

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236**

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroads have petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Part 236 as detailed below.

[Docket No. FRA-2000-7700]

Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. Lee A. Roach, Director—Operating Practices, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 625, Omaha, Nebraska 68179.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) seeks relief from the requirements of the Rules, Standard and Instructions, Title 49 CFR, Part 236, §§ 236.566, 236.567, and 236.587, in all UP automatic cab signal (ACS) territory west of Council Bluffs, Iowa and Kansas City, Missouri, to the extent as follows:

Section 236.566—That UP be permitted to operate non-equipped foreign or detour train movements, in ACS territory, by wayside signal indications, at maximum authorized timetable speeds, without establishing an absolute block.

Section 236.567—That UP be permitted to operate failure en route, ACS locomotives, by wayside signal indications, at maximum authorized timetable speeds, without establishing an absolute block.

Section 236.587—That UP be permitted to operate a previously tested ACS equipped locomotive, without another departure test, when the locomotive changes direction more than 24 hours after its initial terminal departure test.

Applicant's justification for relief: To place UP on equal footing with competitors that do not have ACS and are allowed to operate solely as governed by regulations applicable to their wayside signal systems. The application of the referenced regulations serves to impede UP operations and

effectively place UP at a competitive disadvantage compared to competitors that do not have ACS.

Any interested party desiring to protest the granting of an application shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which the protest is made, and contain a concise statement of the interest of the Protester in the proceeding. Additionally, one copy of the protest shall be furnished to the applicant at the address listed above.

All communications concerning this proceeding should be identified by the docket number and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI-401, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by the FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PI-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FRA expects to be able to determine these matters without an oral hearing. However, if a specific request for an oral hearing is accompanied by a showing that the party is unable to adequately present his or her position by written statements, an application may be set for public hearing.

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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration****Announcement of Selected Fiscal Year 2000 Projects for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Competitive Grant Program**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) solicited competitive grants under the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant program, authorized under Section 3037 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The solicitation was announced in the **Federal Register** of Friday, March 10, 2000, Vol. 65, No. 48, pp. 13210-13220. This notice announces the successful applicants for fiscal year (FY) 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact the appropriate FTA Regional Administrator for application-specific information and issues (Appendix A). For general program information, contact Doug Birnie, Office of Research Management, (202) 366-1666, email douglas.birnie@fta.dot.gov, or refer to the Job Access and Reverse Commute Competitive Grants Notice, 65 Fed. Reg. 13210 *et seq.*, March 10, 2000. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS). The notice can also be accessed through FTA's web site, [\[www.fta.dot.gov/wtw\]](http://www.fta.dot.gov/wtw).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Job Access and Reverse Commute grant program is intended to establish an area-wide regional approach to job access challenges through the establishment of an Area-Wide Job Access and Reverse Commute Transportation Plan. Projects derived from this plan support the implementation of a variety of transportation services that may be needed to connect welfare recipients to jobs and related employment activities. All projects funded under the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant program must be derived from this area-wide plan. The Job Access and Reverse Commute Program has two major goals: to provide transportation services in urban, suburban and rural areas to assist welfare recipients and low income individuals in gaining access to employment opportunities; and to increase collaboration among transportation providers, human service agencies, employers, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), states, and affected communities and individuals.

The following table lists the successful competitive applicants for fiscal year 2000, by state:

State	Locality	Applicant (sub-applicant)	FTA funds
Arkansas	Fort Smith	City of Fort Smith	\$346,930
Arkansas	Little Rock	Central Arkansas Transit	500,000
California	Marysville	Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority	98,500

