient and the affected employee or his representatives.

(b) If any such employee is laid off within three (3) years after changing his point of employment in accordance with paragraph (a) hereof, and elects to move his place of residence back to his original point of employment, the Recipient shall assume the expenses, losses and costs of moving to the same extent provided in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph (11) and paragraph (12)(a) hereof.

(c) No claim for reimbursement shall be paid under the provisions of this paragraph unless such claim is presented to the Recipient within ninety (90) days after the date on which the expenses were incurred.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (b), changes in place of residence, subsequent to the initial changes as a result of the Project, which are not a result of the Project but grow out of the normal exercise of seniority rights, shall not be considered within the purview of this paragraph.

(12)(a) The following conditions shall apply to the extent they are applicable in each instance to any employee who is retained in the service of the employer (or who is later restored to service after being entitled to receive a dismissal allowance), who is required to change the point of his employment as a result of the Project, and is thereby required to move his place of residence.

If the employee owns his own home in the locality from which he is required to move, he shall, at his option, be reimbursed by the Recipient for any loss suffered in the sale of his home for less than its fair market value, plus conventional fees and closing costs, such loss to be paid within thirty (30) days of settlement or closing on the sale of the home. In each case, the fair market value of the home in question shall be determined, as of a date sufficiently prior to the date of the Project, so as to be unaffected thereby. The Recipient shall, in each instance, be afforded an opportunity to purchase the home at such fair market value before it is sold by the employee to any other person and to reimburse the seller for his conventional fees and closing costs.

If the employee is under a contract to purchase his home, the Recipient shall protect him against loss under such contract, and in addition, shall relieve him from any further obligation thereunder.

If the employee holds an unexpired lease of a dwelling occupied by him as his home, the Recipient shall protect him from all loss and cost in securing the cancellation of said lease.

(b) No claim for loss shall be paid under the provisions of this paragraph unless such claim is presented to the Recipient within one year after the effective date of the change in residence.

(c) Should a controversy arise in respect to the value of the home, the loss sustained in its sale, the loss under a contract for purchase, loss and cost in securing termination of a lease, or any other question in connection with these matters, it shall be decided through a joint conference between the employee, or his union, and the Recipient. In the event they are unable to agree, the dispute or controversy may be referred by the Recipient or the union to a board of competent real estate appraisers selected in the following manner: one (1) to be selected by the representatives of the employee, and one (1) by the Recipient, and these two, if unable to agree within thirty (30) days upon the valuation, shall endeavor by agreement within ten (10) days thereafter to select a third appraiser or to agree to a method by which a third appraiser shall be selected, and failing such agreement, either party may request the State and local Board of Real Estate Commissioners to designate within ten (10) days a third appraiser, whose designation will be binding upon the parties and whose jurisdiction shall be limited to determination of the issues raised in this paragraph only. A decision of a majority of the appraisers shall be required and said decision shall be final, binding, and conclusive. The compensation and expenses of the neutral appraiser including expenses of the appraisal board, shall be borne equally by the parties to the proceedings. All other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring them, including the compensation of the appraiser selected by such party.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (11)(b) hereof, changes in place of residence, subsequent to the initial changes as a result of the Project, which are not a result of the Project but grow out of the normal exercise of seniority rights, shall not be considered within the purview of this paragraph.

(e) "Change in residence" means transfer to a work location which is either (A) outside a radius of twenty (20) miles of the employee's former work location and farther from his residence than was his former work location, or (B) is more than thirty (30) normal highway route miles from his residence and also farther from his residence than was his former work location.

(13) A dismissed employee entitled to protection under this agreement may, at his option within twenty-one (21) days of his dismissal, resign and (in lieu of all other benefits and protections

provided in this agreement) accept a lump sum payment computed in accordance with section (9) of the Washington Job Protection Agreement of May 1936:

<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Separation Allowance</u>
1 year and less than 2 years	3 months' pay
2 year and less than 3 years	6 months' pay
3 years and less than 5 years years	9 months' pay
5 years and less than 10 years	12 months' pay
10 years and less than 15 years	12 months' pay
15 years and over	12 months' pay

In the case of an employee with less than one year's service, five days' pay, computed by multiplying by 5 the normal daily earnings (including regularly scheduled overtime, but excluding other overtime payments) received by the employee in the position last occupied, for each month in which he performed service, will be paid as the lump sum.

(a) Length of service shall be computed as provided in Section 7(b) of the Washington Job Protection Agreement, as follows:

For the purposes of this agreement, the length of service of the employee shall be determined from the date he last acquired an employment status with the employing carrier and he shall be given credit for one month's service for each month in which he performed any service (in any capacity whatsoever) and twelve (12) such months shall be credited as one year's service. The employment status of an employee shall not be interrupted by furlough in instances where the employee has a right to and does return to service when called. In determining length of service of an employee acting as an officer or other official representative of an employee organization, he will be given credit for performing service while so engaged on leave of absence from the service of a carrier.

(b) One month's pay shall be computed by multiplying by 30 the normal daily earnings (including regularly scheduled overtime, but excluding other overtime payments) received by the employee in the position last occupied prior to time of his dismissal as a result of the Project.

(14) Whenever used herein, unless the context requires otherwise, the term "protective period" means that period of time during which a displaced or dismissed employee is to be provided protection hereunder and extends from the date on which an employee is displaced or dismissed to the expiration of six (6) years therefrom, provided, however, that the protective period for any particular employee during which he is entitled to receive the benefits of these provisions shall not continue for a longer period following the date he was displaced or dismissed than the employee's length of service, as shown by the records and labor agreements applicable to his employment prior to the date of his displacement or his dismissal.

(16) Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as depriving any employee of any rights or benefits which such employee may have under any existing job security or other protective conditions or arrangements by collective bargaining agreement or law where applicable, including P.L. 93-236, enacted January 2, 1974; provided that there shall be no duplication of benefits to any employees, and, provided further, that any benefit under the agreement shall be construed to include the conditions, responsibilities, and obligations accompanying such benefits.

(17) The Recipient shall be financially responsible for the application of these conditions and will make the necessary arrangements so that any employee affected as a result of the Project may file a claim through his union representative with the Recipient within sixty (60) days of the date he is terminated or laid off as a result of the Project, or within eighteen (18) months of the date his position with respect to his employment is otherwise worsened as a result of the Project; provided, in the latter case, if the events giving rise to the claim have occurred over an extended period, the 18-month limitation shall be measured from the last such event; provided, further, that no benefits shall be payable for any period prior to six (6) months from the date of the filing of the claim. Unless such claims are filed with the Recipient with said time limitations, the Recipient shall thereafter be relieved of all liabilities and obligations related to said claims. The

Recipient will fully honor the claim, making appropriate payments, or will give notice to the claimant and his representative of the basis for denying or modifying such claim, giving reasons therefore. In the event the Recipient fails to honor such claim, the Union may invoke the following procedures for further joint investigation of the claim by giving notice in writing of its desire to pursue such procedures. Within ten (10) days from the receipt of such notice, the parties shall exchange such factual material as may be requested of them relevant to the disposition of the claim and shall jointly take such steps as may be necessary or desirable to obtain from any third party such additional factual materials as may be relevant. In the event the claim is so rejected by the Recipient, the claim may be processed to arbitration as hereinabove provided by paragraph (15). Prior to the arbitration hearing, the parties shall exchange a list of intended witnesses. In conjunction with such proceedings, the impartial arbitrator shall have the power to subpoena witnesses upon the request of any party and to compel the production of documents and other information denied in the pre-arbitration period which is relevant to the disposition of the claim.

Nothing included herein as an obligation of the Recipient shall be construed to relieve any other urban mass transportation employer of the employees covered hereby of any obligations which it has under existing collective bargaining agreements, including but not limited to obligations arising from the benefits referred to in paragraph (10) hereof, nor make any such employer a third-party beneficiary of the Recipient's obligations contained herein, nor deprive the Recipient of any right of subrogation.

(18) During the employee's protective period, a dismissed employee shall, if he so requests, in writing, be granted priority of employment to fill any vacant position within the jurisdiction and control of the Recipient, reasonably comparable to that which he held when dismissed, for which he is, or by training or retraining can become, qualified; not, however, in contravention of collective bargaining agreements related thereto. In the event such employee requests such training or re-training to fill such vacant position, the Recipient shall provide for such training or re-training at no cost to the employee. The employee shall be paid the salary or hourly rate provided for in the applicable collective bargaining agreement for such position, plus any displacement allowance to which he may be otherwise entitled. If such dismissed employee who has made such request fails, without good cause, within ten (10) days to accept an offer of a position comparable to that which he held when dismissed for which he is qualified, or for which he has satisfactorily completed such training, he shall, effective at the expiration of such ten-day period, forfeit all rights and benefits under this agreement.

