DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Announcement of Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects to be funded under Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 appropriations for the Over-the-Road Bus (OTRB) Accessibility Program, authorized by Section 3038 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA–21). The OTRB Accessibility Program makes funds available to private operators of over-the-road buses to help finance the incremental capital and training costs of complying with DOT's over-the-road bus accessibility rule, published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The appropriate FTA Regional Office for grant-specific issues; or Blenda Younger, Office of Program Management, 202–366–4345, for general information about the OTRB Program. Contact information for FTA Regional Offices can be found at *http://www.fta.dot.gov/.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A total of $8.8 million was made available for the program in FY 2011: $6.6 million for intercity fixed-route providers and $2.2 million for all other providers, such as commuter, charter, and tour operators. A total of 136 applicants requested $40.9 million. Project selections were made on a discretionary basis, based on each applicant's responsiveness to statutory project selection criteria published in the July 13, 2011 Notice of Funding Availability.

Project Implementation: Due to the high demand for the funds available, most successful applicants received less funding than they requested. The selected projects will provide funding for the incremental cost of adding at least one new lift to vehicles, retrofitting vehicles, and not to exceed $2,250 to provide training. FTA did not fund reimbursements for lifts or retrofits purchased before this announcement. Each of the following 97 awardees, as well as the 39 applicants who were not selected for funding, will receive a letter that explains how funding decisions were made.

Grantees selected for competitive discretionary funding should work with their FTA regional office to finalize the electronic grant application in FTA's Transportation Electronic Awards Management System (TEAM) for the projects identified in Tables I and II. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TEAM application. Awardees who are new to FTA should contact their regional office immediately for guidance about becoming an FTA grantee. Regional office contact information can be found at *http://www.fta.dot.gov/.*

The grant applications will be sent to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for certification under labor protection requirements pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5333(b). After referring applications to affected employees represented by a labor organization, DOL will issue a certification to FTA. Terms and conditions of the certification will be incorporated in the FTA grant agreement under the Special Warranty Provisions of the Department of Labor Guidelines ''*Section 5333(b), Federal Transit Law'' at 29 CFR 215.7.*

The grantee must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant. Funds allocated in the announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2014.

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Peter Rogoff,

Administrator.

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Table I
Federal Transit Administration
FY 2011 Over-the-Road Bus Discretionary Program
Other Projects

State	Project IDs	Recipient	Project Description	Allocation
AL	D2011-OTRB-001	J.A.T. Inc.	Retrofits	$26,770
AL	D2011-OTRB-002	Capital Motor Lines dba Capital Trailways	Retrofits	$35,000
AL	D2011-OTRB-003	Colonial Trailways	Retrofits	$56,610
AL	D2011-OTRB-004	Spirit Coach LLC	Retrofits	$29,738
AR	D2011-OTRB-005	Eventure America, Inc. dba Little Rock Tours	Retrofits	$35,000
AZ	D2011-OTRB-006	Mountain View Tours, INC	New Lifts and Retrofits	$35,000
CA	D2011-OTRB-007	Bauer's Limousine Service, Inc.	New Lifts	$29,700
CA	D2011-OTRB-008	CUSA AWC LLC	Retrofits	$25,200
CA	D2011-OTRB-009	Hot Dogger Tours, INC	New Lifts	$35,000
CA	D2011-OTRB-010	Pacific Coachways Charter Service, Inc	New Lifts	$35,000
CA	D2011-OTRB-011	Silverado Stages, Inc.	New Lifts	$32,778
CT	D2011-OTRB-012	Post Road Stages, Inc.	New Lifts	$33,000
FL	D2011-OTRB-013	American Coach Lines of Miami, Inc.	New Lifts	$70,000
FL	D2011-OTRB-014	Astro Travel and Tours, Inc.	New Lifts	$34,350
FL	D2011-OTRB-015	Escot Bus Lines, Inc.	New Lifts and Training	$13,595
FL	D2011-OTRB-016	Florida Cruise Connection, Inc.	Retrofits	$25,200
FL	D2011-OTRB-017	Florida Trails, Inc	New Lifts	$28,283
FL	D2011-OTRB-018	Midnight Sun Tours, Inc.	Retrofits	$25,833
FL	D2011-OTRB-019	Treasure Coast Motor Coach, Inc. dba Magic Carpet Ride	New Lifts	$32,960
GA	D2011-OTRB-020	American Coach Lines of Atlanta, Inc.	Retrofits	$23,244
HI	D2011-OTRB-021	Polynesian Adventure Tours, Inc	New Lifts	$71,036
IL	D2011-OTRB-022	TRT Transportation Inc dba Chicago Trolley	New Lifts	$25,200
IL	D2011-OTRB-023	Vandalia Bus Lines, INC.	New Lifts	$29,700
IN	D2011-OTRB-024	Kaser Enterprises, Inc. dba Royal Excursions Chauffeur	New Lifts	$26,877

