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**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Grant Program: Corrections to Project ID Numbers

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

**ACTION:** Notice; correction

**SUMMARY:** This notice revises Project Identification Numbers published in the August 22, 2008, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) notice titled "Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Announcement of Project Selections." The notice identifies

corrections to Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 and 2008 Project Identification Numbers; however, award amounts remain unchanged.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office (Appendix A) or Blenda Younger, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-2053.

#### I. Corrections

In the **Federal Register** of August 22, 2008 (73 FR 49737), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a table listing award amounts under the Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program. A revised table accompanies this notice which includes the following technical corrections.

1. The Project ID number indicated as D2007-OTRB-061, total award \$151,200, should be deleted and replaced with two rows: D2007-OTRB-061, total, \$8,856 and D2008-OTRB-061, total, \$142,344, as this project will be funded using both FY 2007 and FY 2008 funds.

2. The Project ID numbers indicated as D2007-OTRB-062 through D2007-OTRB-079 should be corrected to read D2008-OTRB-062 through D2008-OTRB-079, as these projects will be funded with FY 2008 funds and not FY 2007 funds. The total monetary awards remain unchanged and the total awarded to each recipient remains unchanged.

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**James S. Simpson,**

*Administrator.*

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AWARD AMOUNT					
Operator	City/State	Intercity Fixed-Route	Other	Total	Project ID
<b>Region I</b>					
Arrow Line	E. Hartford, CT		\$155,550	\$155,550	D2007-OTRB-001
Bonanza Bus Lines	Providence, RI	\$194,830		\$194,830	D2007-OTRB-002
Cavalier Coach Trailways	Boston, MA		\$41,000	\$41,000	D2007-OTRB-003
C&J Trailways	Portsmouth, NH	\$76,600		\$76,600	D2007-OTRB-004
Coach Tours, LTD.	Brookfield, CT		\$26,100	\$26,100	D2007-OTRB-005
Concord Coach Lines	Concord, NH	\$48,400		\$48,400	D2007-OTRB-006
Dattco, Inc.	New Britain, CT		\$30,600	\$30,600	D2007-OTRB-007
Flagship Trailways	Johnston, RI		\$41,000	\$41,000	D2007-OTRB-008
Northeast Charter & Tour Co., Inc.	Lewiston, ME		\$41,901	\$41,901	D2007-OTRB-009
Peter Pan Bus Lines	Springfield, MA	\$378,684		\$378,684	D2007-OTRB-010
Plymouth & Brockton	Plymouth, MA	\$55,620		\$55,620	D2007-OTRB-011
<b>Region II</b>					
Adirondack Trailways	Hurley, NY	\$441,000		\$441,000	D2007-OTRB-012
Classic Coach	Bohemia, NY	\$92,250		\$92,250	D2007-OTRB-013
Hampton Jitney, Inc.	Southampton, NY	\$89,412		\$89,412	D2007-OTRB-014
