

requirements (63 FR 30285; 63 FR 54519; 65 FR 20245; 65 FR 33406; 65 FR 45817; 65 FR 57230; 65 FR 77066; 65 FR 77069; 67 FR 57266; 67 FR 71610; 69 FR 52741; 69 FR 53493; 69 FR 62741; 69 FR 62742; 69 FR 64810; 71 FR 62147; 71 FR 62148; 71 FR 66217; 73 FR 35194; 73 FR 35199; 73 FR 48273; 73 FR 48275; 73 FR 51689; 73 FR 60398; 73 FR 61922; 73 FR 61925; 73 FR 63047; 73 FR 74565; 75 FR 44050; 75 FR 52062; 75 FR 59327; 75 FR 72868; 75 FR 77949; 77 FR 52389; 77 FR 68202). Each of these 24 applicants has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement 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 requirements. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2006-24783; FMCSA-2008-0231; FMCSA-2010-0187; FMCSA-2011-0124; FMCSA-2012-0161; FMCSA-2012-0279]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 17 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemption renewals will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** This decision is effective December 3, 2014. Comments must be received on or before December 5, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: Docket No. [Docket No. FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2006-24783; FMCSA-2008-0231; FMCSA-2010-0187; FMCSA-2011-0124; FMCSA-2012-0161; FMCSA-2012-0279], using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine M. Papp, R.N., Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202–366–4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-year period if it finds “such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381.

##### **II. Exemption Decision**

This notice addresses 17 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. FMCSA has evaluated these 17 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. They are:

Jawad K. Al-Shaibani (TX)  
Robert S. Bowen (TN)  
Joseph E. Brunette (CA)  
Deurice K. Dean (MD)  
Craig E. Dorrance (MT)  
Terry J. Edwards (MO)  
Christopher K. Foot (NV)  
Anthony A. Gibson, Jr. (IL)  
Charles F. Huffman (WA)  
Ivaylo V. Kanchev (FL)  
John L. Lethcoe (NC)  
Johnny Montemayor (TX)  
Christopher S. Morgan (LA)  
Neville E. Owens II (NC)  
Jeffrey S. Pennell (VT)  
Benito Saldana (TX)  
Max A. Thurman (IL)

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) That each individual has a physical examination every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual provides a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has 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.

##### **III. 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 17 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 20245; 65 FR 57230; 67 FR 57266; 69 FR 52741; 71 FR 32183; 71 FR 41310; 71 FR 53489; 73 FR 36955; 73 FR 46973; 73 FR 51336; 73 FR 54888; 75 FR 36778; 75 FR 47883; 75 FR 52062; 75 FR 52063; 75 FR 63257; 76 FR 34136; 76 FR 55463; 77 FR 41879; 77 FR 48590; 77 FR 52388; 77 FR 52389; 77 FR 52391; 77 FR 60008; 77 FR 60010; 77 FR 71671). Each of these 17 applicants has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement 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 requirements. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Selection of Public Transportation Resilience Projects in Response to Hurricane Sandy

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of project selections for resilience projects in response to Hurricane Sandy.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of public transportation resilience projects in response to Hurricane Sandy under the Emergency Relief Program. These projects are funded under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013, which made approximately \$10.9 billion available for public transportation systems impacted by Hurricane Sandy in October 2012. This amount was subsequently reduced to \$10.2 billion by sequestration and intergovernmental transfers of funds to other bureaus and offices within DOT. On December 26, 2013, FTA published a **Federal Register**

Notice (78 FR 78486) announcing the availability of approximately \$3 billion for projects that will reduce the risk of damage from future disasters in the areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy. FTA has allocated the maximum amount available for resilience projects: \$3.592 billion. Resilience projects awarded in this notice are subject to the recently issued Final Rule for the Emergency Relief Program, which was published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 2014 (79 FR 60349). FTA has published additional guidance on policies and procedures for competitive resilience funding in the form of frequently asked questions (FAQs) at [www.fta.dot.gov/emergencyrelief](http://www.fta.dot.gov/emergencyrelief). Recipients are responsible for monitoring this Web site for additional guidance.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>. For program-specific questions, or additional information about project selections, please contact Adam Schildge, Office of Program Management, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590, phone: (202) 366–0778, or email, [adam.schildge@dot.gov](mailto:adam.schildge@dot.gov). For legal questions, please contact Bonnie Graves, Office of Chief Counsel, same address, phone: (202) 366–4011, or email, [Bonnie.Graves@dot.gov](mailto:Bonnie.Graves@dot.gov).

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#### A. Overview of Resilience Project Selections

As a result of Hurricane Sandy, and in accordance with the Stafford Act, President Obama declared a major disaster in late 2012 for 12 States and the District of Columbia affected by Hurricane Sandy, making public transportation agencies in specified

counties in those States eligible for financial assistance under FTA’s Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program.

The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 113–2) provides \$10.9 billion for FTA’s Emergency Relief Program for recovery, relief and resilience efforts in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy, with approximately \$10.2 billion still available after implementation of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 2011 (Pub. L. 112–25) and after intergovernmental transfers to other bureaus and offices within DOT. FTA has allocated approximately \$9.27 billion in multiple tiers for response, recovery and rebuilding, for locally-prioritized resilience projects, and, now for competitively selected resilience projects. In addition, FTA has reserved approximately \$817 million for remaining unfunded recovery expenses.

On March 29, 2013 FTA announced the allocation of \$2 billion for response and recovery expenses. On May 29, 2013, FTA announced the allocation of an additional \$2.4 billion for response and recovery, including long term rebuilding, and \$1.3 billion for locally prioritized resilience improvements.

On December 26, 2013, FTA published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$3 billion for capital projects to reduce the risk of damage to public transportation systems from future disasters in the areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy. FTA received 61 eligible project proposals from 10 applicants requesting a total of over \$6.6 billion. The proposed projects were evaluated based on the criteria and policy priorities described in the NOFA. This notice allocates \$3,591,883,625 to 9 applicants for 40 of the 61 proposed resilience projects.

The following chart illustrates the overall allocation of funding under the FTA Emergency Relief Program and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act:

Award type	Applicants	Available funding	Eligibility criteria
Response, Recovery & Rebuilding.	Affected FTA Recipients .....	\$4.4 billion .....	Damage assessments submitted by affected agencies and reviewed by FTA, and costs incurred by affected agencies.
Locally-Prioritized Resilience.	MTA, NJT, PANYNJ, NYCDOT .....	\$1.3 billion .....	Resilience Projects and Project Components.
Competitive Resilience	(1) States, (2) public transportation agencies that receive funding through FTA formula programs, (3) other entities responsible for an eligible public transportation capital project that enter into a subrecipient arrangement with an existing FTA grantee, and (4) entities that provide intercity passenger rail service.	\$3.6 billion .....	Resilience Projects Announced in this Notice.