

resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 34 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (64 FR 27027; 64 FR 51568; 67 FR 10475; 69 FR 8260; 71 FR 16410; 64 FR 54948; 65 FR 159; 67 FR 17102; 69 FR 17267; 71 FR 6824; 64 FR 68195; 65 FR 20251; 65 FR 45817; 65 FR 77066; 68 FR 1654; 70 FR 7545; 66 FR 17743; 66 FR 33990; 68 FR 35772; 71 FR 644; 68 FR 74699; 69 FR 10503; 71 FR 6829; 71 FR 5105; 71 FR 19600; 71 FR 6826; 71 FR 19602). Each of these 34 applicants has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption standards. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by April 4, 2008.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published

notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 34 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was based on the merits of each case and only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all of these drivers, are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Award.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects to be funded under Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 appropriations for the Tribal Transit Program (TTP), a program authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the appropriate FTA regional Tribal Liaison (Appendix A) for application-specific information and issues. For general program information, contact Lorna R. Wilson, Office of Transit Programs, at (202) 366-2053, e-mail: Lorna.Wilson@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tribal Transit Program (TTP) established by Section 3013 SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109-49 (August 15, 2005), under 49 U.S.C. 5311(c) makes funds available to federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the U.S. Department of the Interior for public transportation capital projects, operating costs and planning activities that are eligible costs under the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5311).

A total of \$10 million was made available for the program in FY 2007. A total of 75 applicants requested \$21 million for new transit services, enhancement or expansion of existing transit services and planning studies including operational planning. FTA made project selections through a competitive process based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in FTA's April 4, 2007, **Federal Register** Notice: Notice of Funding Availability and Solicitation for FY 2007 TTP (71 FR 16397). FTA evaluated applications for planning grants on a pass/fail basis, whereas FTA evaluated applications for start up and existing transit services on a numeric score system. FTA also took into consideration the current status of the FY 2006 grants for those tribes requesting multi-year funding. Because of the high demand, many applicants selected for funding will receive less funding than they requested to enable FTA to support an increased number of meritorious applications.

This notice only addresses FY 2007 funding for projects. Tribes that sought funding for a multi-year project in response to the FY 2007 solicitation must submit a new application in response to the FY 2008 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in order to be considered for FY 2008 funding. The FY 2008 notice will be published in the spring of 2008.

The selected projects, providing \$10 million to 65 tribes, break down as follows: \$399,963 for transit planning studies and/or operational planning; \$904,666 for startup projects for new transit service; and, \$8,695,371 for enhancements or expansion of existing transit services. Each of the 65 awardees, as well as the applicants not selected for funding, will receive a letter explaining the funding decision. The successful applicants for FY 2007 are listed in Table 1.

Following publication of this notice, FTA's regional tribal liaison will contact each applicant selected for funding to discuss technical assistance/needs. In the event the contact information

provided in the FY 2007 application has changed, please contact your tribal liaison with the current information in order to expedite the grant award process.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 29th day of February, 2008.

James S. Simpson,
Administrator.

Appendix A—FTA Regional Offices and Tribal Transit Liaisons

Region I—Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine—Richard H. Doyle, FTA Regional Administrator, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093, Phone: (617) 494-2055, Fax: (617) 494-2865, Regional Tribal Liaison: Judi Molloy.

Region II—New York, New Jersey—Brigid Hynes-Cherin, FTA Regional Administrator, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004-1415, Phone: (212) 668-2170, Fax: (212) 668-2136, Regional Tribal Liaison: Rebecca Reyes-Alicea.

Region III—Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Washington, DC, Letitia Thompson, FTA Regional Administrator, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124, Phone: (215) 656-7100, Fax: (215) 656-7260.

Region IV—Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands—Yvette G. Taylor, FTA Regional Administrator, 230 Peachtree St., N.W., Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303, Tel.: 404-865-5600, Fax: 404-865-5605, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Jamie Pfister and James Garland.

Region V—Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan—Marisol R. Simon, FTA Regional Administrator, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606-5232, Phone: (312) 353-2789, Fax: (312) 886-0351, Regional Tribal Liaisons: William Wheeler and Joyce Taylor.

Region VI—Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma—Robert Patrick, FTA Regional Administrator, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, Phone: (817) 978-0550, Fax: (817) 978-0575, Regional Tribal Liaison: Lynn Hayes.

Region VII—Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri—Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Regional Administrator, 901 Locust Street, Suite 404, Kansas City, MO 64106, Phone: (816) 329-3920, Fax: (816) 329-3921, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Joni Roeseler and Cathy Monroe.

Region VIII—Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Utah—Terry Rosapep, FTA Regional Administrator, 12300 West Dakota Avenue, Suite 310, Lakewood, CO 80228-2583, Phone: (720) 963-3300, Fax: (720) 963-3333, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Jennifer Stewart and David Beckhouse.

Region IX—California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam—Leslie Rogers, FTA Regional Administrator, 201 Mission Street, Suite 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105-1926, Phone: (415) 744-3133, Fax: (415) 744-2726, Regional Tribal Liaison: Lorraine Lerman.

Region X—Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska—Richard Krochalis, FTA Regional Administrator, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174-1002, Phone: (206) 220-7954, Fax: (206) 220-7959, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Bill Ramos and Annette Clothier.

