

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11960]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Monet/Mitchell: Painting the French Landscape” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to agreements with their foreign owners or custodians for temporary display in the exhibition “Monet/Mitchell: Painting the French Landscape” at the Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, Missouri, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot Chiu, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA–5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. MCF 21103]

Transdev Group, S.A.—Acquisition of Control—First Transit Topco, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice tentatively approving and authorizing finance transaction.

SUMMARY: Transdev Group, S.A. (Transdev), a noncarrier, its noncarrier subsidiary Transdev North America, Inc. (TNA), and TNA’s carrier subsidiary Transdev Services, Inc. (TSI) (collectively, Applicants) have filed an application for TNA to acquire all voting securities of noncarrier First Transit Topco Inc. (Topco), and thereby acquire control of a Topco subsidiary, First Transit, Inc. (FT), an interstate passenger motor carrier, from Recess Holdco LLC, a noncarrier affiliate of FT. The Board is tentatively approving and authorizing this transaction. If no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

DATES: Comments must be filed by February 21, 2023. If any comments are filed, Applicants may file a reply by March 6, 2023. If no opposing comments are filed by February 21, 2023, this decision will be final on February 22, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed with the Board either via e-filing on the Board’s website or mailing to the Board’s offices. Comments may be e-filed at www.stb.gov/proceedings-actions/e-filing/other-filings/ and must reference Docket No. MCF 21103. Mailed comments may be sent to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of comments must be sent to Applicants’ representative: Mark J. Andrews, Clark Hill PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathon Binet at (202) 245–0368. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: According to the application,¹ Transdev is under the majority ownership of Caisse des depots et consignations, a French public-sector financial institution, and the minority ownership of Rethmann Group, a family-owned German company.² (Appl. 6.) Transdev does not have interstate carrier authority. (*See id.* at 2 (stating that Transdev is a noncarrier).) Transdev controls TNA,³ a

noncarrier that controls interstate motor carrier TSI and its two interstate motor carrier subsidiaries, Pittsburgh Transportation Group Charter Services and SFO Airporter, Inc.⁴ (*Id.* at 2, 4; Suppl. 4.) Applicants state that Transdev is generally engaged in providing contract-based passenger transportation services to transit authorities, other governmental agencies, corporations, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities wishing to outsource such transportation services. (Appl. 6; *see also* Suppl. Ex. C (identifying Transdev Clients, Locations, Equipment, and Employees.) According to Applicants, TSI and its carrier affiliates perform a very small amount of charter work, representing less than .0054% of Transdev’s total U.S. business, in San Marcos, Tex., San Jose, Cal., and Pittsburgh, Pa. (Suppl. 4–5.)

The application explains that under this transaction, all voting securities of Topco would be acquired by TNA, and Topco would become a direct subsidiary of TNA and an indirect subsidiary of Transdev. (Appl. 2, 6.) Topco, a noncarrier, is an intermediate parent company of FT,⁵ a passenger motor carrier that controls various noncarrier subsidiaries.^{6,7} (*Id.* at 2.) According to the application, FT and certain noncarrier FT affiliates (collectively, the FT entities) transport 300 million passengers annually to and from approximately 300 locations across North America, utilizing approximately 12,000 vehicles. (*Id.* at 5; *see also* Suppl. Ex. E, First Transit Customer Location and Fleet Report; *id.*, Ex. G, First Transit Employee Locations by State.) FT provides essential mobility services including fixed route bus services, paratransit, shuttle bus services, and

⁴ Further information about these motor carriers, including U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) numbers, motor carrier numbers, and USDOT safety fitness ratings, can be found in the application. (*See* Appl. 4.)

⁵ Transdev also would acquire control of various noncarrier subsidiaries of FT. With respect to the acquisition of the non-regulated FT subsidiaries, the appropriate filing was made under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, 15 U.S.C. 18a (HSR). (Appl. 3 n.2.) On December 12, 2022, Applicants filed a letter stating that the HSR 30-day period has expired without any action being taken and, accordingly, the HSR process has concluded.

⁶ The indirect beneficial owners of FT are EQT Infrastructure V Collect EUR SCSp and EQT Infrastructure V Collect USD SCSp (collectively, EQT). EQT’s control of FT was approved by the Board in *EQT Infrastructure V Collect EUR SCSp—Acquisition of Control—First Student, Inc.*, MCF 21093 (STB served May 21, 2021).

⁷ More information about Topco’s corporate structure and ownership can be found in the application and the supplement. (*See* Appl. 2–3; Suppl. Ex. B.)

¹ The application initially was filed on November 10, 2022. On December 6, 2022, Applicants filed a supplement to the application. Therefore, for purposes of determining the procedural schedule and statutory deadlines, the filing date of the application is December 6, 2022. *See* 49 CFR 1182.4(a).

² More information about Transdev’s corporate structure and ownership can be found in the application and the supplement. (*See* Appl. 6; Suppl. Ex. A.)

³ TNA was formerly known as Veolia Transportation.