

resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

#### Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 34 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (64 FR 27027; 64 FR 51568; 67 FR 10475; 69 FR 8260; 71 FR 16410; 64 FR 54948; 65 FR 159; 67 FR 17102; 69 FR 17267; 71 FR 6824; 64 FR 68195; 65 FR 20251; 65 FR 45817; 65 FR 77066; 68 FR 1654; 70 FR 7545; 66 FR 17743; 66 FR 33990; 68 FR 35772; 71 FR 644; 68 FR 74699; 69 FR 10503; 71 FR 6829; 71 FR 5105; 71 FR 19600; 71 FR 6826; 71 FR 19602). Each of these 34 applicants has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption standards. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

#### Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by April 4, 2008.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published

notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 34 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was based on the merits of each case and only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all of these drivers, are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Award.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects to be funded under Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 appropriations for the Tribal Transit Program (TTP), a program authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact the appropriate FTA regional Tribal Liaison (Appendix A) for application-specific information and issues. For general program information, contact Lorna R. Wilson, Office of Transit Programs, at (202) 366-2053, e-mail: [Lorna.Wilson@dot.gov](mailto:Lorna.Wilson@dot.gov). A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Tribal Transit Program (TTP) established by Section 3013 SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109-49 (August 15, 2005), under 49 U.S.C. 5311(c) makes funds available to federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the U.S. Department of the Interior for public transportation capital projects, operating costs and planning activities that are eligible costs under the Nonurbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5311).

A total of \$10 million was made available for the program in FY 2007. A total of 75 applicants requested \$21 million for new transit services, enhancement or expansion of existing transit services and planning studies including operational planning. FTA made project selections through a competitive process based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in FTA's April 4, 2007, **Federal Register** Notice: Notice of Funding Availability and Solicitation for FY 2007 TTP (71 FR 16397). FTA evaluated applications for planning grants on a pass/fail basis, whereas FTA evaluated applications for start up and existing transit services on a numeric score system. FTA also took into consideration the current status of the FY 2006 grants for those tribes requesting multi-year funding. Because of the high demand, many applicants selected for funding will receive less funding than they requested to enable FTA to support an increased number of meritorious applications.

This notice only addresses FY 2007 funding for projects. Tribes that sought funding for a multi-year project in response to the FY 2007 solicitation must submit a new application in response to the FY 2008 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in order to be considered for FY 2008 funding. The FY 2008 notice will be published in the spring of 2008.

The selected projects, providing \$10 million to 65 tribes, break down as follows: \$399,963 for transit planning studies and/or operational planning; \$904,666 for startup projects for new transit service; and, \$8,695,371 for enhancements or expansion of existing transit services. Each of the 65 awardees, as well as the applicants not selected for funding, will receive a letter explaining the funding decision. The successful applicants for FY 2007 are listed in Table 1.

Following publication of this notice, FTA's regional tribal liaison will contact each applicant selected for funding to discuss technical assistance/needs. In the event the contact information

provided in the FY 2007 application has changed, please contact your tribal liaison with the current information in order to expedite the grant award process.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 29th day of February, 2008.

**James S. Simpson,**  
*Administrator.*

#### **Appendix A—FTA Regional Offices and Tribal Transit Liaisons**

Region I—Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine—Richard H. Doyle, FTA Regional Administrator, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093, Phone: (617) 494-2055, Fax: (617) 494-2865, Regional Tribal Liaison: Judi Molloy.

Region II—New York, New Jersey—Brigid Hynes-Cherin, FTA Regional Administrator, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004-1415, Phone: (212) 668-2170, Fax: (212) 668-2136, Regional Tribal Liaison: Rebecca Reyes-Alicea.

Region III—Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Washington, DC, Letitia Thompson, FTA Regional Administrator, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103-4124, Phone: (215) 656-7100, Fax: (215) 656-7260.

Region IV—Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands—Yvette G. Taylor, FTA Regional Administrator, 230 Peachtree St., N.W., Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303, Tel.: 404-865-5600, Fax: 404-865-5605, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Jamie Pfister and James Garland.

Region V—Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan—Marisol R. Simon, FTA Regional Administrator, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606-5232, Phone: (312) 353-2789, Fax: (312) 886-0351, Regional Tribal Liaisons: William Wheeler and Joyce Taylor.

Region VI—Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma—Robert Patrick, FTA Regional Administrator, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, Phone: (817) 978-0550, Fax: (817) 978-0575, Regional Tribal Liaison: Lynn Hayes.

Region VII—Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri—Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Regional Administrator, 901 Locust Street, Suite 404, Kansas City, MO 64106, Phone: (816) 329-3920, Fax: (816) 329-3921, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Joni Roeseler and Cathy Monroe.

Region VIII—Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Utah—Terry Rosapep, FTA Regional Administrator, 12300 West Dakota Avenue, Suite 310, Lakewood, CO 80228-2583, Phone: (720) 963-3300, Fax: (720) 963-3333, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Jennifer Stewart and David Beckhouse.

