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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2014–0057]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Wayne Kirchhof, President of the Walkersville Southern Railroad (WSRR), petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR Part 215. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2014–0057.

Specifically, WSRR requests a waiver from the stenciling requirement found at 49 CFR 215.303, for two flat cars, identified as Car Numbers 10 and 11.

WSRR states that the flat cars are more than 50 years of age from their original construction date and, therefore, are restricted per 49 CFR 215.203(a).

WSRR further states that these two flat cars have been outfitted with seats, and are used in passenger excursion service over 7 miles of track located entirely in Frederick County, MD, where all trains operate under restricted speed rules not exceeding 10 mph.

Additionally, WSRR states that the subject cars are not, and will not be, interchanged with any other railroad. WSRR's operating territory is generally rural in nature, and the cars have been inspected and found to be safe to operate.

WSRR has requested a Special Approval for these flat cars to continue in service in accordance with 49 CFR 205.203(c).

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at *www.regulations.gov* and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 Passenger Ferry Grant Program Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Passenger Ferry Grant Program Announcement of Project Selections.

SUMMARY: The US. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects with Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 and FY 2014 appropriations for the Passenger Ferry Grant Program (Ferry Program). The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21) set forth a new discretionary Ferry Program as a take-down under the Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program, 49 U.S.C. § 5307, that authorized a combined total of $60 million for discretionary allocations in FY 2013 and FY 2014. The across-the-board rescission enacted by Congress in the FY 2013 Continuing Resolution reduced the available amount for the program in FY 2013 to approximately $29.9 million; this amount, combined with the FY 2014 apportionment of $30 million, provided a total of approximately $59.9 million for this program. On August 21, 2013, FTA published a Notice of Funding availability (NOFA) (78 FR 51812) announcing the availability of funding for this program. These program dollars will provide financial assistance to purchase, replace, or rehabilitate ferries, terminals and related infrastructure and other eligible capital project costs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office for information regarding applying for the

funds or program-specific information. A list of Regional Offices can be found at *www.fta.dot.gov*. Unsuccessful applicants may contact Vanessa Williams, Office of Program Management at (202) 366–4818, email: *Vanessa.williams@dot.gov,* to arrange a proposal debriefing within 30 days of this announcement. A TDD is available at 1–800–877–8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to the NOFA, FTA received 31 proposals from 15 States plus Puerto Rico requesting $115.8 million in Federal funds. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria as detailed in the NOFA. FTA is funding 26 projects as shown in Table 1 for a total of $59.9 million. Grantees selected for competitive discretionary funding should work with their FTA Regional Office to finalize the grant application in FTA's Transportation Electronic Awards Management System (TEAM) so that funds can be obligated expeditiously. Grant applications must only include eligible activities applied for in the original project application. Funds must be used consistent with the competitive proposal and for the eligible purposes established in the NOFA and described in the FTA Circular 9030.1E. In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer's requested amount, grantees should work with the Regional Office to reduce scope or scale the project such that a complete phase or project is accomplished. Grantees are reminded that program requirements such as cost sharing or local match can be found in the NOFA. A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TEAM application. Selected projects are eligible for pre-award authority no earlier than June 2, 2014. Pre-award authority is also contingent upon other requirements, such as planning and environmental requirements, having been met. For more about FTA's policy on pre-award authority, please see the FTA Fiscal Year 2014 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program notice found in 77 FR 13461 (March 10, 2014). Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report and Milestone reports in TEAM as appropriate (see FTA.C.5010.1D and C9030.1E). The grantees 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. FTA emphasizes that grantees must follow all third-party procurement guidance, as described in FTA.C.4220.1F. Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2019.

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Therese McMillan,

Deputy Administrator.

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FTA FY 2013 and 2014 Passenger Ferry Discretionary Funding Recommendations

