

System (WIST-DSS). This system is intended to be an integrated part of the ITS, and is described in the white paper on "Weather Information for Surface Transportation," May 15, 1998, available electronically at: <http://www.its.dot.gov/welcome.htm>. The document can be retrieved by logging into the Electronic Document Library as a guest (select "EDL Login"), and then searching on the document number, which is 11263.

The STWDSR document will define weather information needs of surface transportation (especially road) users and operators, that ultimately will aid in improved decisionmaking to reduce negative impacts of weather on the roadway network. It will also define WIST-DSS requirements in response to these needs.

Creation of the STWDSR document will include defining the state-of-the-art in decision support systems involving weather and road-surface condition information, and allocating requirements to decision support system components within the ITS. Initially, the focus will be on highway winter maintenance agencies. The document also will identify future system research and operational tests to be funded by the FHWA, and will contribute to interdepartmental requirements through the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology (OFCM). Background The STWDSR plans specify participation of stakeholder groups, including nonprofit research and development organizations specializing in various aspects of meteorological system development, highway maintenance managers, and vendors of weather information systems and consulting.

The STWDSR development task is being conducted between 5/1/99 and 6/30/00 and is organized around two key deliverables:

1. STWDSR Version 1.0 delivered 11/15/99, and
2. STWDSR Version 2.0 delivered 6/30/00.

These deliverables are correlated with the OFCM program for the Weather Information for Surface Transportation Joint Action Group (WIST/JAG). The deliverables will be inputs to the OFCM requirements process, and independently will guide the FHWA program of research and development, operational tests and deployment guidance, as well as informing the weather-information elements of the National ITS Architecture. The Version 1.0 document will be a baseline for stakeholder review that will contribute to STWDSR Version 2.0.

Participation of private sector vendors of weather information services and

products will contribute to: (1) Defining the state of practice in tailored weather information for surface transportation decisionmakers; (2) identifying information needs into the tailoring process, and; (3) identifying technical advances needed to enhance the quality or delivery of weather information services. No proprietary information will be required. Attendance at stakeholder meetings will be at the expense of the private sector participants. The stakeholder meetings will be for nonproprietary information exchange. Formal marketing activities, such as, booths or product sales presentations will not be accommodated. Consenting participants may be selected to give presentations or serve on discussion panels relevant to STWDSR review and development, and user education.

The following items are required in the letter of interest:

1. The organization, contact person, address, telephone number, fax number and email.
2. Brief description of the expertise and/or products relevant to STWDSR development.
3. The level of effort the respondent is willing to undertake, including:
 - a. Attendance at stakeholder meetings;
 - b. Giving presentations at stakeholder meetings;
 - c. Review of draft documentation; and
 - d. Receipt of final documentation.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; Sec. 5207, Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, at 458 (1998); and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Gloria J. Jeff,

Federal Highway Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Transfer of Federally Assisted Land or Facility

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to transfer Federally assisted land or facility.

SUMMARY: Section 5334(g) of the Federal Transit Laws, as codified, 49 U.S.C. §§ 5301, *et seq.*, permits the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to authorize a recipient of FTA funds to transfer land or a facility to a public body for any public purpose with no further obligation to the Federal Government if,

among other things, no Federal agency is interested in acquiring the asset for Federal use. Accordingly, FTA is issuing this Notice to advise Federal agencies that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) intends to transfer approximately 75,882 square feet, or 1.74 acres, of land and improvements thereon situated at Marion Drive and Copper Beech Drive in Kingston, Massachusetts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Any Federal agency interested in acquiring the parcel of land and improvements thereon must notify the FTA Region I Office of its interest by January 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should notify the Regional Office by writing to Richard H. Doyle, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, 55 Broadway, Room 921, Cambridge, MA 02142.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret E. Foley, Regional Counsel, at 617/494-2409; Richard N. Cole, Director of Operations and Program Management, at 617/494-2395; or Jackie Hathaway, FTA Headquarters Office of Program Management, at 202/366-6106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

49 U.S.C. 5334(g) provides guidance on the transfer of capital assets. Specifically, if a recipient of FTA assistance decides an asset acquired under this chapter at least in part with that assistance is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was acquired, the Secretary of Transportation may authorize the recipient to transfer the asset to a local governmental authority to be used for a public purpose with no further obligation to the Government.

