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Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the FDMS published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Director, Medical Programs, (202)–366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-year period if it finds “such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381.

Exemption Decision

This notice addresses 11 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. FMCSA has evaluated these 11 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. They are:

David F. Breuer
Richard S. Cummings
Joseph A. Dean
Elias Gomez, Jr.
Daniel L. Jacobs
Jimmy C. Killian
Jose M. Limon-Alvarado
John W. Montgomery
Billy L. Riddle
Herbert W. Smith
Artis A. Suitt

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) That each individual has a physical examination every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who

attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual provides a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has 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 11 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 66286; 66 FR 13825; 67 FR 46016; 67 FR 57267; 67 FR 68719; 68 FR 13360; 68 FR 2629; 69 FR 51346; 70 FR 12265; 70 FR 16887; 70 FR 2701; 71 FR 50970; 72 FR 11425; 72 FR 180; 72 FR 11426; 72 FR 9397; 74 FR 8842; 74 FR 8302). Each of these 11 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, 2011.

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 11 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 made on the merits of each case and made 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, Office of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Exempt Discretionary Program Grants (Section 5309) for Urban Circulator Systems

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Urban Circulator Systems Announcement of Project Selections.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects funded with unallocated Section 5309 discretionary program funds for the Urban Circulator program in support of DOT’s Livability Initiative, which was announced in the Urban Circulator Systems Program notice of funding availability on December 8, 2009. The Urban Circulator program makes funds available to assist State and local governmental authorities in constructing new fixed guideway and corridor-based bus capital projects including the acquisition of real property, the initial acquisition of rolling stock for the systems, the acquisition of rights-of-way, and relocation. Through the Urban Circulator Program grants, FTA will invest in five projects that provide a transportation option that connects urban destinations and fosters the redevelopment of urban spaces into walkable mixed use, high density environments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional office (Appendix A) for specific information regarding applying for the funds. For general program information on the Urban Circulator program, contact Sherry Riklin, Office of Planning and Environment, at (202) 366–2053, e-mail: Sherry.Riklin@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A total of \$130,000,000 was available for FTA’s Urban Circulator Systems Program. A total of 65 applicants requested \$1.1

billion, resulting in high competition for funds. Project proposals were evaluated based on the criteria detailed in the December 8, 2009, Notice of Funding Availability. The projects selected and shown in Table 1 will provide mobility choices, improve economic competitiveness, support existing communities, create partnerships and enhance the value of communities and neighborhoods.

Grantees selected for competitive discretionary funding should work with their FTA regional office to secure FTA approval to advance the project through project development. FTA’s approval to advance the Urban Circulator projects through project development and grant award is based on compliance with planning, environmental, and project management requirements which apply to all Federal-aid transit projects, including inclusion of the project in a financially constrained metropolitan long-range transportation plan and metropolitan/state transportation improvement program (TIP/STIP) and completion of the appropriate environmental review required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Funds will be obligated to selected projects after a determination by FTA that the grantee has the technical, legal, and financial capacity to construct the proposed project consistent with Federal Transit Law at 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. The grantee must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal administrative requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes

and must be used in the TEAM application.

These grants will be administered and managed by the FTA regional offices. With the issuance of this **Federal Register** notice, FTA extends pre-award authority for acquisition of real property, utility relocation, demolition, construction, equipment, construction materials, and procurement of vehicles upon completion of the NEPA process. The NEPA process is complete when FTA issues an environmental Record of Decision (ROD), a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), or makes a Categorical Exclusion (CE) determination. Selectees are encouraged to advance the project expeditiously with a goal of having the funds obligated within eighteen months of this announcement and no later than September 30, 2012, when these allocated funds will lapse. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TEAM application. Pre-award authority is granted as of July 8, 2010.

Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Financial Federal Report and Milestone reports in TEAM as appropriate (see FTA.C.5010.1D). Recipients of exempt discretionary grants for urban circulators shall be required to submit information that describes the impact of the urban circulator on transit ridership and economic development after two years of operation.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 28th day of February, 2011.

Peter Rogoff,
Administrator.

