

supporting the planning consistency requirements. However, the audit team found an inconsistency regarding a project's termini as shown in a project plan and how that project was described in the STIP. This was identified as an observation in this audit (Observation #5). The audit team recognizes that DOT&PF's manuals offer general guidance, but may want to consider providing additional tools to REMs for use when approving environmental documents, such as a checklist of items to be verified to ensure consistency with transportation plans.

**Observation #3: Staff Capacity, Workload, and Turnover.** During Audit #1, several DOT&PF staff explained through interviews, that since the State's entry into the full NEPA Assignment Program, staff's required review and documentation efforts dramatically increased, and because of the increased workload, the region office did not have sufficient resources to manage the workload associated with the NEPA Assignment Program. The DOT&PF stated as part of its responses for this audit that it has adequate staffing, continually monitors the number of environmental documents in development, and discusses regional workloads during the weekly NEPA manager's meetings. Through interviews, the team learned that if an individual region experiences an unusually large workload and reports it to SEO, projects would be distributed among NEPA managers. However, based on interviews conducted for this audit, workload for some staff remains a concern.

**Observation #4: Government-to-Government Consultation Protocol.** The DOT&PF has committed to conducting tribal consultation in its program Section 106 PA. The DOT&PF's EPM also identifies a process for coordinating with tribes that is sensitive to any request for Government-to-Government consultation. The DOT&PF leadership indicated that staff have received training, and is using monthly Cultural Resources Team (CRT) meetings to increase staff understanding of the Government-to-Government process.

**Observation #5: Section 106 Compliance and Effect Determination.** The DOT&PF examined and corrected the project-specific issues. It also indicated that it held a Section 106 training for environmental analysts in June of 2018, created specifically for Alaska DOT&PF by a consultant with input from SEO staff. The cross-regional CRT, which includes the SHPO office DOT&PF liaison, meets on a monthly basis to discuss Section 106 procedures and compliance. The CRT was

recognized by the DOT&PF Commissioner during the last audit year for outstanding team performance.

**Observation #6: Identify QC staff roles and responsibilities in the DOT&PF's QA/QC Plan.** The DOT&PF has defined the roles of the Project Development Team members in the EPM manual and QA/QC Plan (EPM Sections 4.3, 5.4, 11.3, and 11.4) when project development teams are used.

**Observation #7: Consider ways to accommodate training needs and timely delivery.** The DOT&PF has hired consultants to develop interactive online training, and deliver in-person training to the regional offices. In-person training was conducted in June, October, November of 2018, and February 2019. This training included Section 106, Section 4(f), and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. In addition, training is being offered in multiple formats: Manual review including the EPM, online courses, on-the-job training, and mentoring.

#### Next Steps

The FHWA provided this draft audit report to DOT&PF for a 14-day review and comment period. The audit team considered DOT&PF comments in developing this draft audit report. The FHWA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** for a 30-day comment period in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 327(g). No later than 60 days after the close of the comment period, FHWA will respond to all comments submitted to finalize this draft audit report pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(g)(2)(B). The FHWA will publish the final audit report in the **Federal Register**.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Notice of Meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 25, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and February 26, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Requests to attend the meeting must be received by February 18, 2020.

Requests for disability accommodations must be received by February 18, 2020. Vendors may request to present information to the committee on emerging technology and innovations in the transit safety focus areas of employee safety reporting, roadway worker protection, and suicide and trespass prevention. Each vendor presentation will be limited to 10 minutes or less. Requests to verbally address the committee during the meeting must be submitted along with a written copy of the remarks to DOT by February 20, 2020. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than February 14, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Highway Institute (NHI), 1310 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia, 22201. Any committee related requests should be sent by email to [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov). A copy of the meeting minutes will be available on the TRACS web page at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs>. The detailed agenda will be posted on the TRACS web page at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs> one week in advance of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Henrika Buchanan, TRACS Designated Federal Officer, Associate Administrator, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, (202) 366-1783, [Henrika.Buchanan@dot.gov](mailto:Henrika.Buchanan@dot.gov); or Kara Waldrup, Program Analyst, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, (202) 366-7273, [Kara.Waldrup@dot.gov](mailto:Kara.Waldrup@dot.gov); or [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Secretary of Transportation created TRACS in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2) to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary and FTA Administrator on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems.

##### II. Agenda

- Welcome Remarks/Introductions
- Facility Use/Safety Briefing
- Review of TRACS Tasks and Work Plan
- Safety Focus Area Presentations and Discussion Groups
- Future TRACS Activities
- Public Comments
- Summary of Deliverables and Concluding Remarks

### III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first served basis, as space is limited. Members of the public who wish to attend in-person are asked to register via email by submitting their name and affiliation to the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

There will be a total of 60 minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public at the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each commenter may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, to include the individual's name, address, and organizational affiliation to the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Written comments for consideration by TRACS during the meeting must be submitted no later than the deadline listed in the **DATES** section, to ensure transmission to TRACS members prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC.

#### K. Jane Williams,

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Limitation on Claims Against Proposed Public Transportation Projects

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces final environmental actions taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The purpose of this notice is to announce publicly the environmental decisions by FTA on the subject project and to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge these final environmental actions.

**DATES:** By this notice, FTA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l). A claim seeking judicial review of FTA actions

announced herein for the listed public transportation project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before July 13, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy-Ellen Zusman, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, (312) 353-2577 or Saadat Khan, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Environmental Programs, (202) 366-9647. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that FTA has taken final agency actions by issuing certain approvals for the public transportation project listed below. The actions on the project, as well as the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the documentation issued in connection with the project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in other documents in the FTA environmental project file for the project. Interested parties may contact either the project sponsor or the relevant FTA Regional Office for more information. Contact information for FTA's Regional Offices may be found at <https://www.fta.dot.gov>.

This notice applies to all FTA decisions on the listed project as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including, but not limited to, NEPA [42 U.S.C. 4321-4375], Section 4(f) requirements [23 U.S.C. 138, 49 U.S.C. 303], Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [54 U.S.C. 306108], and the Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q]. This notice does not, however, alter or extend the limitation period for challenges of project decisions subject to previous notices published in the **Federal Register**. The project and actions that are the subject of this notice follow.  
*Project name and location:* METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, Minnesota. *Project Sponsor:* The Metropolitan Council, Saint Paul, Minnesota. *Project description:* The project consists of a 10-mile bus transitway in Ramsey and Washington counties in the eastern part of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The Project will operate parallel to I-94 and connect downtown Saint Paul with the suburban cities of Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale and Woodbury. The Project will use 8 existing stations in downtown Saint Paul, two new stations at Union Depot, and 11 existing stations located along the remainder of the alignment. The

Project will operate in a guideway dedicated to BRT for 66 percent of its route (new road construction) and in mixed traffic for 34 percent. *Final agency action:* Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determination; executed Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, dated January 07, 2020; METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project Finding of No Significant Impact, dated January 17, 2020. *Supporting Documentation:* METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Environmental Assessment, September 26, 2019.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

#### Mark A. Ferroni,

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2019-0063; Notice 1]

#### General Motors, LLC, Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of petition.

**SUMMARY:** General Motors, LLC, (GM) has determined that certain model year (MY) 2010-2017 GMC Terrain motor vehicles do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, *Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment*. GM filed a noncompliance report dated May 15, 2019. GM subsequently petitioned NHTSA on June 7, 2019, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. This document announces receipt of GM's petition.

**DATES:** The closing date for comments on the petition is March 13, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket number and notice number cited in the title of this notice and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Send comments by mail addressed to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver comments by hand to the U.S. Department of