State	Locality	Applicant (sub-applicant)	FTA funds
California	Merced	Merced County Transit	76,525
California	Monterey	Monterey-Salinas Transit	367,683
California	Oakland	AC Transit	294,900
California	Sacramento	CALTRANS	1,000,000
California	Sacramento	Sacramento Regional Transit District	800,000
California	San Diego	San Diego Association of Governments	200,000
California	San Francisco	San Francisco Airport Authority	262,037
California	San Jose	OUTREACH	500,000
California	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	192,041
California	Stockton	San Joaquin Council of Governments (Coordinator)	62,500
California	Stockton	San Joaquin Council of Governments (Ride Match)	62,500
California	Stockton	San Joaquin Regional Transit District	75,000
Colorado	Denver	Regional Transportation District	700,000
Colorado	Loveland	City of Loveland	102,223
Colorado	Pagosa Springs	Archuleta County Social Services	132,072
Connecticut	Bridgeport	Connecticut Department of Transportation (Southwest Region)	200,000
Connecticut	Waterbury, Danbury, Torrington	Connecticut Department of Transportation (Northwest Region)	363,604
Delaware	Kent County (Dover)	Delaware Department of Transportation	172,500
Florida	Fort Lauderdale	Broward County Division of Mass Transit	500,000
Illinois	Bloomington	YMCA—McLean County	37,500
Illinois	St. Louis/ East St. Louis	St. Clair County (East St. Louis Community College Center, Metropolitan Education & Training Center, Airport Employment & Education Center, Bi-State Development Agency).	87,000
Indiana	Muncie	Muncie Public Transportation Corporation	100,182
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	Capital Transportation Corporation	500,000
Louisiana	Jefferson Parish	City of Jefferson Parish	250,000
Maine	Portland	Maine Department of Transportation (Greater Portland Council of Governments).	200,000
Massachusetts	Boston	Executive Office of Transportation and Construction	140,085
Massachusetts	Boston	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	455,000
Massachusetts	Brockton	Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (Brockton Area Transit Authority).	184,091
Massachusetts	Cape Cod	Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (Cape Cod Transit Authority).	166,195
Massachusetts	Fall River, New Bedford, Dartmouth.	Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (Southeastern Regional Transit Authority).	184,091
Massachusetts	Gloucester & Cape Ann	Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (Cape Ann Transit Authority).	213,974
Massachusetts	Lowell	Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (Lowell Regional Transit Authority).	184,091
Massachusetts	Pittsfield, North Adams, Lee	Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (Berkshire Regional Transit Authority).	144,235
Massachusetts	Plymouth, Taunton, Wareham	Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (Greater Attleboro-Taunton Transit Authority).	184,091
Massachusetts	Springfield	Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority (Hampden County Employment & Training Consortium).	500,000
Massachusetts	Worcester	Worcester Regional Transit Authority	366,625
Michigan	Alger County	Michigan Department of Transportation (Alger County)	32,335
Michigan	Allegan County	Michigan Department of Transportation (Allegan County)	150,000
Michigan	Detroit	Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (City of Detroit Department of Transportation).	1,165,727
Minnesota	St. Cloud	St. Cloud Metro	62,050
Missouri	Madison, St. Genevieve, St. Francois, Perry Iron, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Washington Counties.	Missouri Department of Transportation (Southeast Missouri Private Industry Council).	200,000
Missouri	Springfield	City Utilities of Springfield	152,500
Missouri	St. Louis	Missouri Department of Economic Development (Bi-State Development Agency).	55,000
Missouri	St. Louis	St. Charles County (City of St. Louis Agency on Training & Employment, St. Louis County Department of Human Services, Jefferson & Franklin County Office of Job Training Programs).	397,542
New Hampshire	Nashua	City of Nashua (Town of Milford)	184,000
New Hampshire	Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester	Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation	135,000
New Mexico	Las Cruces	City of Las Cruces	260,000
New Mexico	Santa Fe	City of Santa Fe	315,000
New Mexico	Santa Fe	New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department	601,190
New York	Binghamton	Broome County	200,000
New York	Ithaca/Tompkins County	Ithaca/Tompkins County	200,000
New York	Utica/Rome	Herkimer-Oneida Counties	200,000
North Carolina	Raleigh (Wilmington)	North Carolina Department of Transportation (New Hanover County) ..	142,000
North Carolina	Raleigh (Winston-Salem)	North Carolina Department of Transportation (Winston-Salem Transit Authority).	311,580
Ohio	Akron	Metro Regional Transit Authority	476,622
Ohio	Cincinnati	Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments	484,570