Other Projects

State	Project IDs	Recipient	Project Description	Allocation
IN	D2011-OTRB-025	Star of America, LLC dba Star of Indiana Charter Service	Retrofits	$29,700
IN	D2011-OTRB-026	The Free Enterprise System, Inc.	Retrofits	$35,000
KY	D2011-OTRB-027	Shockey Tours, Inc.	New Lifts	$33,000
LA	D2011-OTRB-028	Calco Travel, Inc.	New Lifts	$29,700
LA	D2011-OTRB-029	Gatens Adventures Unlimited, LLC	Retrofits	$27,000
LA	D2011-OTRB-030	Tri-City Charter of Bossier, Inc.	Retrofits	$20,376
MA	D2011-OTRB-031	Cavalier Coach Corporation	New Lifts	$35,000
MA	D2011-OTRB-032	DATTCO, INC	New Lifts	$70,000
MA	D2011-OTRB-033	Wilson Bus Lines, Inc.	Retrofits	$29,700
MD	D2011-OTRB-034	Arthur Peterson dba AP Xpress	New Lifts	$35,000
MD	D2011-OTRB-035	Golden Ring Travel & Transportation Inc	New Lifts	$35,000
MD	D2011-OTRB-036	Woodlawn Motor Coach, Inc.	Retrofits	$29,900
ME	D2011-OTRB-037	Isherwood Enterprises, Inc dba Custom Coach	Retrofits	$25,504
MI	D2011-OTRB-038	Indian Trails, Inc.	New Lifts	$28,175
MN	D2011-OTRB-039	Trobec's Bus Service, Inc	New Lifts	$22,500
MO	D2011-OTRB-040	Mid-American Coaches, Inc	Retrofits	$35,000
NC	D2011-OTRB-041	American Charters, Limited	New Lifts	$70,000
NJ	D2011-OTRB-042	Coastal Charter Service Corp.	New Lifts	$35,000
NV	D2011-OTRB-043	Celebrity Coaches of America, Inc.	New Lifts	$35,000
NY	D2011-OTRB-044	Excellent Bus Service, Inc.	Retrofits	$34,508
NY	D2011-OTRB-045	Paradise Travel, Inc. Charter and Tours	New Lifts	$31,500
NY	D2011-OTRB-046	Upstate Transit of Saratoga, LLC	Retrofits	$29,700
NY	D2011-OTRB-047	Yankee Trails, Inc	New Lifts	$29,700
OH	D2011-OTRB-048	Lakefront Lines, Inc.	New Lifts	$53,568
OH	D2011-OTRB-049	Precious Cargo Transportation Inc.	Retrofits	$35,000
OR	D2011-OTRB-050	CUSA RAZ, LLC	Retrofits	$29,700
PA	D2011-OTRB-051	Central Cab Company	Retrofits	$25,331
PA	D2011-OTRB-052	Transportation Management Services, INC	Retrofits	$27,668
SC	D2011-OTRB-053	Champion Coach, Inc	New Lifts	$25,834

