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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Announcement of Charter Renewal of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of charter renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the charter renewal of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS), a Federal Advisory Committee established by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary and the Federal Transit Administrator on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems. This charter will be effective for two years from the date of this **Federal Register** notice.

**Contact Information:** For further information contact Thomas Littleton, TRACS Designated Federal Official, Associate Administrator, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, 4th Floor, East (E45-316), Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9239; or Bridget Zamperini, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., 4th Floor, East (E45-310), Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-0306.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2). As noted above, TRACS is a Federal Advisory Committee established to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems. With the renewed charter, TRACS is renamed as the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (for continuity the acronym will remain TRACS). The term "RAIL" is omitted from the original title of the advisory committee to reflect the broader current mandate of TRACS to advise on all public transportation safety matters. In addition, TRACS is increased to approximately 29 members representing a broad base of expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. Please see

the TRACS Web site for additional information at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/about/13099.html>.

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Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2013-0010]

#### Urbanized Area Formula Program: Final Circular

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final circular

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has placed in the docket and on its Web site, guidance, in the form of a Circular, to assist recipients in their implementation of the Urbanized Area Formula Program. The purpose of this Circular is to provide recipients of FTA financial assistance with instructions and guidance on the program's administration and the grant application process.

**DATES: Effective Date:** The effective date of the Circular is January 16, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For program matters, Adam Schildge, Office of Project Management, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE.; (202) 366-0778 or [Adam.Schildge@dot.gov](mailto:Adam.Schildge@dot.gov). For legal matters, Rita Maristch or Candace Key, Office of Chief Counsel, same address; (215) 656-7100; (202) 366-4011, respectively, or [Rita.Maristch@dot.gov](mailto:Rita.Maristch@dot.gov); [Candace.Key@dot.gov](mailto:Candace.Key@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Availability of Final Circular

This notice provides a summary of changes to the Urbanized Area Formula Program Circular 9030.1E, and responses to comments. The final Circular itself is not included in this notice; instead, an electronic version may be found on FTA's Web site, at [www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov), and in the docket, at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Paper copies of the final Circular may be obtained by contacting FTA's Administrative Services Help Desk, at (202) 366-4865.

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#### I. Overview

FTA is updating its Circular 9030.1D, "Urbanized Area Formula Program: Program Guidance and Application Instructions," last revised on May 10, 2010, to incorporate changes made to the section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program (section 5307 Program) by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21, Pub. L. 112-141), signed into law on July 6, 2012. The section 5307 Program authorizes Federal financial assistance for public transportation in urbanized areas for capital and planning projects, job access and reverse commute projects, and, in some cases, operating assistance. This notice provides a summary of changes to FTA Circular 9030.1D and addresses comments received in response to the proposed Circular that was published in the **Federal Register** on April 22, 2013. 78 FR 23818. The final Circular, 9030.1E, "Urbanized Area Formula Program: Program Guidance and Application Instructions," becomes effective upon publication, and will supersede FTA Circular 9030.1D.

MAP-21 made several significant changes to the laws authorizing the Federal transit programs. Many of the changes have cross-cutting impacts across all of FTA's programs and further several important goals of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Most notably, MAP-21 grants FTA significant new authority to oversee and regulate the safety of public transportation systems throughout the United States. The Act also puts new emphasis on restoring and replacing the Nation's aging public transportation infrastructure by establishing a new State of Good Repair Formula Program and new asset management requirements. In addition, it aligns Federal funding with key performance goals and tracks recipients' progress towards these goals. Finally, MAP-21 improves the efficiency of program administration through program consolidation and streamlining. For example, job access and reverse commute activities, previously included in a separate Federal transit assistance