TABLE I—URBAN CIRCULATOR PROJECT SELECTIONS

Project/sponsor	Project ID	Amount allocated
Chicago Central Area, Transitway: E–W Corridor BRT (Urban Circulator), Chicago Department of Transportation, Chicago Illinois.	D2010–URBC–06001	\$24,650,000
St. Louis Loop Trolley Project (Urban Circulator), City of St. Louis, Missouri	D2010–URBC–07001	24,990,000
Charlotte Streetcar Starter Project (Urban Circulator), City of Charlotte, North Carolina	D2010–URBC–07002	24,990,000
Cincinnati Streetcar Project (Urban Circulator), City of Cincinnati, Ohio	D2010–URBC–07003	24,990,000
Olive/St. Paul Street Loop (Urban Circulator), Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (DART), Dallas Texas.	D2010–URBC–03001 (\$2,458,956) D2010–URBC–05001 (\$2,441,044)	4,900,000
Total		104,520,000

Appendix A

FTA REGIONAL AND METROPOLITAN OFFICES

Mary Beth Mello, Regional Administrator, Region 1—Boston, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142–1093, Tel. 617–494–2055.	Robert C. Patrick, Regional Administrator, Region 6—Ft. Worth, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, Tel. 817–978–0550.
States served: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.	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. 212–668–2170.	Mokhtee Ahmad, Regional Administrator, Region 7—Kansas City, MO, 901 Locust Street, Room 404, Kansas City, MO 64106, Tel. 816–329–3920.
States served: New Jersey, New York New York Metropolitan Office, Region 2—New York, One Bowling Green, Room 428, New York, NY 10004–1415, Tel. 212–668–2202.	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.	Terry Rosapep, Regional Administrator, Region 8—Denver, 12300 West Dakota Ave., Suite 310, Lakewood, CO 80228–2583, Tel. 720–963–3300.
States served: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia.	States served: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.
Philadelphia Metropolitan Office, Region 3—Philadelphia, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103–4124, Tel. 215–656–7070.	Leslie T. Rogers, Regional Administrator, Region 9—San Francisco, 201 Mission Street, Room 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105–1926, Tel. 415–744–3133.
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Office, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 510, Washington, DC 20006, Tel. 202–219–3562.	States served: American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Northern Mariana, Islands.
Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, Region 4—Atlanta, 230 Peachtree Street, NW Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303, Tel. 404–865–5600.	Los Angeles Metropolitan Office, Region 9—Los Angeles, 888 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 1850, Los Angeles, CA 90017–1850, Tel. 213–202–3952.
States served: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the Virgin Islands.	Rick Krochalis, Regional Administrator, Region 10—Seattle, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174–1002, Tel. 206–220–7954.
Marisol Simon, Regional Administrator, Region 5—Chicago, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel. 312–353–2789.	States served: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.
States served: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.	
Chicago Metropolitan Office, Region 5—Chicago, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel. 312–353–2789.	

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2011–0017]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before May 3, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Jackson, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–0284; or e-mail: Rita.Jackson@dot.gov. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Request for Waiver of Service Obligation, Request for Deferment of Service Obligation, and Application for Review.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0510.

Form Numbers: MA–935, MA–936, MA–937.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Summary of Collection of Information: This information collection is essential for determining if a student or graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) or subsidized student or graduate of a State maritime academy has a waivable situation preventing them from fulfilling the requirements of a service obligation contract signed at the time of their enrollment in a Federal maritime training program. It also permits the Maritime Administration (MARAD) to determine if a graduate, who wishes to defer the service obligation to attend graduate school, is eligible to receive a deferment. Their service obligation is required by law.

Need and Use of the Information:

This information collected establishes overall compliance with the service obligation contract in support of the Economic Growth and Trade and National Security goals identified in the DOT Strategic Plan. Because the graduates are required to serve as commissioned officers in the U.S. Merchant Marine Reserve, U.S. Naval Reserve (as an aspect of the service obligation), they become the Navy's single largest source of naval reserve officers except for Naval R.O.T.C. In their civilian capacities, they are required first to sail on their professional merchant marine licenses or work in the maritime industry ashore. This dual role makes the graduates especially valuable because national defense planning initiatives and the Nation's economic needs depend on available personnel who are highly trained.

Description of Respondents: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy students and graduates, and subsidized students and graduates who attend the State Maritime Academies.

Annual Responses: 11.

Annual Burden: 3.30 hours.