Other Projects

State	Project IDs	Recipient	Project Description	Allocation
TN	D2011-OTRB-054	RLCL Acquisition, LLC	New Lifts	$34,349
TX	D2011-OTRB-055	HME EXECUTIVE COACH INC	Retrofits	$30,297
TX	D2011-OTRB-056	Lone Star Coaches, Inc.	New Lifts	$35,000
TX	D2011-OTRB-057	Star Shuttle, Inc. dba Star Shuttle and Charter	Retrofits	$29,700
VA	D2011-OTRB-058	James River Bus Lines	New Lifts	$25,830
VA	D2011-OTRB-059	M and C Enterprise, Inc. dba Chariots for Hire	New Lifts	$35,000
VA	D2011-OTRB-060	Venture Tours, INC.	Retrofits	$21,771
VT	D2011-OTRB-061	Bristol Tours, Inc	New Lifts	$32,785
WI	D2011-OTRB-062	Kobussen Buses, Ltd.	New Lifts	$27,450
WI	D2011-OTRB-063	Lamers Bus Lines, Inc.	New Lifts	$68,600
WI	D2011-OTRB-064	Riteway Bus Service, Inc.	Retrofits	$35,000
WV	D2011-OTRB-065	COACH USA, INC. dba MOUNTAINEER COACH	Retrofits	$26,080
			Total	**$2,200,000**

Table II
Federal Transit Administration
FY 2011 Over-the-Road Bus Discretionary Program
Intercity Fixed-Route Projects

State	Project IDs	Recipient	Project Description	Allocation
CA	D2011-OTRB-066	CUSA CC, LLC	Retrofits and Training	$105,582
CA	D2011-OTRB-067	CUSA PCSTC, LLC	New Lifts and Training	$52,650
FL	D2011-OTRB-068	Daytona-Orlando Transit Services, Inc.	New Lifts	$25,200
GA	D2011-OTRB-069	Southeastern Stages, Inc	New Lifts	$64,513
IA	D2011-OTRB-070	Burlington Stage Lines, LTD	New Lifts	$70,153
IN	D2011-OTRB-071	Tri-State Coach Lines, Inc.	Retrofits and Training	$77,500
LA	D2011-OTRB-072	Hotard Coaches, Inc.	New Lifts and Training	$210,150
MA	D2011-OTRB-073	Bloom's Bus Lines, Inc.	Retrofits	$50,400
MN	D2011-OTRB-074	Jefferson Partners L.P. dba Jefferson Lines	New Lifts and Retrofits	$129,025
MN	D2011-OTRB-075	Lorenz Bus Service, Inc	Retrofits and Training	$74,534
MN	D2011-OTRB-076	Voigt's Bus Service, INC	New Lifts and Training	$52,650
MS	D2011-OTRB-077	Coach Ride, LLC	Retrofits and Training	$31,200
NE	D2011-OTRB-078	Busco, Inc dba Arrow Stage Lines	New Lifts and Training	$227,250
NJ	D2011-OTRB-079	Academy Express, LLC	New Lifts and Retrofits	$761,029
NJ	D2011-OTRB-080	Suburban Trails, Inc	Retrofits	$245,506
NM	D2011-OTRB-081	Industrial Bus Lines, Inc. dba All Aboard America!	New Lifts and Training	$136,193
NY	D2011-OTRB-082	Adirondack Transit Lines, Inc.	New Lifts and Retrofits	$225,794
NY	D2011-OTRB-083	Chenango Valley Bus Lines, Inc.	Retrofits	$30,000
NY	D2011-OTRB-084	Hampton Jitney, INC.	New Lifts	$86,017
PA	D2011-OTRB-085	Carl R. Bieber, Inc.	Retrofits	$116,481

Intercity Fixed-Route Projects

State	Project IDs	Recipient	Project Description	Allocation
PA	D2011-OTRB-086	David Thomas Tours, Inc.	New Lifts and Training	$35,500
PA	D2011-OTRB-087	Frank Martz Coach Company	New lifts and Retrofits	$331,523
PA	D2011-OTRB-088	Trans-Bridge, Inc.	New lifts and Retrofits	$123,649
RI	D2011-OTRB-089	Bonanza Acquisition LLC	New Lifts	$173,690
TX	D2011-OTRB-090	Americanos USA, LLC	Retrofits	$236,546
TX	D2011-OTRB-091	Autobuses Ejecutivos, LLC	New Lifts	$35,840
TX	D2011-OTRB-092	CUSA EE, LLC	New Lifts and Retrofits	$66,305
TX	D2011-OTRB-093	CUSA KBC, LLC	New Lifts and Retrofits	$129,025
TX	D2011-OTRB-094	Greyhound Lines, Inc.	New Lifts	$2,444,312
WA	D2011-OTRB-095	GTO LLC	New Lifts	$81,540
WI	D2010-0TRB-028 ($18,308) D2011-OTRB-096 ($60,541)	Badger Coaches Inc	New Lifts and Retrofits	$78,849
WI	D2011-OTRB-097	Wisconsin Coach Lines, Inc.	New lifts	$91,393
			Total	**$6,600,000**

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2012–0005; Notice 1]

Ford Motor Company, Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Receipt of petition.

