

Funds apportioned under high intensity fixed guideway shall be available exclusively for fixed guideway projects. High intensity motorbus funds can be used interchangeably on any eligible high intensity motorbus or high intensity fixed guideway project. High intensity motorbus funds must be used for capital expenses of public transportation systems that provide regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation service to the general public. The final circular clarifies the eligibility of certain projects for high intensity motorbus funding.

5. Federal Share of Project Costs

This section describes the requirement for local funding of projects assisted under the SGR Grants Program. The Federal share of a project generally shall not exceed 80 percent of the net project cost. This section also discusses exceptions to the 80-percent limitation.

6. Capital Cost of Contracting

This section describes the eligibility of recipients who contract with a third party for the provision of transit services and therefore do not have direct capital costs. In such situations, FTA can apply a concept called the "capital cost of contracting."

7. Local Share of Project Costs

This section describes qualifying sources of the local share of a project.

8. Additional Sources of Local Share

This section describes qualifying sources of the local share of a project that have special requirements associated with their use.

9. Alternative Financing

This section describes alternative or innovative sources of project financing and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans. Recipients are encouraged to investigate and pursue innovative financing methods for transit projects.

10. Deferred Local Share

This section describes a possible arrangement whereby a project sponsor may defer contributing the local share of project costs until the Federal share has been fully drawn down.

D. Chapter IV: Planning and Program Development

Chapter IV describes planning requirements that apply to most recipients of FTA funding and are common to most of FTA's programs. The chapter contains a new section,

Transit Asset Management (TAM), that describes the new national asset management system and the requirements for planning, target-setting, and reporting placed on recipients of FTA funding that will be effective upon completion of rulemaking. Asset management and the management of safety risks should inform recipients' selection of SGR Grants Program projects. Other sections in chapter IV are: (2) Metropolitan and Statewide Planning Requirements; (3) Metropolitan Planning Areas; (4) Transportation Management Areas; (5) Performance-Based Planning; (6) Roles of Designated Recipient and Metropolitan Planning Organization in Allocating Program Funds; (7) Subarea Allocation; (8) Availability of FHWA "Flexible Funds" for Transit Projects; (9) Requirements Related to Vehicles and Equipment; (10) Requirements Related to Facilities; (11) Environmental Considerations; (12) Major Capital Projects; (13) Authority to Undertake Projects in Advance; and (14) Public Transportation Safety Requirements.

In response to comments received in response to the proposed circular, the final circular makes edits to three sections within Chapter IV. Section (7), Subarea Allocation, has been edited to clarify that although the MPO is not required to participate in the suballocation of program funds, FTA recommends that the designated recipient and MPO work together cooperatively in determining the suballocation of funds. Section (9), Requirements Related to Vehicles and Equipment, has been edited to improve clarity. Instead of containing a new discussion of FTA's rebuilding and overhaul policies, the section now refers the reader to FTA's primary discussion of the topic in circular 5010.1. Section (11), Environmental Considerations, has been edited to provide a more accurate description of the application of CEs under NEPA to SGR Grants Program projects, including construction-related projects. Section (13), Authority to Undertake Projects in Advance, has been rewritten for consistency with recent changes to FTA's list of CEs at 23 CFR 771.118.

E. Chapter V: Program Management and Administrative Requirements

Chapter V describes management and administrative requirements that apply to FTA grants and are common to FTA's various programs. Sections included in chapter V are: (1) FTA Electronic Award Management System; (2) System for Award Management Requirements; (3) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Registration Requirements; (4)

DUNS Requirement for Subrecipients; (5) Electronic Clearing House Operation (ECHO) Requirements; (6) Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Requirements; and (7) National Transit Database (NTD) Reporting.

F. Chapter VI: Other Provisions

Chapter VI describes some of the requirements and conditions that apply to FTA grants and are common to FTA's programs. Sections included in chapter VI are: (1) Introduction; (2) Charter Bus Services; (3) Civil Rights; (4) Clean Air Act (CAA); (5) Commercial Driver's License (CDL); (6) Debarment and Suspension; (7) Drug and Alcohol Testing; (8) Drug-Free Workplace; (9) Employee Political Activity; (10) Energy Conservation; (11) Environmental Reviews; (12) Intergovernmental Review; (13) Labor Protections; (14) Presidential Coin Act; (15) Private Sector Participation; (16) Use of Competitive Procurements; (17) Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Assistance; (18) Restrictions on Lobbying; (19) Safety and Security; (20) School Bus Transportation; (21) Seismic Design and Construction Standards; (22) Sensitive Security Information; and (22) State Safety Oversight.

G. Appendices

The final circular contains five appendices. Appendix A contains instructions for recipients preparing a grant application. Appendix B contains instructions for how to prepare a project budget. Appendix C contains example documents to assist recipients in applying for and managing an SGR grant. Appendix D contains FTA regional and metropolitan contact information. Appendix E contains a list of references for the circular.

Therese McMillan,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2015 0008]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel KANOA; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation,

as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 27, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2015-0008. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Williams, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0903, Email Linda.Williams@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel KANOA is:

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:
“Sailing instruction and Charters”
Geographic Region: “Hawaii”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2015-0008 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver

criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Dated: January 20, 2015.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2015 0007]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SWEET AILEEN; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SWEET AILEEN is: *Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:*

“This is a two cabin vessel with galley and 1 & ½ bath. It will take passengers on a 48 hour tour including sport fishing within Kachemak Bay, Alaska”

Geographic Region: “Alaska (excluding waters in Southeastern Alaska and waters north of a line between Gore Point to Cape Suckling [including the North Gulf Coast and Prince William Sound. This vessel has a slip at the Port of Homer, Alaska and will stay in the area of Kachemak Bay and Cook Inlet (an area considered Southwest Alaska). The vessel will not be able to enter waters in Southeastern Alaska due to the geographic location of Kenai peninsula. Kenai peninsula is the western border of “North of a line from Gore Point to Cape Suckling (including the North Gulf Coast and Prince William Sound)”, and these mountains have no water passageway between Cook Inlet and Southeastern Alaska.”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2015-0007 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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