Region IX—California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam—Leslie Rogers, FTA Regional Administrator, 201 Mission Street, Suite 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105-1926, Phone: (415) 744-3133, Fax: (415) 744-2726, Regional Tribal Liaison: Lorraine Lerman.

Region X—Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska—Richard Krochalis, FTA Regional Administrator, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174-1002, Phone: (206) 220-7954, Fax: (206) 220-7959, Regional Tribal Liaisons: Bill Ramos and Annette Clothier.

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Table 1 – FY 2007 Tribal Transit Grant Recipients

Tribe	State	Planning	Enhancement	Start-up	Discretionary ID Number
Asa'Carsarmiut Tribal Council	AK			165,366	D2007-TRTR-001
Catawba Indian Nation	SC		225,000		D2007-TRTR-002
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	OK		158,000		D2007-TRTR-003
Cocopah Indian Tribe	AZ		211,200		D2007-TRTR-004
Coeur d'Alene Tribe	ID		225,000		D2007-TRTR-005
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	MT		250,000		D2007-TRTR-006
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation's	WA		400,000		D2007-TRTR-007
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation	WA		155,000		D2007-TRTR-008
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon	OR		198,110		D2007-TRTR-009
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)	OR		150,000		D2007-TRTR-010
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	WA		200,000		D2007-TRTR-011
Eastern Band of Cherokee Nations	NC		172,900		D2007-TRTR-012
Fort Belknap Indian Community	MT		218,000		D2007-TRTR-013
Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Indians	MN		60,000		D2007-TRTR-014
Gulkana Village Council	AK		200,000		D2007-TRTR-015
Havasupai Tribe of the Havasupai Reservation	AZ	25,000			D2007-TRTR-016
Healy Lake Village	AK	25,000			D2007-TRTR-017
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	ME		57,017		D2007-TRTR-018
Indian Heath Services	CA		75,000		D2007-TRTR-019
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	WA		208,296		D2007-TRTR-020
Kenaitze Indian Tribe	AK	25,000			D2007-TRTR-021
Kiowa Tribe	OK		262,000		D2007-TRTR-022
Klamath Tribe	OR		150,000		D2007-TRTR-023
Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe	WI		161,632		D2007-TRTR-024
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	MI	25,000			D2007-TRTR-025
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe call	SD		150,000		D2007-TRTR-026
Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation	WA		200,000		D2007-TRTR-027
Manley Village Council	AK	25,000			D2007-TRTR-028
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	WI		150,000		D2007-TRTR-029
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	MS	25,000			D2007-TRTR-030
Muscogee (Creek) Nation	OK		225,000		D2007-TRTR-031
Nenana Native Council	AK	25,000			D2007-TRTR-032
Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho	ID		250,000		D2007-TRTR-033
Northway Village	AK	25,000			D2007-TRTR-034
Oglala Sioux Tribe	SD		150,000		D2007-TRTR-035
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	NE	25,000			D2007-TRTR-036
Orutsamiut Native Council	AK		136,370		D2007-TRTR-037
Ponca Tribe Nebraska	NE			216,500	D2007-TRTR-038

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Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma	OK		207,119		D2007-TRTR-039
Pueblo of Santa Ana	NM		240,221		D2007-TRTR-040
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	MN		200,000		D2007-TRTR-041
Reservation Transportation Authority	CA		425,104		D2007-TRTR-042
Robinson Rancheria	CA	25,000			D2007-TRTR-043
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	SD	25,000			D2007-TRTR-044
Sac and Fox Nation	OK	25,000			D2007-TRTR-045
Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa	IA	24,963			D2007-TRTR-046
San Carlos Apache Tribe	AZ		200,000		D2007-TRTR-047
Santee Sioux Nation	NE			195,800	D2007-TRTR-048
Seminole Nation	OK		220,000		D2007-TRTR-049
Snoqualmie Tribe	WA		250,130		D2007-TRTR-050
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	ND		225,000		D2007-TRTR-051
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	WA		94,355		D2007-TRTR-052
Susanville Indian Rancheria	CA		206,082		D2007-TRTR-053
Tetlin Village Council	AK	25,000			D2007-TRTR-054
The Bishop Paiute Tribe	CA		55,000		D2007-TRTR-055
The Blackfeet Tribe	MT		107,820		D2007-TRTR-056
The Chickasaw Nation	OK		315,234		D2007-TRTR-057
The Citizen Potawatomi Nation	OK		275,774		D2007-TRTR-058
The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	OK		154,760		D2007-TRTR-059
The Sitka Tribe	AK		172,900		D2007-TRTR-060
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	ND		225,000		D2007-TRTR-061
United Keetoowah Band	OK			327,000	D2007-TRTR-062
Walatowa Pueblo of Jemez	NM	25,000			D2007-TRTR-063
White Mountain Apache Tribe	AZ	25,000			D2007-TRTR-064
Yurok Tribe	CA		122,347		D2007-TRTR-065
<b>TOTAL \$10,000,000</b>		<b>\$399,963</b>	<b>\$8,695,371</b>	<b>\$904,666</b>	