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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Railroad Project in California on Behalf of the California High-Speed Rail Authority

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), on behalf of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority), is issuing this notice to announce actions taken by the Authority that are final agency actions. The actions relate to the California High-Speed Rail (HSR) Palmdale to Burbank Project Section (Project). The Project will provide the public with electric-powered HSR service that provides predictable and consistent travel times between the Antelope Valley and the San Fernando Valley; provide connectivity to airports, mass transit systems, and the highway network in the Antelope Valley and the San Fernando Valley; and connect the Northern and Southern portions of the planned statewide HSR system. These actions grant permits, approvals, or authorizations for the Project.

DATES: By this notice, FRA, on behalf of the Authority, is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions for the Project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before September 28, 2026. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than two years for filing such claim, then the shorter time period applies.

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Development (RRD), telephone: (202) 923–5314, email: Lana.Lau@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 23, 2019, and as subsequently renewed on July 22, 2024, FRA assigned, and the State of California, acting through the Authority, assumed environmental responsibilities for the Project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that the Authority has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1) and 49 U.S.C. 24201(a)(4) by issuing approvals for the Project. The actions on the Project, as well as the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the documentation issued for the Project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related environmental laws.

This notice applies to all decisions on the Project as of the issuance date of this notice and all Federal laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to, NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), section 4(f) requirements (23 U.S.C. 138, 49 U.S.C. 303), section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–4 *et seq.*), section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q), the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703–712), the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*). This notice does not, however, alter or extend a shorter limitation period that may exist for challenges of project decisions covered by this notice.

The purpose of the California HSR System is to provide a reliable, high-speed, electric-powered train system that links the major metropolitan areas of California, delivering predictable and consistent travel times. A further objective is to provide an interface with commercial airports, mass transit, and the highway network, and to relieve capacity constraints of the existing transportation system as increases in intercity travel demand in California occur, in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources.

For the Project, the Authority has selected the SR14A Alternative. The selected alternative consists of approximately 38 miles of electrified, high-speed train system that will be constructed from Spruce Court in the City of Palmdale and extending south to Winona Avenue in the City of Burbank. The Project will connect the approved Bakersfield to Palmdale and Burbank to Los Angeles Project Sections. The selected alternative and the laws under

which the Authority's actions were taken are described in the Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/ EIS), published on May 24, 2024, and in the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Project, executed on August 30, 2024. The Final EIR/EIS, ROD, and other documents are available by contacting the Authority at the addresses provided above or via the web at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov/>.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 24201(a)(4) and 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals With Disabilities: Grant Program Guidance, Final Circular

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability of final circular and response to comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing an updated Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Guidance (Section 5310) Circular (C. 9070.1H). The updated circular incorporates changes in the law since the previous circular update and does not include any changes in policy.

DATES: The applicable date of this circular is November 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For circular questions, Destiny Buchanan, Section 5310 Program Manager, Office of Transit Programs, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590 phone, (202) 493–8018 or email, destiny.buchanan@dot.gov. For legal questions, Bonnie Graves, Office of Chief Counsel, phone, (202) 366–0944, or email, Bonnie.Graves@dot.gov.

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I. Overview

FTA is updating its Circular C 9070, last revised in 2014, to incorporate changes in the law since the previous revision and reformat for consistency with other FTA program and award management circulars. This circular provides guidance to recipients of funds under the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, often referred to as the Section 5310 program. This notice provides a summary of changes to Circular 9070, and this update (C 9070.1H) will supersede the previous version (C 9070.1G).

Since 2014, Congress has made only one substantive statutory change to 49 U.S.C. 5310. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) (Pub. L. 114–94) made States and local governmental entities that operate public transportation service eligible direct recipients. FTA communicated this change at the time of implementation in 2015, and the updated circular now incorporates this change. FTA has incorporated other cross-cutting changes to 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 made by the FAST Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58) into this circular for reference, for example, disposition of assets in 49 U.S.C. 5334(h) is addressed in Chapter VI. In addition to statutory changes, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) in December, 2013 (78 FR 78590), which superseded the DOT's Common Grant Rule, codified at the now-rescinded 49 CFR parts 18 and 19. Due to the timing of the previous circular update and the publication of the Uniform Guidance, the prior version (C 9070.1G) continued to reference 49 CFR parts 18 and 19. FTA has updated these references, including definitions, in C 9070.1H.