Paradise Trailways	Hicksville, NY		\$44,158	\$44,158	D2007-OTRB-015
Southern Tier Stages, Inc.	Endicott, NY		\$53,000	\$53,000	D2007-OTRB-016
Swartout Coaches, Inc.	Ithaca, NY		\$31,080	\$31,080	D2007-OTRB-017
<b>Region III</b>					
A P Xpress Bus Company	Capital Heights, MD		\$85,980	\$85,980	D2007-OTRB-018
Butler Motor Transit	Butler, PA		\$89,100	\$89,100	D2007-OTRB-019
Capitol Trailways	Harrisburg, PA	\$110,565		\$110,565	D2007-OTRB-020
Carl R. Bieber, Inc.	Kutztown, PA	\$121,624		\$121,624	D2007-OTRB-021
David Thomas Tours, Inc.	Philadelphia, PA	\$27,200		\$27,200	D2007-OTRB-022
First Priority Tours, Inc.	District Heights, MD		\$89,550	\$89,550	D2007-OTRB-023
Fullington Trailways	Clearfield, PA	\$201,800		\$201,800	D2007-OTRB-024
Keller Transportation, Inc.	Waldorf, MD	\$470,496		\$470,496	D2007-OTRB-025
Lenzer Coach Lines	Sewickley, PA		\$78,686	\$78,686	D2007-OTRB-026
Martz Trailways	Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$379,672		\$379,672	D2007-OTRB-027
R & J Transportation, Inc.	Pottsville, PA		\$29,999	\$29,999	D2007-OTRB-028
Trans-Bridge Lines	Bethlehem, PA	\$93,970		\$93,970	D2007-OTRB-029
<b>Region IV</b>					
American Coach Lines of Miami	Miami, FL	\$156,200		\$156,200	D2007-OTRB-030
Blue Grass Tours, Inc.	Lexington, KY		\$24,680	\$24,680	D2007-OTRB-031
Discovery Charters, Inc.	Longwood, FL		\$27,063	\$27,063	D2007-OTRB-032
Endeavor Bus Lines	Miami, FL		\$116,562	\$116,562	D2007-OTRB-033
First Class Coach Company, Inc.	St. Petersburg, FL	\$120,800		\$120,800	D2007-OTRB-034
Florida Cruise Connection, Inc.	Sarasota, FL	\$104,670		\$104,670	D2007-OTRB-035
Majestic Tours	Rock Hill, SC		\$46,000	\$46,000	D2007-OTRB-036
Midnight Sun Tours, Inc.	Lake Worth, FL		\$78,600	\$78,600	D2007-OTRB-037
Royal Tours & Trailways, Inc.	Randleman, NC		\$40,000	\$40,000	D2007-OTRB-038
<b>Region V</b>					
Able Trek Tours, Inc.	Reedsburg, WI		\$25,159	\$25,159	D2007-OTRB-039
American Heritage Trails, LLC	LaOtto, IN		\$30,070	\$30,070	D2007-OTRB-040
Colonial Coach Lines, Inc.	Mount Prospect, IL	\$403,000		\$403,000	D2007-OTRB-041
Compass Coach	Cedar Springs, MI		\$23,721	\$23,721	D2007-OTRB-042
Dean Charters & Tours, Inc.	Lansing, MI		\$139,000	\$139,000	D2007-OTRB-043
Indian Trails, Inc.	Owosso, MI		\$45,720	\$45,720	D2007-OTRB-044
Jefferson Lines	Minneapolis, MN	\$238,400		\$238,400	D2007-OTRB-045
Keeshin Charter Service	Chicago, IL		\$56,000	\$56,000	D2007-OTRB-046
Kobussen Buses LTD.	Kaukauna, WI		\$28,906	\$28,906	D2007-OTRB-047
Lakefront Lines, Inc.	Brook Park, OH	\$97,353		\$97,353	D2007-OTRB-048
Lamers Bus Lines, Inc.	Green Bay, WI		\$82,991	\$82,991	D2007-OTRB-049
Megabus USA	Chicago, IL	\$420,000		\$420,000	D2007-OTRB-050
Miller Transportation	Indianapolis, IN		\$41,000	\$41,000	D2007-OTRB-051
Pioneer Coach Lines, Inc.	Mount Prospect, IL		\$255,000	\$255,000	D2007-OTRB-052
Riteway Bus Service, Inc.	Richfield, WI	\$86,482		\$86,482	D2007-OTRB-053
Thompson Motor Coach	Indianapolis, IN		\$143,000	\$143,000	D2007-OTRB-054