As between employees who request employment pursuant to this paragraph, the following order where applicable shall prevail in hiring such employees:

(a) Employees in the craft or class of the vacancy shall be given priority over employees without seniority in such craft or class;

(b) As between employees having seniority in the craft or class of the vacancy, the senior employees, based upon their service in that craft or class, as shown on the appropriate seniority roster, shall prevail over junior employees;

(c) As between employees not having seniority in the craft or class of the vacancy, the senior employees, based upon their service in the crafts or classes in which they do have seniority as shown on the appropriate seniority rosters, shall prevail over junior employees.

(19) This agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, and no provisions, terms, or obligations herein contained shall be affected, modified, altered, or changed in any respect whatsoever by reason of the arrangements made by or for the Recipient to manage and operate the system.

Any such person, enterprise, body, or agency, whether publicly - or privately-owned, which shall undertake the management or operation of the system, shall agree to be bound by the terms of this agreement and accept the responsibility for full performance of these conditions.

(20) The employees covered by this agreement shall continue to receive any applicable coverage under Social Security, Railroad Retirement, Workmen's Compensation, unemployment compensation, and the like. In no event shall these benefits be worsened as a result of the Project.

(21) In the event any provision of this agreement is held to be invalid, or otherwise unenforceable under the federal, State, or local law, in the context of a particular Project, the remaining provisions of this agreement shall not be affected and the invalid or unenforceable provision shall be renegotiated by the Recipient and the interested union representatives of the employees involved for purpose of adequate replacement under 13(c) of the Act. If such negotiation shall not result in mutually satisfactory agreement, any party may invoke the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Labor to determine substitute fair and equitable employee protective arrangements for application only to the particular Project, which shall be incorporated in this agreement only as applied to that Project, and any other appropriate action, remedy, or relief.

(25) If any employer of the employees covered by this agreement shall have rearranged or adjusted its forces in anticipation of the Project, with the effect of depriving an employee of benefits to which he should be entitled under this agreement, the provisions of this agreement shall apply to such employee as of the date when he was so affected.

Mass Transit Employee Protections

Title 49 U.S.C. Sec. 5333(b) (also known as Section 13(c) of the Federal Transit Act).

(1) As a condition of financial assistance under sections 5307-5312, 5318(d), 5323(a)(1), (b), (d), and (e), 5328, 5337, and 5338(j)(5) of this title, the interests of employees affected by the assistance shall be protected under arrangements the Secretary of Labor concludes are fair and equitable. The agreement granting the assistance under sections 5307-5312, 5318(d), 5323(a)(1), (b), (d), and (e), 5328, 5337, and 5338(j)(5) shall specify the arrangements.

(2) Arrangements under this subsection shall include provisions that may be necessary for -

(A) the preservation of rights, privileges, and benefits (including continuation of pension rights and benefits) under existing collective bargaining agreements or otherwise;

(B) the continuation of collective bargaining rights;

(C) the protection of individual employees against a worsening of their positions related to employment;

(D) assurances of employment to employees of acquired mass transportation systems;

(E) assurances of priority of reemployment of employees whose employment is ended or who are laid off; and

(F) paid training or retraining programs.

(3) Arrangements under this subsection shall provide benefits at least equal to benefits established under section [11326](#) of this title.

Title 49 U.S.C. Section 11326 (formerly codified at 49 U.S.C. Section 11347). (formerly Section 5(2)(f) of the Interstate Commerce Act).

This Section is incorporated into Section 5333(b) by reference.

Sec. 11326. Employee protective arrangements in transactions involving rail carriers

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, when approval is sought for a transaction under sections 11324 and 11325 of this title, the Board shall require the rail carrier to provide a fair arrangement at least as protective of the interests of employees who are affected by the transaction as the terms imposed under section 5(2)(f) of the Interstate Commerce Act before February 5, 1976, and the terms established under [section 24706\(c\)](#) of this title. Notwithstanding this part, the arrangement may be made by the rail carrier and the authorized representative of its employees. The arrangement and the order approving the transaction must require that the employees of the affected rail carrier will not be in a worse position related to their employment as a result of the transaction during the 4 years following the effective date of the final action of the Board (or if an employee was employed for a lesser period of time by the rail carrier before the action became effective, for that lesser period).

(b) When approval is sought under sections 11324 and 11325 for a transaction involving one Class II and one or more Class III rail carriers, there shall be an arrangement as required under subsection (a) of this section, except that such arrangement shall be limited to one year of severance pay, which shall not exceed the amount of earnings from the railroad employment of that employee during the 12-month period immediately preceding the date on which the application for approval of such transaction is filed with the Board. The amount of such severance pay shall be reduced by the amount of earnings from railroad employment of that employee with the acquiring carrier during the 12-month period immediately following the effective date of the transaction. The parties may agree to terms other than as provided in this subsection.

(c) When approval is sought under sections 11324 and 11325 for a transaction involving only Class III rail carriers, this section shall not apply.

Sec. 24706. Notice of Discontinuance

This section is incorporated into Section 11326, by reference, and is therefore applicable to Section 5333(b) mass transit employee protections.

(a) Notice of Discontinuance

(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, at least 90 days before a discontinuance under section 24704 or 24707(a) or (b) of this title, Amtrak shall give notice of the discontinuance in the way Amtrak decides will give a State, a regional or local authority, or another person the opportunity to agree to share the cost of any part of the train, route, or service to be discontinued.

(2) Notice of the discontinuance under section 24704 or 24707(a) or (b) of this title shall be posted in all stations served by the train to be discontinued at least 14 days before the discontinuance.

(b) Discontinuance for Lack of Appropriations

(1) Amtrak may discontinue service under section 24704 or 24707(a) or (b) of this title during -

(A) the first month of a fiscal year if the authorization of appropriations and the appropriations for Amtrak are not enacted at least 90 days before the beginning of the fiscal year; and

(B) the 30 days following enactment of an appropriation for Amtrak or a rescission of an appropriation.

(2) Amtrak shall notify each affected State or regional or local transportation authority of a discontinuance under this subsection as soon as possible after Amtrak decides to discontinue the service.

(c) Employee Protective Arrangements.

(1) Amtrak or a rail carrier (including a terminal company) shall provide fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees of Amtrak or a rail carrier, as the case may be, affected by a discontinuance of intercity rail passenger service, including a discontinuance of service provided by a rail carrier under a facility or service agreement under section 24308(a) of this title under a modification or ending of the agreement or because Amtrak begins providing that service. Arrangements shall include provisions that may be necessary for

- (A) the preservation of rights, privileges, and benefits (including continuation of pension rights and benefits) under existing collective bargaining agreements or otherwise;
- (B) the continuation of collective bargaining rights;
- (C) the protection of individual employees against a worsening of their positions related to employment;
- (D) assurances of priority of reemployment of employees whose employment is ended or who are laid off; and
- (E) paid training and retraining programs.

(2) With respect to Amtrak's obligations under this subsection and in an agreement to carry out this subsection involving only Amtrak and its employees, a discontinuance of intercity rail passenger service does not include an adjustment in frequency, or seasonal suspension of intercity rail passenger trains that causes a temporary suspension of service, unless the adjustment or suspension reduces passenger train operations on a particular route to fewer than 3 round trips a week at any time during a calendar year.

(3) Arrangements under this subsection shall provide benefits at least equal to benefits established under section 11347 of this title.

(4) A contract under this chapter or section 24308(a) of this title shall specify the terms of protective arrangements.

(5) This subsection does not impose on Amtrak an obligation of a rail carrier related to a right, privilege, or benefit earned by an employee because of previous service performed for the carrier.

(6) This subsection does not apply to Amtrak Commuter.

REPEAL OF 49 U.S.C. Section 24706

SELECTED PORTIONS of PL 105-134, December 2, 1997, 111 Stat 2570

Sec. 1(a)

(a) SHORT TITLE.--This Act may be cited as the "Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997".

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SUBTITLE C - EMPLOYEE PROTECTION REFORMS

Sec. 141. Railway Labor Act Procedures

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(e) NO PRECEDENT FOR FREIGHT. - Nothing in this Act, or in any amendment made by this Act, shall affect the level of protection provided to freight railroad employees and mass transportation employees as it existed on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

Sec. 142. Service Discontinuance

(a) REPEAL.--Section 24706(c) is repealed.