In addition, FTA has made changes to the content and format of the circular for consistency with changes in other program circulars. For example, FTA has removed Chapter VIII, "Other Provisions" and included the content of that Chapter in the proposed Award Management Requirements Circular (C 5010.1F).

Section 5334(k) of title 49, U.S.C., requires FTA to follow applicable

rulemaking procedures before issuing a statement that imposes a "binding obligation" on FTA recipients. The term "binding obligation" means a substantive policy statement, rule, or guidance document issued by FTA that grants rights, imposes obligations, produces significant effects on private interests, or effects a significant change in existing policy. The updated circular is largely a restatement and reorganization of the prior version and does not impose any new binding obligations on recipients. Therefore, FTA is issuing this circular update without notice and comment.

II. Chapter-by-Chapter Analysis

A. Chapter I—Introduction and Background

Chapter I of C 9070.1H is substantially similar to Chapter I of C 9070.1G. The Chapter includes information about FTA, the most recent authorizing legislation, and definitions. FTA has updated pertinent definitions to be consistent with the Uniform Guidance, Chapter 53 of title 49, and other circulars.

B. Chapter II—Program Overview

Chapter II of C 9070.1H is similar to Chapter II of C 9070.1G. As with C 9070.1G, the updated circular contains information on statutory authority, program goals and measures, designated recipient and FTA role in program administration, and relationship to other programs. Information related to recipient designation was moved from Chapter III to Chapter II. The goals and measures for the Section 5310 program have not changed. FTA has updated the relationship to other programs section to reflect changes in the law, including the removal of the repealed Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom programs.

C. Chapter III—General Program Information

As with Chapter III of C 9070.1G, Chapter III of C 9070.1H contains the following information: apportionment of funds, funds availability, transfer of apportionments, consolidation of grants to insular areas, eligible direct recipients and subrecipients, private taxi operators as subrecipients, recipient administrative expenses, and local share of project costs. The content has been reordered but remains substantially similar to the content in C 9070.1G. As stated in the summary of Chapter II, FTA has moved information related to designated recipients to Chapter II. In addition, FTA has moved information

related to eligible activities to Chapter IV.

FTA has clarified in the updated circular that local match is waived for insular areas. FTA has updated the section pertaining to eligible direct recipients to be consistent with the change to 49 U.S.C. 5310. Further, FTA has included Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) in the section related to private taxi operators and their eligibility as subrecipients and contractors. FTA has historically treated TNCs the same as taxis, given they both provide on-demand, exclusive ride service, primarily in automobiles. As with taxi operators, depending on the nature of the service—exclusive or shared ride—TNCs may be contractors or subrecipients.

D. Chapter IV—Eligible Projects and Requirements

Chapter IV in Circular 9070.1G was titled "Program Development." FTA has moved much of the information found in Chapter IV of C 9070.1G to Chapter V of C 9070.1H or to the proposed C 5010.1F (see, 89 FR 11334). For example, FTA removed language on certifications and assurances and pre-award authority and included that information in Chapter III of the proposed C 5010.1F. The renamed Chapter IV now includes only information related to eligible projects, including capital reserve accounts. Eligible activities remain the same as in C 9070.1G.

E. Chapter V—Planning and Program Development

The updated circular consolidates Chapters IV and V of C 9070.1G into one renamed chapter. The new Chapter V includes information related to coordination and planning requirements, development of the program of projects, development of the public transit-human services coordinated transportation plan, relationship of the coordinated plan to other planning processes, and labor protections. FTA has updated the sections on coordinated planning to reflect repeal of the JARC and New Freedom programs, and to reflect that the requirement to develop a coordinated plan remains the same but is no longer new. While FTA has made clarifying edits to the text, the language remains substantially similar to that found in C 9070.1G.