AWARD AMOUNT					
Operator	City/State	Intercity Fixed-Route	Other	Total	Project ID
Van Galder Bus Company	Janesville, WI	\$297,540		\$297,540	D2007-OTRB-055
Wisconsin Coach Lines	Waukesha, WI		\$108,000	\$108,000	D2007-OTRB-056
<b>Region VI</b>					
ACH Travel & Tours, Inc.	Pharr, TX		\$75,000	\$75,000	D2007-OTRB-057
All Aboard America	Santa Fe, NM		\$212,800	\$212,800	D2007-OTRB-058
Americanos USA, LLC	Dallas, TX		\$264,600	\$264,600	D2007-OTRB-059
Calco Travel, Inc.	Geishmar, LA		\$183,000	\$183,000	D2007-OTRB-060
Crucero USA, LLC	Dallas, TX	\$8,856		\$8,856	D2007-OTRB-061
Crucero USA, LLC	Dallas, TX	\$142,344		\$142,344	D2008-OTRB-061
Del Valle Grand Turismo, Inc.	Pharr, TX		\$74,000	\$74,000	D2008-OTRB-062
Eagle Tours, Inc.	Irving, TX		\$51,050	\$51,050	D2008-OTRB-063
Greyhound Lines, Inc.	Dallas, TX	\$6,361,200		\$6,361,200	D2008-OTRB-064
Kerrville Bus Co.	San Antonio, TX	\$160,650		\$160,650	D2008-OTRB-065
Louisiana Coaches, Inc.	Marrero, LA		\$41,000	\$41,000	D2008-OTRB-066
Sun Travel Trailways	Beaumont, TX		\$42,079	\$42,079	D2008-OTRB-067
<b>Region VII</b>					
Arrow Stage Lines	Norfolk, NE		\$92,250	\$92,250	D2008-OTRB-068
Burlington Trailways	W. Burlington, IA	\$54,300		\$54,300	D2008-OTRB-069
Heartland Trailways	St. Joseph, MO		\$58,500	\$58,500	D2008-OTRB-070
White Knight Limousine	Columbia, MO		\$41,000	\$41,000	D2008-OTRB-071
<b>Region VIII</b>					
Powder River Transportation	Gillette, WY	\$26,700		\$26,700	D2008-OTRB-072
Ramblin Express, Inc.	Colorado Springs, CO		\$183,000	\$183,000	D2008-OTRB-073
<b>Region IX</b>					
Amador Stage Lines	Sacramento, CA		\$70,275	\$70,275	D2008-OTRB-074
Marin Airporter	San Rafael, CA	\$122,000		\$122,000	D2008-OTRB-075
Preferred Charters, LLC	Santa Rosa, CA		\$392,300	\$392,300	D2008-OTRB-076
Silverado Stages, Inc.	San Luis Obispo, CA	\$279,360		\$279,360	D2008-OTRB-077
<b>Region X</b>					
Northwestern Stage Lines	Spokane, WA	\$63,022		\$63,022	D2008-OTRB-078
Premier Alaska Tours, Inc.	Anchorage, AK		\$44,970	\$44,970	D2008-OTRB-079
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$11,925,000</b>	<b>\$3,975,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,900,000</b>	

#### Appendix A—FTA Regional Offices

Richard H. Doyle, Regional Administrator, Region 1—Boston, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093, Tel. 617 494-2055. States served: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.	Robert C. Patrick, Regional Administrator, Region 6—Ft. Worth, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, Tel. 817 978-0550. States served: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.
Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Regional Administrator, Region 2—New York, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004-1415, Tel. No. 212 668-2170. States served: New Jersey, New York .....	Mokhtee Ahmad, Regional Administrator, Region 7—Kansas City, MO, 901 Locust Street, Room 404, Kansas City, MO 64106, Tel. 816 329-3920. States served: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.
Letitia Thompson, Regional Administrator, Region 3—Philadelphia, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124, Tel. 215 656-7100. States served: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia.	Terry Rosapep, Regional Administrator, Region 8—Denver, 12300 West Dakota Ave., Suite 310, Lakewood, CO 80228-2583, Tel. 720-963-3300. States served: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.
Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, Region 4—Atlanta, 230 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303, Tel. 404 865-5600. States served: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virgin Islands.	Leslie T. Rogers, Regional Administrator, Region 9—San Francisco, 201 Mission Street, Room 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105-1926, Tel. 415 744-3133. States served: American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Northern Mariana Islands.
Marisol Simon, Regional Administrator, Region 5—Chicago, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel. 312 353-2789.	Rick Krochalis, Regional Administrator, Region 10—Seattle, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174-1002, Tel. 206 220-7954.