(b) EXISTING CONTRACTS.--Any provision of a contract entered into before the date of the enactment of this Act between Amtrak and a labor organization representing Amtrak employees

relating to employee protective arrangements and severance benefits applicable to employees of Amtrak is extinguished, including all provisions of Appendix C-2 to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation Agreement, signed July 5, 1973.

(c) SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATE.--Subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

PREFACE

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(n), the following certifications and assurances have been compiled for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assistance programs. FTA requests each Applicant to provide as many certifications and assurances as needed for all programs for which the Applicant intends to seek FTA assistance during Federal Fiscal Year 2009. Category 01 applies to all Applicants. Category 02 applies to all applications for Federal assistance in excess of \$100,000. Categories 03 through 24 will apply to and be required for some, but not all, Applicants and projects. An Applicant may select a single certification that will cover all the programs for which it anticipates submitting an application. FTA requests the Applicant to read each certification and assurance carefully and select all certifications and assurances that may apply to the programs for which it expects to seek Federal assistance.

FTA and the Applicant understand and agree that not every provision of these certifications and assurances will apply to every Applicant or every project for which FTA provides Federal financial assistance through a Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement. The type of project and the section of the statute authorizing Federal financial assistance for the project will determine which provisions apply. The terms of these certifications and assurances reflect applicable requirements of FTA's enabling legislation currently in effect.

The Applicant also understands and agrees that these certifications and assurances are special pre-award requirements specifically prescribed by Federal law or regulation and do not encompass all Federal laws, regulations, and directives that may apply to the Applicant or its project. A comprehensive list of those Federal laws, regulations, and directives is contained in the current FTA Master Agreement MA(15) for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 at the FTA Web site <http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/15-Master.pdf>. The certifications and assurances in this document have been streamlined to remove most provisions not covered by statutory or regulatory certification or assurance requirements.

Because many requirements of these certifications and assurances will require the compliance of the subrecipient of an Applicant, we strongly recommend that each Applicant, including a State, that will be implementing projects through one or more subrecipients, secure sufficient documentation from each subrecipient to assure compliance, not only with these certifications and assurances, but also with the terms of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for the project, and the applicable Master Agreement for its project, if applicable, incorporated therein by reference. Each Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with the provisions of the certifications and assurances applicable to itself or its project irrespective of participation in the project by any subrecipient. The Applicant understands and agrees that when it applies for FTA assistance on behalf of a consortium, joint venture, partnership, or team, each member of that consortium, joint venture, partnership, or team is responsible for compliance with the certifications and assurances the Applicant selects.

FTA strongly encourages each Applicant to submit its certifications and assurances through TEAM-Web, FTA's electronic award and management system, at <http://ftateamweb.fta.dot.gov>. Twenty-four (24) Categories of certifications and assurances are listed by numbers 01 through 24 in the TEAM-Web "Recipients" option at the "Cert's & Assurances" tab of "View/Modify Recipients."

01. ASSURANCES REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICANT

Each Applicant for FTA assistance must provide all assurances in this Category "01." Except to the extent that FTA expressly determines otherwise in writing, FTA may not award any Federal assistance until the Applicant provides the following assurances by selecting Category "01."

A. Assurance of Authority of the Applicant and Its Representative

The authorized representative of the Applicant and the attorney who sign these certifications, assurances, and agreements affirm that both the Applicant and its authorized representative have adequate authority under applicable State, local, or Indian tribal law and regulations, and the Applicant's by-laws or internal rules to:

- (1) Execute and file the application for Federal assistance on behalf of the Applicant;
- (2) Execute and file the required certifications, assurances, and agreements on behalf of the Applicant binding the Applicant; and
- (3) Execute grant agreements and cooperative agreements with FTA on behalf of the Applicant.

B. Standard Assurances

The Applicant assures that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in carrying out any project supported by an FTA grant or cooperative agreement. The Applicant agrees that it is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement or cooperative agreement with FTA issued for its project. The Applicant recognizes that Federal laws and regulations may be modified from time to time and those modifications may affect project implementation. The Applicant understands that Presidential executive orders and Federal directives, including Federal policies and program guidance may be issued concerning matters affecting the Applicant or its project. The Applicant agrees that the most recent Federal laws, regulations, and directives will apply to the project, unless FTA issues a written determination otherwise.

C. Intergovernmental Review Assurance

Except if the Applicant is an Indian tribal government seeking assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1), the Applicant assures that each application for Federal assistance it submits to FTA has been submitted or will be submitted for intergovernmental review to the appropriate State and local agencies as determined by the State. Specifically, the Applicant assures that it has fulfilled or will fulfill the obligations imposed on FTA by U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) regulations, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Transportation Programs and Activities," 49 CFR part 17. This assurance does not apply to

Applicants for Federal assistance under FTA's Tribal Transit Program, 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1).

D. Nondiscrimination Assurance

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5332 (which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity), by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act," 49 CFR part 21 at 21.7, the Applicant assures that it will comply with all requirements imposed by or issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21, so that no person in the United States, on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, or age will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity (particularly in the level and quality of transportation services and transportation-related benefits) for which the Applicant receives Federal assistance awarded by the U.S. DOT or FTA.

Specifically, during the period in which Federal assistance is extended to the project, or project property is used for a purpose for which the Federal assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or as long as the Applicant retains ownership or possession of the project property, whichever is longer, the Applicant assures that:

- (1) Each project will be conducted, property acquisitions will be undertaken, and project facilities will be operated in accordance with all applicable requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21, and understands that this assurance extends to its entire facility and to facilities operated in connection with the project.
- (2) It will promptly take the necessary actions to effectuate this assurance, including notifying the public that complaints of discrimination in the provision of transportation-related services or benefits may be filed with U.S. DOT or FTA. Upon request by U.S. DOT or FTA, the Applicant assures that it will submit the required information pertaining to its compliance with these provisions.
- (3) It will include in each subagreement, property transfer agreement, third party contract, third party subcontract, or participation agreement adequate provisions to extend the requirements imposed by or issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d and 49 CFR part 21 to other parties involved therein including any subrecipient, transferee, third party contractor, third party subcontractor at any level, successor in interest, or any other participant in the project.
- (4) Should it transfer real property, structures, or improvements financed with Federal assistance provided by FTA to another party, any deeds and instruments recording the transfer of that property shall contain a covenant running with the land assuring nondiscrimination for the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.
- (5) The United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, U.S. DOT implementing regulations, and this assurance.
- (6) It will make any changes in its Title VI implementing procedures as U.S. DOT or FTA may

request to achieve compliance with the requirements imposed by or issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5332, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21.

E. Assurance of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability

As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," at 49 CFR 27.9, the Applicant assures that, as a condition to the approval or extension of any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to construct any facility, obtain any rolling stock or other equipment, undertake studies, conduct research, or to participate in or obtain any benefit from any program administered by FTA, no otherwise qualified person with a disability shall be, solely by reason of that disability, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination in any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal assistance administered by the FTA or any entity within U.S. DOT. The Applicant assures that project implementation and operations so assisted will comply with all applicable requirements of U.S. DOT regulations implementing the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, *et seq.*, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations at 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38, and any other applicable Federal laws that may be enacted or Federal regulations that may be promulgated.