State	Locality	Applicant (sub-applicant)	FTA funds
Ohio	Cleveland	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	500,000
Ohio	Columbus	Central Ohio Transit Authority	500,000
Ohio	Dayton	Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority	285,000
Ohio	Lorain	Lorain County Transit	63,500
Ohio	Toledo	Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments	500,000
Ohio	Youngstown	Western Reserve Transit Authority	700,000
Oregon	Medford	Oregon Department of Transportation (Rogue Valley Transportation District).	151,767
Oregon	Portland	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon	850,000
Oregon	Salem	Oregon Department of Transportation (Salem Area Mass Transit District).	99,062
Pennsylvania	Erie	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	200,000
Pennsylvania	Indiana	Indiana County Transit Authority	51,580
Pennsylvania	Lancaster	Red Rose Transit Authority	121,000
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia Metro Area	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	450,683
Rhode Island	Providence	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	500,000
Tennessee	Chattanooga	Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority	500,000
Tennessee	Nashville	Regional Transportation Authority	410,883
Tennessee	Nashville (Statewide-Rural)	Tennessee Department of Transportation	174,608
Texas	Abilene	City of Abilene	125,000
Texas	Brownsville	City of Brownsville—Brownsville Urban Transit	200,000
Texas	Galveston	Gulf Coast Center and Island Transit	728,662
Texas	Lubbock	City Transit Management Company	200,000
Texas	San Antonio	Alamo Area Council of Governments	150,000
Virginia	Charlottesville	Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (JAUNT, Inc.) ..	367,100
Virginia	Roanoke	Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (Unified Human Services Transportation Services, Inc.).	200,000
Washington	Bellingham	Washington State Department of Transportation (Northwest Regional Council—RIDES).	249,917
Washington	Centralia	Washington State Department of Transportation (Lewis Public Transportation Benefit Area).	70,000
Washington	Olympia	Washington State Department of Transportation (Intercity Transit)	89,750
Washington	Olympia	Washington State Department of Transportation (Intercity Transit, Olympia "Local Travel Agency").	42,300
Washington	Olympia	Washington State Department of Transportation (Thurston Regional Planning Council).	120,500
Washington	Richland	Washington State Department of Transportation (Ben Franklin Transit)	159,000
Washington	Seattle	Puget Sound Regional Council	200,000
Washington	Yakima	Washington State Department of Transportation (People for People, Yakima-Kittitas).	98,177

Pre-Award Authority: has provided pre-award spending authority for this program which permits successful applicants to incur costs on eligible projects without prejudice to possible Federal participation in the cost of the project or projects. However, prior to exercising pre-award authority, successful applicants must comply with all Federal requirements. Failure to do so will render a project ineligible for FTA financial assistance. Successful applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the appropriate regional office regarding the eligibility of the project for future FTA funds or the applicability of the conditions and Federal requirements. Pre-award spending authority was provided to continue projects previously funded in FY 1999, effective May 7, 2000. All other new projects selected and announced by this notice are likewise granted pre-award spending authority upon issuance of this notice.

Certifications and Assurances Requirements: In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(n), certifications and

assurances have been compiled for the various FTA programs. Before FTA may award a Federal grant, each successful applicant must provide to FTA all certifications and assurances required by Federal laws and regulations applicable to itself and its project. A state providing certifications and assurances on behalf of its prospective subrecipients should obtain sufficient documentation from those subrecipients needed to provide informed certifications and assurances. A successful applicant for funds under the Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant Program will be required to comply with the requirements of the FTA's Annual Certifications and Assurances. It is important that each successful applicant be familiar with all certifications and assurances as they are a prerequisite for receiving FTA financial assistance. All successful applicants are advised to read the entire text of those Certifications and Assurances to be confident of their responsibilities and commitments.

The signature page accompanying the Certifications and Assurances contains the current fiscal year's certifications and, when properly attested to and submitted to FTA, assures FTA that the applicant intends to comply with the requirements for the specific program involved. FTA will not award any Federal assistance until the successful applicant provides assurance of compliance by selecting Category I on the signature page and all other categories applicable to itself and its project.

FTA's fiscal year 2001 Certifications and Assurances will be published in the **Federal Register**. They will also be available on the the World Wide Web at []. Copies may also be obtained from FTA regional offices. Applicants that need further assistance should contact the appropriate FTA regional office (see Appendix A) for further information.