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
CA	Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District	D2013-PFGP-001	The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District will receive funding to refurbish the M.S. Sonoma Ferry Boat, which will extend its useful life for another 25 years. The M.S. Sonoma is part of the Golden Gate Ferry fleet, the largest public ferry service on the San Francisco Bay, providing over 2 million passenger trips per year between San Francisco and Marin County.	$6,000,000
CA	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	D2013-PFGP-002	The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, will receive funding to purchase three vessels to support growing demand for "WaterBus" passenger ferry service in Los Angeles County's Marina Del Rey community. Increasing the number of ferries will decrease wait times and increase capacity to accommodate the more than 75,000 passengers who are expected to use the service in 2015.	$336,600
CA	San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)	D2013-PFGP-003	The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) will receive funding to construct a new maintenance facility at Alameda Point in the City of Alameda to serve as the base for the authority's vessel maintenance activities and vessel mooring. The new facility will accommodate WETA's fleet of 12 vessels, which provide more than 1.6 million passenger trips per year in the San Francisco Bay area.	$3,000,000
FL	Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority	D2013-PFGP-004	The Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority will receive funding to implement a new high speed passenger ferry service that will provide a new transit option for residents to travel across Tampa Bay to new ferry terminals at MacDill Air Force Base, Gibsonton, downtown Tampa and downtown St. Petersburg. The project includes construction of four new ferry terminals and related infrastructure.	$4,772,755
FL	Jacksonville Transportation Authority	D2013-PFGP-005	The Jacksonville Transportation Authority will receive funding to replace aging ferry slips that have reached the end of their useful life. The new docking equipment will be used for the St. Johns River Ferry, which connects the north and south ends of Florida State Road A1A in Duval County and serves more than 225,000 riders each year.	$3,973,099

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GA	Chatham Area Transit Authority	D2013-PFGP-006	The Chatham Area Transit Authority will receive funding to renovate three ferry landings that are used for Savannah Belles Ferry service, which provides trips between downtown Savannah and Hutchinson Island, where the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center is located. The ferry landings will be renovated to improve access for people with disabilities, improve safety, and accommodate increasing demand.	$374,400
IL	Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District	D2013-PFGP-007	Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District will receive funding to construct a new Channel Cat Passenger Ferryboat Terminal on the Mississippi River in Moline, Illinois. This project will expand docking capacity to accommodate the current Channel Cat fleet of three vessels, and improve safety and access for people with disabilities.	$756,350
MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	D2013-PFGP-008	The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) will receive funding to replace a twin engine and obsolete steering control equipment on the "Lightning" high speed catamaran ferry, which provides commuter ferry service between Quincy, Hull, Boston and Logan International Airport.	$904,000
MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	D2013-PFGP-009	The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) will receive funding to construct an inner harbor water taxi docking facility to be built in conjunction with a new ferry wharf and terminal building redevelopment project (including office and residential space) currently under construction at Lovejoy Wharf, adjacent to the North Station intermodal transit hub in downtown Boston.	$600,000
MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	D2013-PFGP-10	The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) will receive funding to upgrade the Pemberton Pier ferry terminal located in Hull, Massachusetts, to improve commuter ferry service between Quincy, Hull, Boston and Logan International Airport.	$196,542

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State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
MD	City of Baltimore Department of Transportation	D2013-PFGP-11	The City of Baltimore Department of Transportation will receive funding to implement the Charm City Circulator Harbor Connector, a state-of-the-art, all-electric water taxi and high-powered smart charging infrastructure. This project will provide Baltimore Harbor with a state of the art passenger vessel designed for safe, efficient and environmentally friendly transportation of passengers around the developing waterfront.	$854,130
ME	Casco Bay Island Transit District	D2013-PFGP-12	Casco Bay Island Transit District will receive funding to improve an aging ferry terminal that was built over 25 years ago and allow for continued ferry service that connects the islands of Casco Bay with the mainland and each other. This project will improve the terminal's capacity to accommodate additional passengers and will enhance passenger access and safety.	$2,560,000
NJ	NJ TRANSIT	D2013-PFGP-13 ($5,612,124); D2014-PFGP-001 ($387,876)	NJ Transit will receive funding to improve the state of good repair of its ferry fleet by retrofitting the power and propulsion engine systems for its commuter ferry vessels. This project will allow for improved ferry service for approximately 30,000 daily passengers traveling between the New York - New Jersey metropolitan region.	$6,000,000
NY	New York City Department of Transportation	D2014-PFGP-002	The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT), in partnership with the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), will receive funding for the Queens and Kings County Ferry Landing Modernization, which will upgrade and improve ferry landing structures and infrastructure at Hunter's Point South in Queens and at Brooklyn Bridge Park/Pier 6 in Brooklyn; and funding to convert a Staten Island Ferry vessel from diesel propulsion to Liquefied Natural Gas.	$6,000,000