F. Chapter VI—Program Management and Administrative Requirements

Chapter VI in the new C 9070.1H contains much of the same information as that found in Chapter VI of C

9070.1G. Included in the new chapter are the following topics: program administrative requirements and other provisions, equipment management, vehicle use, leasing and title to vehicles, satisfactory continuing control requirements, reporting requirements, management plan, and drug and alcohol testing requirements. FTA has updated the section on equipment management to reflect a change in 49 U.S.C. 5334(h). As stated above, FTA has moved information related to capital reserve accounts to Chapter IV. Information related to Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) (Pub. L. 109–282) requirements is located in the program of projects information in Chapter V. Other sections in Chapter VI of C 9070.1G have been removed and can be found in the updated C 5010.1F. Those sections include procurement, debarment and suspension, financial management, FTA’s electronic grant management system, system for award management (SAM) requirements, Electronic Clearing House Operation (ECHO) requirements, allowable costs, closeout, audit, real property, and construction management and oversight.

G. Chapter VII—State and Program Management Plans

Chapter VII of the updated circular is substantially similar to Chapter VII of C 9070.1G, with minor clarifying edits. As stated above, FTA has removed Chapter VIII, Other Provisions from the updated circular and pertinent information can now be found in the updated C 5010.1F. Drug and alcohol requirements, formerly in Chapter VIII, have been moved to Chapter VI of this circular.

H. Appendices

FTA has removed many of the appendices found in C 9070.1G, as the information is available in other circulars and resources and can be easily referenced. However, FTA has retained Appendix B, Sample Section 5310 Program of Projects, which is renamed as Appendix A. FTA has also retained Appendix D, Relationship Between Coordinated Planning and Metropolitan and Statewide Planning (Table), but is renamed as Appendix B.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA–FTA–2024–0003]

Award Management Requirements, Final Circular

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability of final circular and response to comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has made available on its website the final updated Award Management Requirements Circular (C 5010.1). The updated circular combines requirements applicable to all FTA financial assistance awards (referred to as “cross-cutting” requirements) and supersedes the previous Award Management Requirements Circular C 5010.1E. This notice responds to the comments FTA received on the proposed circular, which was published in the **Federal Register** on February 14, 2024.

DATES: The applicable date of this circular is November 1, 2024.

ADDRESSES: One may view the comments at docket number FTA–2024–0003. For access to the docket, please visit <https://www.regulations.gov> or the Docket Operations office located in the West Building of the United States Department of Transportation, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For award management questions, Latrina Trotman, Office of Program Management, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room E46–301, Washington, DC 20590, phone: (202) 366–2328, or email, Latrina.Trotman@dot.gov. For legal questions, Jerry Stenquist, Office of Chief Counsel, same address, Room E56–314, phone: (202) 493–8020, or email, Jerry.Stenquist@dot.gov.

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This notice announces the availability of FTA Circular C 5010.1F, Award Management Requirements. C 5010.1F

replaces C 5010.1E, with an applicable date of November 1, 2024. This circular incorporates provisions of Federal law enacted since the publication of C 5010.1E, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58); the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) and United States Department of Transportation’s (USDOT) updated Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 CFR part 200 (89 FR 30046, effective October 1, 2024) and 2 CFR part 1201, respectively; USDOT’s regulation implementing the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act) (49 CFR part 24); and USDOT’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) regulation (49 CFR part 26).

The purpose of Circular 5010.1 is to summarize generally applicable FTA administrative requirements for financial assistance awards (colloquially referred to as “cross-cutting requirements”) while consolidating other pre-existing cross-cutting guidance historically included in other FTA program circulars, including the pre-existing “Formula Grants for Rural Areas” (C 9040.1G), “Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities” (C 9070.1G), “Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program” (C 5100.1), “State of Good Repair Grants Program” (C 5300.1), and “Urbanized Area Formula Program” (C 9030.1E) circulars, reducing duplicative, redundant, and conflicting information in separate circulars. The last three of these circulars have been consolidated and superseded by a new circular, “Urbanized Areas Formula Grant Programs Guidance” (C 9050.1A), which is being published contemporaneously with this updated C 5010.1F. The first two are also being updated and superseded with circulars published contemporaneously.

Additionally, the revisions update or clarify descriptions of policy to explain current FTA practices. The circular updates include FTA policies regarding real property status reporting, the incidental use of FTA-funded project property, and transfer of real property to third parties for affordable housing. The circular updates also increase the use of graphics, tables, and weblinks to improve clarity. A copy of the circular is in the docket and is posted on FTA’s Circulars page (<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/fta-circulars/circulars>).