F. U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Assurances

Consistent with OMB assurances set forth in SF-424B and SF-424D, the Applicant assures that, with respect to itself or its project, the Applicant:

- (1) Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to assure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in its application;
- (2) Will give FTA, the Comptroller General of the United States, and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives;
- (3) Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain;
- (4) Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable project time periods following receipt of FTA approval;
- (5) Will comply with all applicable Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin;
 - (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 through 1683, and 1685 through 1687, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR part 25, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex;

- (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability;
 - (d) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 through 6107, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
 - (e) The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse;
 - (f) The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4541 *et seq.* relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism;
 - (g) The Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records;
 - (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing; and
 - (i) Any other nondiscrimination statute(s) that may apply to the project;
- (6) To the extent applicable, will comply with, or has complied with, the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (Uniform Relocation Act) 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, which, among other things, provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or persons whose property is acquired as a result of federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes and displacement caused by the project regardless of Federal participation in any purchase. As required by sections 210 and 305 of the Uniform Relocation Act, 42 U.S.C. 4630 and 4655, and by U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs," 49 CFR 24.4, the Applicant assures that it has the requisite authority under applicable State and local law to comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Act, 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs," 49 CFR part 24, and will comply with that Act or has complied with that Act and those implementing regulations, including but not limited to the following:
- (a) The Applicant will adequately inform each affected person of the benefits, policies, and procedures provided for in 49 CFR part 24;
 - (b) The Applicant will provide fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance as required by 42 U.S.C. 4622, 4623, and 4624; 49 CFR part 24; and any applicable FTA procedures, to or for families, individuals, partnerships, corporations, or associations displaced as a result of any project financed with FTA assistance;
 - (c) The Applicant will provide relocation assistance programs offering the services described in 42 U.S.C. 4625 to such displaced families, individuals, partnerships, corporations, or associations in the manner provided in 49 CFR part 24;
 - (d) Within a reasonable time before displacement, the Applicant will make available comparable replacement dwellings to displaced families and individuals as required by 42 U.S.C. 4625(c)(3);
 - (e) The Applicant will carry out the relocation process in such manner as to provide displaced persons with uniform and consistent services, and will make available replacement housing in the same range of choices with respect to such housing to all displaced persons regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin;

- (f) In acquiring real property, the Applicant will be guided to the greatest extent practicable under State law, by the real property acquisition policies of 42 U.S.C. 4651 and 4652;
 - (g) The Applicant will pay or reimburse property owners for their necessary expenses as specified in 42 U.S.C. 4653 and 4654, with the understanding that FTA will provide Federal financial assistance for the Applicant's eligible costs of providing payments for those expenses, as required by 42 U.S.C. 4631;
 - (h) The Applicant will execute such amendments to third party contracts and subagreements financed with FTA assistance and execute, furnish, and be bound by such additional documents as FTA may determine necessary to effectuate or implement the assurances provided herein; and
 - (i) The Applicant agrees to make these assurances part of or incorporate them by reference into any third party contract or subagreement, or any amendments thereto, relating to any project financed by FTA involving relocation or land acquisition and provide in any affected document that these relocation and land acquisition provisions shall supersede any conflicting provisions;
- (7) To the extent applicable, will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3141 *et seq.*, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended, 18 U.S.C. 874, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*, regarding labor standards for federally assisted projects;
 - (8) To the extent applicable, will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4012a(a), requiring the Applicant and its subrecipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more;
 - (9) To the extent applicable, will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, 42 U.S.C. 4831(b), which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in the construction or rehabilitation of residence structures;
 - (10) To the extent applicable, will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities on which a construction project supported with FTA assistance takes place without permission and instructions from FTA;
 - (11) To the extent required by FTA, will record the Federal interest in the title of real property, and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project;
 - (12) To the extent applicable, will comply with FTA provisions concerning the drafting, review, and approval of construction plans and specifications of any construction project supported with FTA assistance. As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Seismic Safety," 49 CFR 41.117(d), before accepting delivery of any building financed with FTA assistance, it will obtain a certificate of compliance with the seismic design and construction requirements of 49 CFR part 41;
 - (13) To the extent applicable, will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site of any project supported with FTA assistance to assure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications, and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by FTA or the State;
 - (14) To the extent applicable, will comply with any applicable environmental standards that may be prescribed to implement the following Federal laws and executive orders:

- (a) Institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 through 4335 and Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;
 - (b) Notification of violating facilities pursuant to Executive Order No. 11738, 42 U.S.C. 7606 note;
 - (c) Protection of wetlands pursuant to Executive Order No. 11990, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;
 - (d) Evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with Executive Order No. 11988, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note;
 - (e) Assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed pursuant to the requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1451 through 1465;
 - (f) Conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 through 7671q;
 - (g) Protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f through 300j-6;
 - (h) Protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 through 1544; and
 - (i) Environmental protections for Federal transportation programs, including, but not limited to, protections for parks, recreation areas, or wildlife or waterfowl refuges of national, State, or local significance or any land from a historic site of national, State, or local significance to be used in a transportation project as required by 49 U.S.C. 303(b) and 303(c);
 - (j) Protection of the components of the national wild and scenic rivers systems, as required under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1271 through 1287; and
 - (k) Provision of assistance to FTA in complying with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470f; with the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 469 through 469c ; and with Executive Order No. 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), 16 U.S.C. 470 note;
- (15) To the extent applicable, will comply with the requirements of the Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. 1501 through 1508 and 7324 through 7326, which limit the political activities of State and local agencies and their officers and employees whose primary employment activities are financed in whole or part with Federal funds including a Federal loan, grant agreement, or cooperative agreement except, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(2) and 23 U.S.C. 142(g), the Hatch Act does not apply to a nonsupervisory employee of a public transportation system (or of any other agency or entity performing related functions) receiving FTA assistance to whom that Act does not otherwise apply;
- (16) To the extent applicable, will comply with the National Research Act, Pub. L. 93-348, July 12, 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 289 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Protection of Human Subjects," 49 CFR part 11, regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by Federal assistance;
- (17) To the extent applicable, will comply with the Animal Welfare Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*, and U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations, "Animal Welfare," 9 CFR

subchapter A, parts 1, 2, 3, and 4, regarding the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held or used for research, teaching, or other activities supported by Federal assistance;

- (18) Will have performed the financial and compliance audits as required by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, 31 U.S.C. 7501 *et seq.*, OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," Revised, and the most recent applicable OMB A-133 Compliance Supplement provisions for the U.S. DOT; and
- (19) To the extent applicable, will comply with all applicable provisions of all other Federal laws or regulations, and follow Federal directives governing the project, except to the extent that FTA has expressly approved otherwise in writing.

02. LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

An Applicant that submits or intends to submit an application to FTA for Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000 is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000 until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "02."

- A. As required by 31 U.S.C. 1352 and U.S. DOT regulations, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," at 49 CFR 20.110, the Applicant's authorized representative certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that for each application to FTA for Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000:
 - (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid by or on behalf of the Applicant to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress regarding the award of Federal assistance, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal assistance agreement; and
 - (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any application for Federal assistance, the Applicant assures that it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," including information required by the instructions accompanying the form, which form may be amended to omit such information as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1352.
 - (3) The language of this certification shall be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, subagreements, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements).
- B. The Applicant understands that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed by the Federal government and that submission of this certification is a prerequisite for providing Federal assistance for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. The Applicant also understands that any person who fails to file a required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

03. PROCUREMENT COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(g)(3)(ii), each Applicant that is a State, local, or Indian tribal government that is seeking Federal assistance to acquire property or services in support of its project is requested to provide the following certification by selecting Category "03." FTA also requests other Applicants to provide the following certification. An Applicant for FTA assistance to acquire property or services in support of its project that fails to provide this certification may be determined ineligible for award of Federal assistance for the project, if FTA determines that its procurement practices and procurement system fail to comply with Federal laws or regulations in accordance with applicable Federal directives.

The Applicant certifies that its procurements and procurement system will comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations in accordance with applicable Federal directives, except to the extent FTA has expressly approved otherwise in writing.

04. PROTECTIONS FOR PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Each Applicant that is a State, local, or Indian tribal government that is seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any property or an interest in the property of a private provider of public transportation or to operate public transportation equipment or facilities in competition with, or in addition to, transportation service provided by an existing private provider of public transportation is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance for such a project until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "04."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(a)(1), the Applicant certifies that before it acquires the property or an interest in the property of a private provider of public transportation or operates public transportation equipment or facilities in competition with, or in addition to, transportation service provided by an existing public transportation company, it has or will have:

- A. Determined that the assistance is essential to carrying out a program of projects as required by 49 U.S.C. 5303, 5304, and 5306;
- B. Provided for the participation of private companies engaged in public transportation to the maximum extent feasible; and
- C. Paid just compensation under State or local law to the company for any franchise or property acquired.

05. PUBLIC HEARING

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 for a capital project that will substantially affect a community or a community's public transportation service is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance for a capital project of that type until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "05."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(b), for a proposed capital project that will substantially affect a community, or the public transportation service of a community, the Applicant certifies that it has, or before submitting its application, it will have:

- A. Provided an adequate opportunity for public review and comment on the proposed project;
- B. After providing notice, including a concise description of the proposed project, published in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic area to be served, held a public hearing on the project if the project affects significant economic, social, or environmental interests;
- C. Considered the economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project; and
- D. Determined that the proposed project is consistent with official plans for developing the community.