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State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
NY	Suffolk County	D2014-PFGP-003	Suffolk County will receive funding to rehabilitate the Cross Sound Ferry Service Terminal located in Long Island's Orient Point. This project will improve the terminal's state of good repair and allow for continued ferry service, which provides more than 1.1 million annual passenger trips between Long Island and New London, Connecticut.	$1,232,000
PR	Highway and Transportation Authority, Puerto Rico	D2014-PFGP-004	The Highway and Transportation Authority of Puerto Rico will receive funding for the Ceiba Ferry facility, which will significantly improve passenger ferry service and provide a more direct route between mainland Puerto Rico and the island of Vieques. The project includes rerouting current service to a new location at the marina of the former Roosevelt Roads Naval Station.	$1,067,299
RI	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	D2014-PFGP-005	The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority will receive funding to improve parking conditions at a new passenger ferry facility at Quonset Point in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The improvements will make it easier for more than 65,000 annual passengers to access the Rhode Island Fast Ferry, which provides high-speed passenger ferry service from Rhode Island to Oak Bluffs and Martha's Vineyard in Dukes County, Massachusetts.	$279,200
TX	Brazos Transit District	D2014-PFGP-006	The Brazos Transit District will receive funding for the Woodlands Waterway Cruisers Capital project, which will replace aging equipment on six passenger ferries to ensure reliable service for thousands of residents and visitors within the Woodlands community.	$253,844
TX	Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority	D2014-PFGP-007	The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority will receive funding to rehabilitate two dock landing areas for the Corpus Christi Harbor Ferry. The project will ensure safe and reliable passenger ferry service between the Texas State Aquarium/North Beach area and the Peoples Street T-Head in the Corpus Christi Marina.	$328,580

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VA	Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads	D2014-PFGP-008	The Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads will receive funding to replace aging equipment and infrastructure on three passenger ferry vessels that provide service for the Elizabeth River Ferry, which connects the downtown centers of Norfolk and Portsmouth. The project will ensure safe, reliable and accessibile transportation for thousands of annual ferry passengers traveling to jobs, education and other destinations in the Hampton Roads region.	$4,423,201
VA	Virginia Department of Transportation	D2014-PFGP-009	The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will receive funding to implement a new commuter passenger ferry service from Jones Point Park in Alexandria, Virginia, to the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling military installation in Southeast Washington, D.C. The new service will provide a new transit option for thousands of military and federal employees traveling to the base and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's future headquarters at St. Elizabeths campus.	$3,380,000
VA	Williamsburg Area Transit Authority	D2014-PFGP-010	The Williamsburg Area Transit Authority will receive funding to replace an aging ferry boat, the Pocahontas, in order to ensure continued and reliable passenger ferry service between Jamestown and Surry, Virginia. The new ferry will be part of the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry service, which connects rural residents in Surry County to jobs, medical care and other destinations in James City County, which includes Jamestown and the City of Williamsburg.	$2,680,000
WA	King County Department of Transportation	D2014-PFGP-011	The King County Department of Transportation will receive funding to replace the aging, passenger ferry terminal at Colman Dock in downtown Seattle. The new ferry terminal will ensure safe and reliable passenger ferry service for more than eight million annual passengers who travel by ferry between downtown Seattle and communities in King County and the Olympic Peninsula.	$3,000,000

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State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
WA	Washington State Department of Transportation	D2014-PFGP-012	The Washington State Department of Transportation will receive funding to stabilize an aging seawall at the ferry terminal in Edmonds, Washington, to protect passengers and sustain service in the event of an earthquake. By stabilizing the seawall and preventing its failure, the project will ensure safe and reliable ferry service on the Edmonds-Kingston route, which serves more than three million passengers each year and connects the Kitsap Peninsula on the western side of Puget Sound to the greater Seattle area.	$2,268,000
WA	Washington State Department of Transportation	D2014-PFGP-013	The Washington State Department of Transportation will receive funding to replace an aging ferry terminal in Mukilteo, Washington, with a new facility located at a nearby vacant brownfield. The new terminal will ensure safe and reliable ferry service on the Mukilteo-Clinton route, which serves nearly four million passengers each year and connects Whidbey Island with the greater Seattle area.	$4,700,000
TOTAL				$59,940,000

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2014 0107]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel PUELCHE; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 21, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2014–0107. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov.* All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at *http://www.regulations.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Williams, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23–453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–0903, Email *Linda.Williams@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel Puelche is:

Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel: ''Crewed sailboat charter.''

Geographic Region: ''Washington State.''

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2014–0107 at *http://www.regulations.gov.* Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.