

**Notification**

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal department procedures.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

**Evelyn S. Lieberman,**

*Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****FTA Fiscal Year 2000 Apportionments, Allocations and Program Information; Notice of Changes and Corrections**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; Changes and Corrections.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces changes to program allocations previously published in the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration Notice entitled "FTA Fiscal Year 2000 Apportionments, Allocations and Program Information; Notice," dated October 28, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Levine, Director, Office of Resource Management and State Programs, at (202) 366-2053.

**I. Changes to FTA FY 2000 New Starts and Bus Allocations**

On November 29, 1999, President Clinton signed into law the Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 106-113). One provision of the Act provides for an across the board, Government-wide reduction in spending of the discretionary budget authority for FY 2000. A second provision, makes available \$6 million from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund for new transit projects.

The FY 2000 Consolidated Appropriations Act requires a government-wide reduction of 0.38 percent. The actual amount of reductions may vary among programs. The Federal transit share of this reduction totals \$17.6 million. Since the formula programs provide the primary sources of Federal transit assistance, are distributed to all states and urbanized areas, and have already been used by grantees to develop plans for FY 2000, no reductions will be assessed against these programs. No reduction is being

assessed against the Job Access and Reverse Commute program so as not to hinder progress in welfare reform, a national priority. Thus, the congressionally mandated \$17.6 million reduction is being taken from the New Starts and Bus programs under the Capital Investment Grants account and the National Research program under the Transit Planning and Research account resulting in a net reduction of 1.15 percent in each of these accounts. FTA published a **Federal Register** Notice dated October 28, 1999 (64 FR 58211-58263) which included the allocations for projects under these programs as contained in the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Pub. L. 106-69). The revised allocations for the New Starts Program (Table 8) and the Bus Program (Table 9) are contained in amendments to Tables 8 and 9 which may be found on the FTA website at: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/office/program/aa.htm]. An additional table displays the project specific adjustments made under the National Research program.

The new projects specified under the FY 2000 Consolidated Appropriations Act are listed below and in the Table 9 amendment. These projects were not subject to the 1.15 percent reduction, but three-fourths percent for oversight has been deducted, in accordance with Section 5327 of 49 U.S.C.

State and project	Allocation
AK: Anchorage, Alaska 2001 Special Olympics Winter Games buses and bus facilities .....	\$2,481,250
CA: Santa, Clarita, California bus maintenance facility .....	744,675
MN: Twin Cities, Minnesota metropolitan buses and bus facilities .....	1,736,875
NE: Lincoln, Nebraska bus maintenance facility .....	992,500
Total Allocation .....	5,955,000

**II. Corrections****FTA Correction**

A. In TABLE 10, Federal Transit Administration, FY 2000 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS, on page 58258, the State designation for the "Central Kenai peninsula public transportation task force," project was incorrectly identified as "GA" (Georgia). The correct State designation is "AK" (Alaska).

B. In Table 9 on page 58247-58248:

1. The figure for "Cedar Rapids intermodal facility" project amended to

read \$3,340,000—a reduction of \$160,000;

2. Added new project: "Iowa—Mason City, bus facility" for \$160,000;

3. Changed project description for "Colorado Association of Transit Agencies" project to "Colorado buses and bus facilities";

4. Changed project description for "Kansas Public Transit Association buses and bus facilities" project to "Kansas buses and bus facilities".

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**Nuria I. Fernandez,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket RSPA-98-4957; Notice 12]

**Notice of Extension of Existing Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for OMB approval and public comments.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) published a notice seeking public comments on a proposed renewal of an information collection for the Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program for Pipeline Operators (64 FR 54065, October 5, 1999). No comments were received. This information collection requires gas pipelines, hazardous liquid pipelines, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) operators to document their alcohol misuse prevention programs. The public has an additional 30 days to comment on the extension of this information collection requirement.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received January 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957, and be mailed directly to the Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: RSPA Desk Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205 or by electronic mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program.

*OMB Number:* 2137-0587.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an existing information collection.

*Abstract:* Alcohol misuse has been identified by the Federal Government as a significant danger to safety in the United States, and it is reasonable to assume that the problem exists in the gas pipeline, hazardous liquid pipeline, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) industries. The potential harmful effects of alcohol misuse on safe pipeline and LNG facility operations warrant the comprehensive alcohol misuse testing regulation imposed on the pipeline industry. The regulations at 49 CFR part 199 require information collection for an alcohol misuse prevention plan and associated testing records.

*Respondents:* Gas pipelines, hazardous liquid pipelines, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility operators.

*Estimate of Burden:* 6 hours per operator.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 10,278 hours.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,713.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. They also can be viewed over the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 13, 1999.

**Richard Huriaux,**

*Manager, Program Development.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****[Treasury Directive Number 13-20]****Delegation of Authority for Administering the District of Columbia Retirement Programs**

Dated: December 3, 1999.

**1. Purpose**

The National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, Title XI of Pub. L. 105-33 (111 Stat. 251, 712), as amended, (the "Act"), transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury certain responsibilities with respect to the retirement programs for District of Columbia police officers, firefighters, teachers, and judges (the "Retirement Programs"). The purposes of this Directive are to: (a) establish the Office of DC Pensions; and (b) delegate authority to the Director, Office of DC Pensions, to carry out Treasury's responsibilities with respect to the Retirement Programs.

**2. Delegation**

a. The Office of DC Pensions is hereby established within the Departmental Offices. The Office of DC Pensions shall be headed by the Director. The Director reports to the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer. The Director is responsible for establishing operating policies and guidelines and carrying out Treasury's responsibilities with respect to the Retirement Programs.

b. Pursuant to Treasury Order (TO) 102-23, this Directive delegates to the Director, Office of DC Pensions, all duties, powers, rights, and obligations vested by TO 102-23 in the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer with respect to the Retirement Programs, subject to the following conditions.

(1) If, in the judgment of the Director, a matter has the potential for significant public interest, involves unusual or extraordinary spending commitments, or otherwise requires consideration by policy level Treasury officials, the Director shall consult with the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer before taking action with respect to that matter.

(2) The Director, in issuing regulations and in taking administrative actions (such as personnel, procurement and financial management functions), shall act in conformity with Treasury Orders and Directives, and Departmental Offices Directives, otherwise applicable to these functions.

a. The Director, Office of DC Pensions, shall be a designee of the Secretary for purposes of Section 11003(15) of the Act, and for any similar statutory provision with respect to the administration of the Retirement Programs. Any person or entity receiving authority under paragraph 3. below also may be a designee of the Secretary for these purposes.

**3. Redelegation**

The authority granted to the Director, Office of DC Pensions, by this Directive, may be redelegated, and, to the extent authorized by the Act, may be conferred upon a person or entity outside the Department, except that the authority to issue regulations with respect to the Retirement Programs as authorized by the Act may not be redelegated or conferred upon another person or entity.

**4. Authorities**

a. TO 102-23, "Delegation of Authority With Respect to Retirement Programs for District of Columbia Employees," dated June 23, 1999.

b. The National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, Title XI of Pub. L. 105-33 (111 Stat. 251, 712), as amended.

**5. Cancellation**

a. Treasury Directive 13-20, "Delegation of Responsibilities Relating to the Transfer of the District of Columbia Pension Systems," dated May 7, 1998, is superseded.

b. Memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer to the Treasury Manager, DC Pensions Project, "Delegation of Authority for the DC Pensions Project," dated June 25, 1999, is canceled.

**6. Office of Primary Interest**

Office of DC Pensions, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer.

**Nancy Killefer,**

*Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer.*

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