U.S. Department of Labor Certification: As a condition of release of Federal funds for this program, Federal Transit law requires that applicants must comply with 49 U.S.C.

section 5333(b), administered under the Department of Labor's (DOL) Mass Transit Employee Protection Program. These employee protections include the preservation of rights, privileges, and benefits under existing collective bargaining agreements, the continuation of collective bargaining rights, the protection of individual employees against a worsening of their positions related to employment, assurances of employment to employees of acquired mass transportation systems, priority of reemployment, and paid training or retraining. Generally, DOL processes the employee protection certification required under Section 5333(b) in accordance with the procedural guidelines published at 29 C.F.R. 215.3. However, for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, DOL has proposed to apply appropriate protections without referral for Job Access and Reverse Commute grant applications serving populations under 200,000 and to utilize the guidelines for Job Access and Reverse Commute grant applications serving populations of 200,000 or more. FTA will submit the grant application to DOL for certification.

Grant funds will NOT be released without DOL certification. Where there are questions regarding the DOL certification process and/or information needed by DOL to obtain a labor certification, successful applicants must contact the appropriate FTA regional office (See Appendix A). Additionally, guidance is provided on the World Wide Web at [<http://www.fta.dot.gov.wtw/labor.htm>].

Completed Application: All successful applicants must now proceed to complete their grant application by fully documenting all the Job Access and Reverse Commute program requirements that were not fully documented when the application was submitted. FTA regional offices will advise applicants by letter of any remaining outstanding items, as well as stipulations specific to the Job Access and Reverse Commute project which need to be addressed and/or fully documented prior to grant approval.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing by the FTA regional offices with further guidance.

Issued on: October 13, 2000.

Nuria I. Fernandez,
Acting Administrator.

Appendix A—FTA Regional Offices

Region I—

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. Richard Doyle, FTA

Regional Administrator, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093, (617) 494-2055

Region II—

New York, New Jersey, and Virgin Islands. Letitia Thompson, FTA Regional Administrator, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004-1415, (212) 668-2170

Region III—

Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia. Susan Schrueth, FTA Regional Administrator, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124, (215) 656-7100

Region IV—

Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Puerto Rico. Jerry Franklin, FTA Regional Administrator, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Suite 17T50, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 562-3500

Region V—

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Joel Ettinger, FTA Regional Administrator, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 2410, Chicago, IL 60606-5232, (312) 353-2789

Region VI—

Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. Robert Patrick, FTA Regional Administrator, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, (817) 978-0550

Region VII—

Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska. Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Regional Administrator, 901 Locust Street, Suite 404, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 329-3920

Region VIII—

Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota. Lee Waddleton, FTA Regional Administrator, Columbine Place, 216 16th Street, Suite 650, Denver, CO 80202-5120, (303) 844-3242

Region IX—

California, Hawaii, Guam, Arizona, Nevada, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Leslie Rogers, FTA Regional Administrator, 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210, San Francisco, CA 94105-1839, (415) 744-3133

Region X—

Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. Helen Knoll, FTA Regional Administrator, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174-1002, (206) 220-7954

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2000-7798]

Criteria for Granting Waivers of Requirement for Exclusive U.S.-Flag Vessel Carriage of Certain Export Cargoes

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is hereby giving notice that the closing date for comments in Docket No. MARAD-2000-7798, proposed policy revision relating to the criteria for granting waivers of requirement for exclusive U.S.-flag vessel carriage of certain export cargoes, has been extended to close of business (5:00 p.m. est) November 13, 2000. The notice of application in Docket No. MARAD-2000-7798 was published in the **Federal Register** of August 21, 2000 (65 FR 50732-50740).

Dated: October 16, 2000.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 29653 (Sub-No. 8)]

Ferrocarril Mexicano, S.A. de C.V.— Pooling of Car Service Regarding Multilevel Cars

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of filing of application.

SUMMARY: Ferrocarril Mexicano, S.A. de C.V. (Ferromex), has filed an application seeking approval for its participation in an existing railroad agreement for the pooling of services related to multilevel cars used to transport motor vehicles and boxcars used to transport automobile parts. Ferromex is a common carrier engaged in the transportation of property by railroad in Mexico. Its participation in the pooling agreement will be limited to international traffic moving between points in Mexico, the United States, and Canada.

DATES: Any comments on the application must be filed by November 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send an original plus 10 copies of any comments, referring to