49 U.S.C. 5334(g)(1) Determinations

The Secretary may authorize a transfer for a public purpose other than mass transportation only if the Secretary decides:

(A) The asset will remain in public use for at least 5 years after the date the asset is transferred;

(B) There is no purpose eligible for assistance under this chapter for which the asset should be used;

(C) The overall benefit of allowing the transfer is greater than the interest of the Government in liquidation and return of the financial interest of the Government in the asset, after considering fair market value and other factors; and

(D) Through an appropriate screening or survey process, that there is no interest in acquiring the asset for Government use if the asset is a facility or land.

Federal Interest in Acquiring Land or Facility

This document implements the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5334(g)(1)(D) of the Federal Transit Laws.

Accordingly, FTA hereby provides notice of the availability of the asset further described below. Any Federal agency interested in acquiring the affected land and improvements thereon should promptly notify the FTA.

If no Federal agency is interested in acquiring the existing land and improvements thereon, FTA will make certain that the other requirements specified in 49 U.S.C. Section 5334(g)(1)(A) through (C) are met before permitting the asset to be transferred.

Additional Description of Land or Facility

The property contains approximately 75,882 square feet, or 1.74 acres, of land and improvements thereon situated at Marion Drive and Copper Beech Drive in Kingston, Massachusetts. The MBTA constructed a road and cul-de-sac across the parcel from Marion Drive to Copper Beech Drive for emergency access to Kingston Station and Layover Facility and will retain an easement in the road. The area east of the road is level and landscaped. A retention pond is located west of the road. The area west of the pond is steeply sloped up to the adjacent property. The MBTA also constructed a water main along the southwest side of the parcel.

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Richard H. Doyle,

Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-99-6632; Notice 1]

Ford Motor Co.; Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Ford Motor Company (Ford) has determined that certain 2000 model year Ford Focus vehicles it produced are not in full compliance with 49 CFR 571.135, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 135, "Light Vehicle Brake Systems," and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." Ford has also applied to be exempted from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301—"Motor Vehicle Safety" on the basis that

the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of an application is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the application.

Paragraph S5.4.3(b) of FMVSS No. 135 states that the brake fluid warning statement lettering shall be "located so as to be visible by direct view, either on or within 100 mm (3.94 inches) of the brake fluid reservoir filler plug or cap." Ford manufactured approximately 11,000 model year 2000 Focus vehicles that may not comply with the requirement that the brake fluid label be located within 100 mm of the reservoir filler plug or cap. The vehicles were manufactured between October 7, 1999 and October 20, 1999. According to Ford, the location of the labels containing the required lettering was not controlled and, while clearly visible by direct view, some labels were located such that the lettering is 120 to 130 mm distance from the reservoir filler cap. Ford believes this condition to be inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

Ford stated in its Petition that the noncompliance was precipitated by a production change. Prior to the production change, the labels were affixed by Ford during vehicle assembly. The production change resulted in the brake fluid warning labels being affixed by the supplier of the vehicle component on which the labels are mounted. The supplier was not aware of the importance of the positioning of the brake fluid warning label on the vehicle component.

Ford's petition included a brake fluid warning label of the type affixed to the 2000 model year Focus. Ford also provided photographs of an engine compartment in which the label is properly located (approximately 75 mm from the brake fluid reservoir cap) and an engine compartment with an improperly located label. Ford supported its claim that the noncompliance is inconsequential by stating that the subject labels meet all other federal requirements, and the location of these labels does not present reasonably anticipated risks to motor vehicle safety.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC

20590. It is requested that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: January 19, 2000.

(49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of Motor Carrier Safety**

[OMCS Docket No. OMCS-99-6354]

Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing; PacifiCorp Electric Operations' Exemption Application; Random Testing of Drivers

AGENCY: Office of Motor Carrier Safety (OMCS), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption and proposal to deny exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The OMCS is announcing its proposal to deny the application of PacifiCorp Electric Operations (PacifiCorp) for an exemption from the OMCS' controlled substances and alcohol random testing requirements in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). PacifiCorp has requested an exemption because the company believes it has a low percentage of positive random test results since testing was initiated. PacifiCorp's positive rate for random controlled substances tests is 1 percent and its positive rate for random alcohol tests is 0.8 percent. The company requested regulatory relief but did not offer alternatives that would have comparable deterrent effects. The OMCS intends to deny the exemption because PacifiCorp did not explain how it would achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained by complying with the random controlled substances and alcohol testing requirements.