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Table 1 – FY 2007 Tribal Transit Grant Recipients

| Tribe | State | Planning | Enhancement | Start-up | Discretionary ID Number |
|--|-------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------------------|
| Asa'Carsarmiut Tribal Council | AK | | | 165,366 | D2007-TRTR-001 |
| Catawba Indian Nation | SC | | 225,000 | | D2007-TRTR-002 |
| Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma | OK | | 158,000 | | D2007-TRTR-003 |
| Cocopah Indian Tribe | AZ | | 211,200 | | D2007-TRTR-004 |
| Coeur d'Alene Tribe | ID | | 225,000 | | D2007-TRTR-005 |
| Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes | MT | | 250,000 | | D2007-TRTR-006 |
| Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation's | WA | | 400,000 | | D2007-TRTR-007 |
| Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation | WA | | 155,000 | | D2007-TRTR-008 |
| Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon | OR | | 198,110 | | D2007-TRTR-009 |
| Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) | OR | | 150,000 | | D2007-TRTR-010 |
| Cowlitz Indian Tribe | WA | | 200,000 | | D2007-TRTR-011 |
| Eastern Band of Cherokee Nations | NC | | 172,900 | | D2007-TRTR-012 |
| Fort Belknap Indian Community | MT | | 218,000 | | D2007-TRTR-013 |
| Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Indians | MN | | 60,000 | | D2007-TRTR-014 |
| Gulkana Village Council | AK | | 200,000 | | D2007-TRTR-015 |
| Havasupai Tribe of the Havasupai Reservation | AZ | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-016 |
| Healy Lake Village | AK | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-017 |
| Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians | ME | | 57,017 | | D2007-TRTR-018 |
| Indian Heath Services | CA | | 75,000 | | D2007-TRTR-019 |
| Kalispel Tribe of Indians | WA | | 208,296 | | D2007-TRTR-020 |
| Kenaitze Indian Tribe | AK | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-021 |
| Kiowa Tribe | OK | | 262,000 | | D2007-TRTR-022 |
| Klamath Tribe | OR | | 150,000 | | D2007-TRTR-023 |
| Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe | WI | | 161,632 | | D2007-TRTR-024 |
| Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians | MI | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-025 |
| Lower Brule Sioux Tribe call | SD | | 150,000 | | D2007-TRTR-026 |
| Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation | WA | | 200,000 | | D2007-TRTR-027 |
| Manley Village Council | AK | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-028 |
| Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin | WI | | 150,000 | | D2007-TRTR-029 |
| Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians | MS | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-030 |
| Muscogee (Creek) Nation | OK | | 225,000 | | D2007-TRTR-031 |
| Nenana Native Council | AK | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-032 |
| Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho | ID | | 250,000 | | D2007-TRTR-033 |
| Northway Village | AK | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-034 |
| Oglala Sioux Tribe | SD | | 150,000 | | D2007-TRTR-035 |
| Omaha Tribe of Nebraska | NE | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-036 |
| Orutsaramiut Native Council | AK | | 136,370 | | D2007-TRTR-037 |
| Ponca Tribe Nebraska | NE | | | 216,500 | D2007-TRTR-038 |

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| Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma | OK | | 207,119 | | D2007-TRTR-039 |
| Pueblo of Santa Ana | NM | | 240,221 | | D2007-TRTR-040 |
| Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians | MN | | 200,000 | | D2007-TRTR-041 |
| Reservation Transportation Authority | CA | | 425,104 | | D2007-TRTR-042 |
| Robinson Rancheria | CA | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-043 |
| Rosebud Sioux Tribe | SD | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-044 |
| Sac and Fox Nation | OK | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-045 |
| Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa | IA | 24,963 | | | D2007-TRTR-046 |
| San Carlos Apache Tribe | AZ | | 200,000 | | D2007-TRTR-047 |
| Santee Sioux Nation | NE | | | 195,800 | D2007-TRTR-048 |
| Seminole Nation | OK | | 220,000 | | D2007-TRTR-049 |
| Snoqualmie Tribe | WA | | 250,130 | | D2007-TRTR-050 |
| Standing Rock Sioux Tribe | ND | | 225,000 | | D2007-TRTR-051 |
| Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians | WA | | 94,355 | | D2007-TRTR-052 |
| Susanville Indian Rancheria | CA | | 206,082 | | D2007-TRTR-053 |
| Tetlin Village Council | AK | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-054 |
| The Bishop Paiute Tribe | CA | | 55,000 | | D2007-TRTR-055 |
| The Blackfeet Tribe | MT | | 107,820 | | D2007-TRTR-056 |
| The Chickasaw Nation | OK | | 315,234 | | D2007-TRTR-057 |
| The Citizen Potawatomi Nation | OK | | 275,774 | | D2007-TRTR-058 |
| The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma | OK | | 154,760 | | D2007-TRTR-059 |
| The Sitka Tribe | AK | | 172,900 | | D2007-TRTR-060 |
| Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians | ND | | 225,000 | | D2007-TRTR-061 |
| United Keetoowah Band | OK | | | 327,000 | D2007-TRTR-062 |
| Walatowa Pueblo of Jemez | NM | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-063 |
| White Mountain Apache Tribe | AZ | 25,000 | | | D2007-TRTR-064 |
| Yurok Tribe | CA | | 122,347 | | D2007-TRTR-065 |
| TOTAL \$10,000,000 | | \$399,963 | \$8,695,371 | \$904,666 | |