06. ACQUISITION OF ROLLING STOCK FOR USE IN REVENUE SERVICE

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any rolling stock for use in revenue service is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award any Federal assistance to acquire such rolling stock until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "06."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(m) and implementing FTA regulations, "Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Audits of Rolling Stock Purchases," 49 CFR part 663, at 49 CFR 663.7, the Applicant certifies that it will comply with the requirements of 49 CFR part 663 as modified by amendments authorized by section 3023(k) of SAFETEA-LU when procuring revenue service rolling stock. Among other things, the Applicant agrees to conduct or cause to be conducted the requisite pre-award and post delivery reviews, and maintain on file the certifications required by 49 CFR part 663, subparts B, C, and D.

07. ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS BY LEASE

An Applicant that intends to request the use of Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire capital assets by lease is required to provide the following certifications. FTA may not provide Federal assistance to support those costs until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "07."

As required by FTA regulations, "Capital Leases," 49 CFR part 639, at 49 CFR 639.15(b)(1) and 49 CFR 639.21, if the Applicant acquires any capital asset by lease financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, the Applicant certifies as follows:

- (1) It will not use Federal assistance authorized *49 U.S.C. chapter 53* to finance the cost of leasing any capital asset until it performs calculations demonstrating that leasing the capital asset would be more cost-effective than purchasing or constructing a similar asset; and it will complete these calculations before entering into the lease or before receiving a capital grant for the asset, whichever is later; and
- (2) It will not enter into a capital lease for which FTA can provide only incremental Federal assistance unless it has adequate financial resources to meet its future obligations under the lease if Federal assistance is not available for capital projects in the subsequent years.

08. BUS TESTING

An Applicant for Federal assistance appropriated or made available for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire any new bus model or any bus model with a new major change in configuration or components is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not provide Federal assistance for the acquisition of any new bus model or bus model with a major change until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "08."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5318 and FTA regulations, "Bus Testing," at 49 CFR 665.7, the Applicant certifies that, before expending any Federal assistance to acquire the first bus of any new bus model or any bus model with a new major change in configuration or components, or before authorizing final acceptance of that bus (as described in 49 CFR part 665):

- A. The bus model will have been tested at FTA's bus testing facility; and
- B. The Applicant will have received a copy of the test report prepared on the bus model.

09. CHARTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

An Applicant seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 (except as permitted by 49 CFR 604.2), or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, to acquire or operate any public transportation equipment or facilities is required to enter into the following Charter Service Agreement. FTA may not provide Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 (except as permitted by 49 CFR 604.2), or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, for such projects until the Applicant enters into this Charter Service Agreement by selecting Category "09."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) and (g) and FTA regulations at 49 CFR 604.4, the Applicant understands and agrees that it and each subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project at any tier may provide charter service for transportation projects that uses equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance authorized under the Federal transit laws (except as permitted by 49 CFR 604.2), or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, only in compliance with those laws and FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by reference.
- B. The Applicant understands and agrees that:
 - (1) The requirements of FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, will apply to any charter service it or its subrecipients, lessees, third party contractors, or other participants in the project provide,
 - (2) The definitions of FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, will apply to this Charter Service Agreement, and
 - (3) A pattern of violations of this Charter Service Agreement may require corrective measures and imposition of remedies, including barring the Applicant, subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project that has engaged in that pattern of violations from receiving FTA financial assistance, or withholding an amount of Federal assistance as set forth in FTA regulations, "Charter Service," 49 CFR part 604, Appendix D.

10. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

An Applicant that is seeking Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or under 23 U.S.C.133 or 142 to acquire or operate public transportation facilities and equipment is required to enter into the following School Transportation Agreement. FTA may not provide Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or under 23 U.S.C.133 or 142 for such projects until the Applicant enters into this School Transportation Agreement by selecting Category "10."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) and (g) and FTA regulations at 49 CFR 605.14, the Applicant understands and agrees that it and each subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project at any tier may engage in school transportation operations in competition with private school transportation operators that uses equipment or facilities acquired with Federal assistance authorized under the Federal transit laws or under 23 U.S.C. 133 or 142, only in compliance with those laws and FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) or (g), the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by reference.
- B. The Applicant understands and agrees that:
 - (1) The requirements of FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605, to the extent consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5323(f) or (g), will apply to any school transportation service it or its subrecipients, lessees, third party contractors, or other participants in the project provide,
 - (2) The definitions of FTA regulations, "School Bus Operations," 49 CFR part 605 will apply to this School Transportation Agreement, and
 - (3) If there is a violation of this School Transportation Agreement, FTA will bar the Applicant, subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant in the project that has violated this School Transportation Agreement from receiving Federal transit assistance in an amount FTA considers appropriate.

11. DEMAND RESPONSIVE SERVICE

An Applicant that operates demand responsive service and applies for direct Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to acquire non-rail public transportation vehicles is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award direct Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 to an Applicant that operates demand responsive service to acquire non-rail public transportation vehicles until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "11."

As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," at 49 CFR 37.77(d), the Applicant certifies that its demand responsive service offered to individuals with disabilities, including individuals who use wheelchairs, is equivalent to the level and quality of service offered to individuals without disabilities. Viewed in its entirety, the Applicant's service for individuals with disabilities is provided in the most integrated setting feasible and is equivalent with respect to: (1) response time, (2) fares, (3) geographic service area, (4) hours and days of service, (5) restrictions on trip purpose, (6) availability of information and reservation capability, and (7) constraints on capacity or service availability.

12. ALCOHOL MISUSE AND PROHIBITED DRUG USE

If the Applicant is required by FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," at 49 CFR part 655, to provide the following certification concerning its activities to prevent alcohol misuse and prohibited drug use in its public transportation operations, FTA may not provide Federal assistance to that Applicant until it provides this certification by selecting Category "12."

As required by FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," at 49 CFR part 655, subpart I, the Applicant certifies that it has established and implemented an alcohol misuse and anti-drug program, and has complied with or will comply with all applicable requirements of FTA regulations, "Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations," 49 CFR part 655.

13. INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCING COSTS

An Applicant that intends to request the use of Federal assistance for reimbursement of interest or other financing costs incurred for its capital projects financed with Federal assistance under the Urbanized Area Formula Program, the Capital Investment Program, or the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not provide Federal assistance to support interest or other financing costs until the Applicant provides this certification by selecting Category "13."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(g)(3), 5309(g)(2)(B)(iii), 5309(g)(3)(B)(iii), 5309(i)(2)(C), and 5320(h)(2)(C), the Applicant certifies that it will not seek reimbursement for interest or other financing costs unless it is eligible to receive Federal assistance for those costs and its records demonstrate that it has used reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms underlying those costs, to the extent FTA may require.

14. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

An Applicant for FTA assistance for an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project, defined as any project that in whole or in part finances the acquisition of technologies or systems of technologies that provide or significantly contribute to the provision of one or more ITS user services as defined in the "National ITS Architecture," is requested to provide the following assurance. FTA strongly encourages any Applicant for FTA financial assistance to support an ITS project to provide this assurance by selecting Category "14." An Applicant for FTA assistance for an ITS project that fails to provide this assurance, without providing other documentation assuring the Applicant's commitment to comply with applicable Federal ITS standards and protocols, may be determined ineligible for award of Federal assistance for the ITS project.

As used in this assurance, the term Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project is defined to include any project that in whole or in part finances the acquisition of technologies or systems of

technologies that provide or significantly contribute to the provision of one or more ITS user services as defined in the “National ITS Architecture.”

- A. As provided in SAFETEA-LU section 5307(c), 23 U.S.C. 512 note, apart from certain exceptions, “intelligent transportation system projects carried out using funds made available from the Highway Trust Fund, including funds made available under this subtitle to deploy intelligent transportation system technologies, [shall] conform to the national architecture, applicable standards or provisional standards, and protocols developed under [SAFETEA-LU, section 5307] subsection (a).” To facilitate compliance with SAFETEA-LU section 5307(c), 23 U.S.C. 512 note, the Applicant assures it will comply with all applicable provisions of Section V (Regional ITS Architecture) and Section VI (Project Implementation) of FTA Notice, “FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects,” at 66 FR 1455 *et seq.*, January 8, 2001, and other FTA policies that may be issued in connection with any ITS project it undertakes financed with funds authorized under Title 49 or Title 23, United States Code, except to the extent that FTA expressly determines otherwise in writing.
- B. With respect to any ITS project financed with Federal assistance derived from a source other than Title 49 or Title 23, United States Code, the Applicant assures that it will use its best efforts to assure that any ITS project it undertakes will not preclude interface with other intelligent transportation systems in the Region.

15. URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 is required to provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and any subrecipients participating in its projects. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. If, however a “Designated Recipient” as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5307(a)(2)(A) enters into a Supplemental Agreement with FTA and a Prospective Grantee, that Grantee is recognized as the Applicant for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance and must provide the following certifications and assurances.

Each Applicant is required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J) to expend at least one (1) percent of its Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance for public transportation security projects, unless the Applicant has certified that such expenditures are not necessary. Information about the Applicant’s intentions will be recorded in the “Security” tab page of the TEAM-Web “Project Information” window when the Applicant enters its Urbanized Area Formula Program application in TEAM-Web.

FTA may not award Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance to any Applicant that is required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K) to expend one (1) percent of its Urbanized Area Formula

Program assistance for eligible transit enhancements unless that Applicant's quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year has been submitted to FTA and includes the requisite list or the Applicant attaches in TEAM-Web or includes in its quarterly report information sufficient to demonstrate that the Designated Recipients in its area together have expended one (1) percent of the amount of Urbanized Area Program assistance made available to them for transit enhancement projects.

FTA may not award Federal assistance for the Urbanized Area Formula Program to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications and assurances by selecting Category "15."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies as follows:

- A. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
- B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of Project equipment and facilities;
- C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the Project equipment and facilities;
- D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5307, not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;
- E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
- F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, the Applicant: (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for the Urbanized Area Formula Program, 49 U.S.C. 5307, and the program of projects it proposes to undertake; (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, a proposed program of projects for activities to be financed; (3) has published or will publish a proposed program of projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed program and submit comments on the proposed program and the performance of the Applicant; (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed program of projects; (5) has assured or will assure that the proposed program of projects provides for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation

- services assisted by another Federal government source; (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final program of projects; and (7) has made or will make the final program of projects available to the public;
- G. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), the Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5307(e) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law;
- H. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with: (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
- I. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation;
- J. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J), each Federal fiscal year, the Applicant will spend at least one (1) percent of its funds authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307 for public transportation security projects, unless the Applicant has certified to FTA that such expenditures are not necessary. Public transportation security projects include increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages), increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system, emergency telephone line or lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and any other project intended to increase the security and safety of an existing or planned public transportation; and
- K. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K), if the Applicant is a Designated Recipient serving an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000, (1) the Applicant certifies either that it has expended or will expend for transit enhancements as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)(15) not less than one (1) percent of the amount of the Urbanized Area Formula Assistance it receives this Federal fiscal year, or that at least one Designated Recipient in its urbanized area has certified or will certify that the Designated Recipients within that urbanized area together have expended or will expend for transit enhancements as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)(15) not less than one (1) percent of the amount of the total amounts the Designated Recipients receive each Federal fiscal year under 49 U.S.C. 5307, and (2) either the Applicant has listed or will list the transit enhancement projects it has carried out with those funds, or at least one Designated Recipient in the Applicant's urbanized area has listed or will list the transit enhancement projects carried out with funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307. If the Designated Recipient's quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year includes a list of transit enhancement projects the Designated Recipients in its urbanized area have implemented during that preceding Federal fiscal year using those funds, the information in that quarterly report will fulfill the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(K)(ii), and thus that quarterly report will be incorporated by reference and made part of the Designated Recipient's and Applicant's certifications and assurances.

16. CLEAN FUELS GRANT PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Clean Fuels Grant Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5308 is required to provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and its subrecipients. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the Clean Fuels Grant Program until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "16."

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5308(d)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Clean Fuels Grant Program assistance, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the designated recipient or the recipient serving as the Applicant on behalf of the designated recipient, or the State or State organization serving as the Applicant on behalf of the State, certifies as follows:

- A. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
- B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
- C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
- D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5308, not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;
- E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5308: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
- F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, the Applicant: (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for the Clean Fuels Grant Program, 49 U.S.C. 5308, and the projects it proposes to undertake; (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, the proposed projects to be financed; (3) has published or will publish a list of the proposed projects in a way that affected citizens,

- private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed projects and submit comments on the proposed projects and the performance of the Applicant; (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed projects; (5) has assured or will assure that the proposed projects provide for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source; (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of projects; and (7) has made or will make the final list of projects available to the public;
- G. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), the Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5308(d)(2) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law;
 - H. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with: (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
 - I. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation; and
 - J. The Applicant certifies will operate vehicles purchased with Federal assistance provided under the Clean Fuels Grant Program, 49 U.S.C. 5308 only with clean fuels.

17. ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM AND PILOT PROGRAM

Before FTA may award Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program assistance and, if applicable, Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program assistance to a State, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee is required to make the pre-award determinations required by 49 U.S.C. 5310. Because certain information is needed before FTA can make those determinations, each State is requested to provide the following certifications assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the State itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the State is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the State has made to FTA. A State that fails to provide these certifications and assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients may be determined ineligible for a grant of Federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5310 if FTA lacks sufficient information from which to make those determinations required by Federal laws and regulations governing the Elderly Individuals and

Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program and, if applicable, the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5310 and Section 3012 of SAFETEA-LU, respectively. The State is thus requested to select Category “(17).”

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5310(d), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grant Program to the extent that the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the State or State organization serving as the Applicant (State) and that administers, on behalf of the State, the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5310, and, if applicable, the Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program authorized by subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU, 49 U.S.C. 5310 note, certifies and assures on behalf of itself and its subrecipients as follows:
- (1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
 - (2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
 - (3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
 - (4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5310 or subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
 - (5) The State has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5310(c), and if applicable by section 3012(b)(3) and (4), for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and
 - (6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with:
 - (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil);
 - (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and
 - (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
- B. The State assures that each subrecipient either is recognized under State law as a private nonprofit organization with the legal capability to contract with the State to carry out the proposed project, or is a public body that has met the statutory requirements to receive Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5310.
- C. The private nonprofit subrecipient's application for 49 U.S.C. 5310 assistance contains information from which the State concludes that the transit service provided or offered to be provided by existing public or private transit operators is unavailable, insufficient, or

- inappropriate to meet the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities.
- D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(A) and section 3012(b)(2), the State certifies that, before it transfers funds to a project funded under 49 U.S.C. 5336, that project will have been or will have been coordinated with private nonprofit providers of services under 49 U.S.C. 5310;
 - E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(C), the State certifies that allocations to subrecipients of financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5310 or subsection 3012(b) of SAFETEA-LU will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis; and
 - F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(2)(B) and Subsection 3012(b)(2) of SAFETEA-LU, the State certifies that: (1) projects it has selected or will select for assistance under that program were derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and (2) the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public.

18. NONURBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM FOR STATES

The provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5311 establishing the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program for States do not impose, as a pre-condition of award, any explicit certification or assurance requirements established specifically for that program. Only a State or a State organization acting as the Recipient on behalf of a State (State) may be a direct recipient of this Nonurbanized Area Formula Program assistance. Separate certifications and assurances have been established in Category 22 for an Indian tribe that is an Applicant for Tribal Transit Program assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1).

Before FTA may award Nonurbanized Area Formula Program assistance to a State, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee is required to make the pre-award determinations required by 49 U.S.C. 5311. Because certain information is needed before FTA can make those determinations, each State is requested to provide the following certifications and assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the State itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the State is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the State has made to FTA. A State that fails to provide these certifications and assurances on behalf of itself and its subrecipients may be determined ineligible for a grant of Federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5311 if FTA lacks sufficient information from which to make those determinations required by Federal laws and regulations governing the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311. The State is thus requested to select Category “(18).”

The State or State organization serving as the Applicant and that administers, on behalf of the State (State) the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program for States authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311, assures on behalf of itself and its subrecipients as follows:

- A. The State has or will have the necessary legal, financial, and managerial capability to apply for, receive, and disburse Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311; and to carry out each project, including the safety and security aspects of that project;
- B. The State has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
- C. The State assures that the project equipment and facilities will be adequately maintained;
- D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(b)(2)(C)(i), the State's program has provided for a fair distribution of Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311 within the State, including Indian reservations within the State;
- E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(b)(2)(C)(ii), the State's program provides or will provide the maximum feasible coordination of public transportation service to receive assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5311 with transportation service assisted by other Federal sources;
- F. The projects in the State's Nonurbanized Area Formula Program are included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and, to the extent applicable, the projects are included in a metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program;
- G. The State has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5311(g) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and
- H. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(f), the State will expend not less than fifteen (15) percent of its Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5311 to develop and support intercity bus transportation within the State, unless the chief executive officer of the State, or his or her designee, after consultation with affected intercity bus service providers, certifies to the Federal Transit Administrator, apart from these certifications and assurances herein, that the intercity bus service needs of the State are being adequately met.

19. JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Formula Grant Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316 is required to provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and any subrecipient that may be implementing its project. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the JARC Formula Grant Program until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "19."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) formula grants, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant for JARC Formula Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316, certifies on behalf of itself and its subrecipients, if any, as follows:

- (1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
 - (2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
 - (3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
 - (4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316 not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;
 - (5) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
 - (6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(1) and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant certifies that (1) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316, it will conduct in cooperation with the appropriate MPO an areawide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis and (2) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316, it will conduct a statewide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis; and that these activities will be carried out in a manner that complies with or will comply with 49 U.S.C. 5307(c);
 - (7) The Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5316(h) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law;
 - (8) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with:
 - (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil); and
 - (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and
 - (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements).
- B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(d), the Applicant certifies that (1) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(A), it will conduct in cooperation with the appropriate MPO an areawide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis and (2) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(B) or 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(C), it will conduct a statewide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis;
- C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(f)(2), the Applicant certifies that any allocations to

subrecipients of financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5316 will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis;

- D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(g)(2), the Applicant certifies that, before it transfers funds to a project funded under 49 U.S.C. 5336, that project will have been or will have been coordinated with private nonprofit providers of services;
- E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(g)(3), the Applicant certifies that: (1) the projects it has selected or will select for assistance under that program were derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and (2) the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public; and
- F. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(3), before the Applicant uses funding apportioned under 49 U.S.C. 5316(c)(1)(B) or (C) for projects serving an area other than that specified in 49 U.S.C. 5316(2)(B) or (C), the Applicant certifies that the chief executive officer of the State, or his or her designee will have certified to the Federal Transit Administrator, apart from these certifications herein, that all of the objectives of 49 U.S.C. 5316 are being met in the area from which such funding would be derived.

20. NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM

Each Applicant for New Freedom Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 must provide the following certifications on behalf of itself and any subrecipient that may be implementing its project. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the Applicant itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though a subrecipient, lessee, third party contractor, or other participant may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its prospective subrecipients, the Applicant is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the Applicant has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the New Freedom Program until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "20."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5317(e)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5310 applicable to New Freedom grants to the extent the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, by 49 U.S.C. 5310(d)(1), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula grants to the extent the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, and by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant for New Freedom Program assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 certifies and assures on behalf of itself and its subrecipients, if any, as follows:
 - (1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
 - (2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
 - (3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the

- project equipment and facilities;
- (4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
 - (5) The Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required by 49 U.S.C. 5317(g) for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law; and
 - (6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with:
 - (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil);
 - (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
- B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(d), the Applicant certifies that (1) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(A), it will conduct in cooperation with the appropriate MPO an areawide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis and (2) with respect to financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(B) or 49 U.S.C. 5317(c)(1)(C), it will conduct a statewide solicitation for applications, and make awards on a competitive basis;
 - C. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(f)(2), the Applicant certifies that, before it transfers funds to a project funded under 49 U.S.C. 5336, that project has been or will have been coordinated with private nonprofit providers of services;
 - D. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(e)(2), the Applicant certifies that any allocations to subrecipients of financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5317 will be distributed on a fair and equitable basis; and
 - E. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5317(f)(3), the Applicant certifies that: (1) projects it has selected or will select for assistance under that program were derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and (2) the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public

21. PAUL S. SARBANES TRANSIT IN PARKS PROGRAM

Each State, tribal area, or local government authority that is an Applicant for Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program assistance (Applicant) authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5320, is required to provide the following certifications. FTA may not award assistance for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "21."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5320(i), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307

applicable to the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program to the extent the Federal Transit Administrator or his or her designee determines appropriate, and 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies as follows:

- (1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed project, including the safety and security aspects of that project;
 - (2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
 - (3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
 - (4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E) in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5320, the Applicant: (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA), (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements, (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
 - (5) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F) and with 49 U.S.C. 5320(e)(2)(C), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, it: (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program, 49 U.S.C. 5320, and the projects it proposes to undertake; (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, projects to be financed; (3) has published or will publish a list of projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed projects and submit comments on the proposed projects and the performance of the Applicant; (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed projects; (5) has assured or will assure that the proposed projects provide for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source; (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of projects; and (7) has made or will make the final list of projects available to the public;
 - (6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H), the Applicant will comply with:
 - (1) 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil);
 - (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements).
 - (7) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation.
- B. In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5320(e)(2)(A), (B), and (D), the Applicant assures that it will:
- (1) Comply with the metropolitan planning provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5303;
 - (2) Comply with the statewide planning provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5304; and

- (3) Consult with the appropriate Federal land management agency during the planning process.

22. TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM

Each Applicant for Tribal Transit Program assistance must provide all certifications and assurances set forth below. Except to the extent that FTA determines otherwise in writing, FTA may not award any Federal assistance under the Tribal Transit Program until the Applicant provides these certifications and assurances by selecting Category "22."

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1) that authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to establish terms and conditions for direct grants to Indian tribal governments, the Applicant certifies and assures as follows:

- A. The Applicant assures that:
 - (1) It has or will have the necessary legal, financial, and managerial capability to apply for, receive, and disburse Federal assistance authorized for 49 U.S.C. 5311; and to carry out each project, including the safety and security aspects of that project;
 - (2) It has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
 - (3) The project equipment and facilities will be adequately maintained; and
 - (4) Its project will achieve maximum feasible coordination with transportation service assisted by other Federal sources.
- B. In accordance with 49 CFR 18.36(g)(3)(ii), the Applicant certifies that its procurement system will comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 18.36, or will inform FTA promptly that its procurement system does not comply with 49 CFR 18.36.
- C. To the extent applicable to the Applicant or its Project, the Applicant certifies that it will comply with the certifications, assurances, and agreements in Category 08 (Bus Testing), Category 09 (Charter Bus Agreement), Category 10 (School Transportation Agreement), Category 11 (Demand Responsive Service), Category 12 (Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use), and Category 14 (National Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and Standards) of this document.
- D. If its application exceeds \$100,000, the Applicant agrees to comply with the certification in Category 02 (Lobbying) of this document.

23. INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE PROJECTS

Each Applicant for Infrastructure Finance assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, is required to provide the following certifications. FTA may not award Infrastructure Finance assistance to the Applicant until the Applicant provides these certifications by selecting Category "23."

- A. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(o), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307 applicable to Applicants seeking Infrastructure Finance assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and by 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1), the Applicant certifies as follows:

- (1) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(A), the Applicant has or will have the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out its proposed program of projects, including the safety and security aspects of that program;
- (2) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(B), the Applicant has or will have satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities;
- (3) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(C), the Applicant will adequately maintain the project equipment and facilities;
- (4) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(D), the Applicant will assure that any elderly individual, any individual with disabilities, or any person presenting a Medicare card issued to himself or herself pursuant to title II or title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.* or 42 U.S.C. 1395 *et seq.*), will be charged for transportation during non-peak hours using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed with Federal assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, not more than fifty (50) percent of the peak hour fare;
- (5) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(E), the Applicant, in carrying out a procurement financed with Federal assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6:
 - (1) will use competitive procurement (as defined or approved by FTA),
 - (2) will not use exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in its procurements,
 - (3) will comply with applicable Buy America laws, and
 - (4) will comply with the general provisions for FTA assistance of 49 U.S.C. 5323 and the third party procurement requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5325;
- (6) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(F), the Applicant has complied with or will comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5307(c). Specifically, it:
 - (1) has made available, or will make available, to the public information on the amounts available for Infrastructure Finance assistance, 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and the projects it proposes to undertake;
 - (2) has developed or will develop, in consultation with interested parties including private transportation providers, the proposed projects to be financed;
 - (3) has published or will publish a list of projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed projects and submit comments on the proposed projects and the performance of the Applicant;
 - (4) has provided or will provide an opportunity for a public hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed projects;
 - (5) has assured or will assure that the proposed projects provide for the coordination of transportation services assisted under 49 U.S.C. 5336 with transportation services assisted by another Federal government source;
 - (6) has considered or will consider the comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing its final list of projects; and
 - (7) has made or will make the final list of projects available to the public;
- (7) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(G), the Applicant has or will have available and will provide the amount of funds required for the local share, and that those funds will be provided from approved non-Federal sources except as permitted by Federal law;
- (8) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(H),
 - (1) the Applicant will comply with:
 - 49 U.S.C. 5301(a) (requirements for public transportation systems that maximize the safe, secure, and efficient mobility of individuals, minimize environmental impacts, and minimize transportation-related fuel consumption and reliance on foreign oil);
 - (2) 49 U.S.C. 5301(d) (special efforts to design and provide public transportation for

- elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities); and (3) 49 U.S.C. 5303 through 5306 (planning and private enterprise requirements);
- (9) In compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(I), the Applicant has a locally developed process to solicit and consider public comment before raising a fare or implementing a major reduction of public transportation;
- (10) To the extent that the Applicant will be using funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for the project, in compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5307(d)(1)(J), each Federal fiscal year, the Applicant will spend at least one (1) percent of those funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for public transportation security projects (this includes only capital projects in the case of a Applicant serving an urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or more), unless the Applicant has certified to FTA that such expenditures are not necessary. Public transportation security projects include increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system (including bus stops, subway stations, parking lots, and garages), increased camera surveillance of an area in or adjacent to that system, emergency telephone line or lines to contact law enforcement or security personnel in an area in or adjacent to that system, and any other project intended to increase the security and safety of an existing or planned public transportation; and
- (11) To the extent that the Applicant will be using funds authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for the project, in compliance with 49 U.S.C. 5309(d)(1)(K): (1) an Applicant that serves an urbanized area with a population of at least 200,000 will expend not less than one (1) percent of the amount it receives each Federal fiscal year under 49 U.S.C. 5307 for transit enhancements, as defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a), and (2) if it has received transit enhancement funds authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5307(k)(1), its quarterly report for the fourth quarter of the preceding Federal fiscal year includes a list of the projects it has implemented during that Federal fiscal year using those funds, and that report is incorporated by reference and made part of its certifications and assurances.
- B. As required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(o), which makes the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5309 applicable to Applicants seeking Infrastructure Finance assistance authorized under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6, and by 49 U.S.C. 5309(g)(2)(B)(iii), 5309(g)(3)(B)(iii), and 5309(i)(2)(C), the Applicant certifies that it will not seek reimbursement for interest and other financing costs incurred in connection with the Project unless it is eligible to receive Federal assistance for those expenses and its records demonstrate that it has used reasonable diligence in seeking the most favorable financing terms underlying those costs, to the extent FTA may require.

24. DEPOSITS OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANKS

The State organization that administers the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Program on behalf of a State (State) and that is also an Applicant for Federal assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 that it intends to deposit in its SIB is requested to provide the following assurances on behalf of itself, its SIB, and each subrecipient. Unless FTA determines otherwise in writing, the State itself is ultimately responsible for compliance with its certifications and assurances even though the SIB and a subrecipient may participate in that project. Consequently, in providing certifications and assurances that involve the compliance of its SIB and prospective

subrecipients, the State is strongly encouraged to take the appropriate measures, including but not limited to obtaining sufficient documentation from the SIB and each subrecipient, to assure the validity of all certifications and assurances the State has made to FTA. FTA may not award Federal assistance for the SIB Program to the State until the State provides these assurances by selecting Category "24."

The State organization, serving as the Applicant (State) for Federal assistance for its State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Program authorized by section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified at 23 U.S.C. 610, or by section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or by section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, agrees and assures the agreement of its SIB and the agreement of each recipient of Federal assistance derived from the SIB within the State (subrecipient) that each public transportation project financed with Federal assistance derived from SIB will be administered in accordance with:

- A. Applicable provisions of section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified at 23 U.S.C. 610, or by section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or by section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181;
- B. The provisions of the FHWA, FRA, and FTA or the FHWA and FTA cooperative agreement with the State to establish the State's SIB Program; and
- C. The provisions of the FTA grant agreement with the State that provides Federal assistance for the SIB, except that any provision of the Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement incorporated by reference into that grant agreement will not apply if it conflicts with any provision of section 1602 of SAFETEA-LU, now codified at 23 U.S.C. 610, or section 1511 of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or section 350 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, as amended, 23 U.S.C. 181 note, or Federal guidance pertaining to the SIB Program, the provisions of the cooperative agreement establishing the SIB Program within the State, or the provisions of the FTA grant agreement.
- D. The requirements applicable to projects of 49 U.S.C. 5307 and 5309, as required by 49 U.S.C. 5323(o); and
- E. The provisions of any applicable Federal guidance that may be issued as it may be amended from time-to-time, unless FTA has provided written approval of an alternative procedure or course of action.

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Selection and Signature Page(s) follow.

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

(Signature page alternative to providing Certifications and Assurances in TEAM-Web)

Name of Applicant: _____

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of Categories 01 – 24. _____

OR

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Categories it has selected:

Category Description

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| 01. | Assurances Required For Each Applicant. | _____ |
| 02. | Lobbying. | _____ |
| 03. | Procurement Compliance. | _____ |
| 04. | Protections for Private Providers of Public Transportation. | _____ |
| 05. | Public Hearing. | _____ |
| 06. | Acquisition of Rolling Stock for Use in Revenue Service. | _____ |
| 07. | Acquisition of Capital Assets by Lease. | _____ |
| 08. | Bus Testing. | _____ |
| 09. | Charter Service Agreement. | _____ |
| 10. | School Transportation Agreement. | _____ |
| 11. | Demand Responsive Service. | _____ |
| 12. | Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use. | _____ |
| 13. | Interest and Other Financing Costs. | _____ |
| 14. | Intelligent Transportation Systems. | _____ |
| 15. | Urbanized Area Formula Program. | _____ |
| 16. | Clean Fuels Grant Program. | _____ |
| 17. | Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Program and Pilot Program. | _____ |
| 18. | Nonurbanized Area Formula Program for States. | _____ |
| 19. | Job Access and Reverse Commute Program. | _____ |
| 20. | New Freedom Program. | _____ |
| 21. | Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program. | _____ |
| 22. | Tribal Transit Program. | _____ |
| 23. | Infrastructure Finance Projects. | _____ |
| 24. | Deposits of Federal Financial Assistance to a State Infrastructure Banks. | _____ |

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009 FTA CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE
(Required of all Applicants for FTA assistance and all FTA Grantees with an active capital or formula project)

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of Applicant: _____

Name and Relationship of Authorized Representative: _____

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that the Applicant has duly authorized me to make these certifications and assurances and bind the Applicant's compliance. Thus, the Applicant agrees to comply with all Federal statutes and regulations, and follow applicable Federal directives, and comply with the certifications and assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application it makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Federal Fiscal Year 2009.

FTA intends that the certifications and assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document, as representative of the certifications and assurances in this document, should apply, as provided, to each project for which the Applicant seeks now, or may later, seek FTA assistance during Federal Fiscal Year 2009.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the certifications and assurances it has made in the statements submitted herein with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31 apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a Federal public transportation program authorized in 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing certifications and assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and correct.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name _____
Authorized Representative of Applicant

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): _____

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under State, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the certifications and assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the certifications and assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on the Applicant.

I further affirm to the Applicant that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these certifications and assurances, or of the performance of the project.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name _____
Attorney for Applicant

Each Applicant for FTA financial assistance and each FTA Grantee with an active capital or formula project must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature, provided the Applicant has on file this Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this Federal fiscal year.

REFERENCES:

Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) FTA grant application packet
www.nevadadot.com Reports and Publications/Forms Download/Planning Division

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs
http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants_financing_263.html

Federal Fiscal 2009 Certifications and Assurances
http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/leg_reg_federal_register.html

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003 (SAFETEA)
www.fhwa.dot.gov/reauthorization/

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www.dot.gov

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
www.fta.dot.gov

Title 49 USC Chapter 53 Grant Programs
http://www.fta.dot.gov/printer_friendly/leg_reg_1097.html

Best Practices Procurement Manual
www.fta.dot.gov/9386_ENG_HTML.htm

OMB Circulars A-102 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a102/a102.html>

OMB Circular A-122 Cost Principals for Non-Profit Organizations
www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a122/print/a122.html

OMB Circular A-87 Cost Principals for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments
www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a087/a087-all.html

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm
www.fta.dot.gov/civil_rights.html

Drug and Alcohol Regulations
www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_03/49cfr655_03.html

United States of American Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration
Master Agreement
<http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/14-Master.pdf>