States served: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

States served: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Petition for Exemption From the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Ford Motor Company

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Grant of petition for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This document grants in full the petition of Ford Motor Company (Ford) in accordance with § 543.9(c)(2) of 49 CFR Part 543, *Exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard*, for the Ford Mercury Mariner vehicle line beginning with model year (MY) 2010. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

**DATES:** The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with model year (MY) 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Carlita Ballard, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Ballard's telephone number is (202) 366-0846. Her fax number is (202) 493-2290.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a petition dated September 18, 2008, Ford requested an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR Part 541) for the Mercury Mariner vehicle line beginning with MY 2010. The petition requested an exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR Part 543, *Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard*, based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for an entire vehicle line.

Under § 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant exemptions for one vehicle line per model year. Ford has petitioned the agency to grant an exemption for its Mercury Mariner vehicle line beginning with MY 2010. In its petition, Ford provided a detailed

description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the Mercury Mariner vehicle line. Ford will install its passive transponder-based electronic immobilizer antitheft device as standard equipment on the vehicle line. Features of the antitheft device will include an electronic key, ignition lock, and a passive immobilizer. The system does not include an audible or visual alarm as standard equipment. Ford's submission is considered a complete petition as required by 49 CFR 543.7, in that it meets the general requirements contained in § 543.5 and the specific content requirements of § 543.6.

The antitheft device to be installed on the MY 2010 Mercury Mariner is the SecuriLock Passive Antitheft Electronic Engine Immobilizer System (SecuriLock). The Ford SecuriLock is a transponder-based electronic immobilizer system. Ford stated that the integration of the transponder into the normal operation of the ignition key assures activation of the system. When the ignition key is turned to the start position, the transceiver module reads the ignition key code and transmits an encrypted message to the cluster. Validation of the key is determined and start of the engine is authorized once a separate encrypted message is sent to the powertrain's control module (PCM). The powertrain will function only if the key code matches the unique identification key code previously programmed into the PCM. If the codes do not match, the powertrain engine starter, spark and fuel will be disabled. Ford also stated that the SecuriLock electronic engine immobilizer device makes conventional theft methods such as hot-wiring or attacking the ignition lock cylinder ineffective and virtually eliminates drive-away thefts. The cluster and PCM share security data when first installed during vehicle assembly from matched modules. Ford stated that as an additional measure of security, these matched modules will not function in other vehicles if they are separated from each other. Ford also stated that key duplication would virtually be impossible because its key is encrypted with many different codes (18 quintillion).

Ford stated that there were only two years of reported theft rates available for the Mercury Mariner, but its Escape vehicle line which is comparable in design, size and equipment to the Mariner is installed with the proposed

device. The Ford Escape vehicle line had an average theft rate using 5 MY's data (2001-2005) of 1.4215 and was granted an exemption from the parts marking standard (Part 541) beginning with the 2009 model year. Ford stated that the exceptionally low theft rate (0.6968) for MY 2006 Mariner vehicles is likely to continue or improve in future years. The theft rate using an average of two MY's data (2005-2006) for Mariner vehicles is 0.7913.

Additionally, Ford noted the reduction in the theft rate for other vehicle lines equipped with the SecuriLock device. Ford's SecuriLock device was first introduced as standard equipment on its MY 1996 Mustang GT and Cobra vehicle lines. The SecuriLock system was installed on the entire Mustang vehicle line as standard equipment in MY 1997. Ford stated that according to National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) theft statistics, the 1997 model year Mustang with SecuriLock showed a 70% reduction in theft compared to its MY 1995 Mustang vehicles. Comparatively, Ford stated that there were 149 thefts reported in 1997 and 500 thefts reported in 1995.

In addressing the specific content requirements of 543.6, Ford provided information on the reliability and durability of its proposed device. To ensure reliability and durability of the device, Ford conducted tests based on its own specified standards. Ford provided a detailed list of the tests conducted and believes that the device is reliable and durable since the device complied with its specified requirements for each test.

The agency also notes that the device will provide four of the five types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): promoting activation; preventing defeat or circumvention of the device by unauthorized persons; preventing operation of the vehicle by unauthorized entrants; and ensuring the reliability and durability of the device.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 33106 and 49 CFR 543.7(b), the agency grants a petition for exemption from the parts-marking requirements of Part 541 either in whole or in part, if it determines that, based upon substantial evidence, the standard equipment antitheft device is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of Part 541. The agency finds that Ford has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the antitheft device for the Mercury Mariner vehicle