SUMMARY: Ford Motor Company [1] (Ford) has determined that certain model year 2011 Ford E–150, E–250, E–350 and E–450 motor vehicles manufactured between May 12, 2011 and May 25, 2011, do not fully comply with paragraph S5.1 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 205, *Glazing Materials.* Ford has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports* (dated August 22, 2011).

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) (see implementing rule at 49 CFR part 556), Ford has petitioned for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of Ford's petition 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 petition.

Affected are approximately 4,532 model year 2011 Ford E–150, E–250, E–350 and E–450 trucks manufactured between May 12, 2011 and May 25, 2011 at Ford's Ohio assembly plant are affected.

NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, these provisions only apply to the 4,532 [2] subject vehicles that Ford no longer controlled at the time it determined that the noncompliance existed.

Ford described the noncompliance as the formation of air bubbles in the windshields when subjected to high temperatures specified in paragraph S5.1 of FMVSS No. 205.

Paragraph S5.1 of FMVSS No. 205 requires in pertinent part:

> S5.1 Glazing materials for use in motor vehicles must conform to ANSI/SAE Z26.1–1996 unless this standard provides otherwise.
>
> S5.1.1 Multipurpose passenger vehicles. Except as otherwise specifically provided by this standard, glazing for use in multipurpose passenger vehicles shall conform to the requirements for glazing for use in trucks as specified in ANSI/SAE Z26.1–1996 * * *

Ford expressed its belief that only approximately 100 of the 4,532 subject vehicles may actually develop air bubbles in their windshields.

Ford argues that paragraph S5.1 of FMVSS No. 205 specifies meeting the requirements of ANSI Z26.1–1996 Section 5.4 Boil, Test 4. The affected paragraph 5.4.3 ''Interpretation of Results'' states ''The glass itself may crack in this test, but no bubbles or other defects shall develop more than 13 mm from the outer edge of the specimen or from any cracks that may develop.'' Although the affected windshields may develop air bubbles, Ford believes this condition does not present a risk to motor vehicle safety for the reasons described below.

The initiation of the air bubbles will most likely occur when the vehicle is parked in the sun with ambient temperatures greater than 80 °F, and they occur very early in the life of the vehicle. This was the case for the initial vehicles that exhibited the condition while still at the assembly plant, that was experiencing high seasonal temperatures at the time. Of the 41 field reports of the condition that had occurred as of August 16, 2011, only one occurred subsequent to delivery to a customer. All other field reports were found during pre-delivery vehicle preparation.

The appearance of the air bubbles is a slow process, and there are no reports of air bubbles affecting the entire windshield. If bubbles do occur in the driver vision zone, the vision zone is initially only partially affected. This condition would be noticed by the customer prior to a significant spread of the air bubbles, and the customer would seek repair under Ford's normal 3/36 warranty.

Ford is not aware of accidents or injuries attributed to this condition.

In summation, Ford believes that the described noncompliance of its vehicles to meet the requirements of FMVSS No. 225 is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition, to exempt from providing recall notification of noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118 and remedying the recall noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120 should be granted.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket and notice number cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted by any of the following methods:

a. *By mail addressed to:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

b. *By hand delivery to:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Federal Holidays.

c. *Electronically:* by logging onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web site at *http://www.regulations.gov/.* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Comments may also be faxed to 1 (202) 493–2251.

Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive confirmation that your comments were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to *http://www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided.

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[1] Ford Motor Company is a motor vehicle manufacturer incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware.

[2] Ford's petition, which was filed under 49 CFR part 556, requests an agency decision to exempt Ford as a vehicle manufacturer from the notification and recall responsibilities of 49 CFR part 573 for the 4,532 affected vehicles. However, a decision on this petition cannot relieve vehicle distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant vehicles under their control after Ford notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.