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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 (Docket No. FRA-2007-28454) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
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Issued in Washington, DC, on November 19, 2008.

**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Grant Program: Corrections to Project ID Numbers

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

**ACTION:** Notice; correction

**SUMMARY:** This notice revises Project Identification Numbers published in the August 22, 2008, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) notice titled "Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Announcement of Project Selections." The notice identifies

corrections to Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 and 2008 Project Identification Numbers; however, award amounts remain unchanged.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office (Appendix A) or Blenda Younger, Office of Program Management, (202) 366-2053.

#### I. Corrections

In the **Federal Register** of August 22, 2008 (73 FR 49737), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a table listing award amounts under the Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program. A revised table accompanies this notice which includes the following technical corrections.

1. The Project ID number indicated as D2007-OTRB-061, total award \$151,200, should be deleted and replaced with two rows: D2007-OTRB-061, total, \$8,856 and D2008-OTRB-061, total, \$142,344, as this project will be funded using both FY 2007 and FY 2008 funds.

2. The Project ID numbers indicated as D2007-OTRB-062 through D2007-OTRB-079 should be corrected to read D2008-OTRB-062 through D2008-OTRB-079, as these projects will be funded with FY 2008 funds and not FY 2007 funds. The total monetary awards remain unchanged and the total awarded to each recipient remains unchanged.

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**James S. Simpson,**

*Administrator.*

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| AWARD AMOUNT                       |                      |                          |           |           |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Operator                           | City/State           | Intercity<br>Fixed-Route | Other     | Total     | Project ID     |
| <b>Region I</b>                    |                      |                          |           |           |                |
| Arrow Line                         | E. Hartford, CT      |                          | \$155,550 | \$155,550 | D2007-OTRB-001 |
| Bonanza Bus Lines                  | Providence, RI       | \$194,830                |           | \$194,830 | D2007-OTRB-002 |
| Cavalier Coach Trailways           | Boston, MA           |                          | \$41,000  | \$41,000  | D2007-OTRB-003 |
| C&J Trailways                      | Portsmouth, NH       | \$76,600                 |           | \$76,600  | D2007-OTRB-004 |
| Coach Tours, LTD.                  | Brookfield, CT       |                          | \$26,100  | \$26,100  | D2007-OTRB-005 |
| Concord Coach Lines                | Concord, NH          | \$48,400                 |           | \$48,400  | D2007-OTRB-006 |
| Dattco, Inc.                       | New Britain, CT      |                          | \$30,600  | \$30,600  | D2007-OTRB-007 |
| Flagship Trailways                 | Johnston, RI         |                          | \$41,000  | \$41,000  | D2007-OTRB-008 |
| Northeast Charter & Tour Co., Inc. | Lewiston, ME         |                          | \$41,901  | \$41,901  | D2007-OTRB-009 |
| Peter Pan Bus Lines                | Springfield, MA      | \$378,684                |           | \$378,684 | D2007-OTRB-010 |
| Plymouth & Brockton                | Plymouth, MA         | \$55,620                 |           | \$55,620  | D2007-OTRB-011 |
| <b>Region II</b>                   |                      |                          |           |           |                |
| Adirondack Trailways               | Hurley, NY           | \$441,000                |           | \$441,000 | D2007-OTRB-012 |
| Classic Coach                      | Bohemia, NY          | \$92,250                 |           | \$92,250  | D2007-OTRB-013 |
| Hampton Jitney, Inc.               | Southampton, NY      | \$89,412                 |           | \$89,412  | D2007-OTRB-014 |
| Paradise Trailways                 | Hicksville, NY       |                          | \$44,158  | \$44,158  | D2007-OTRB-015 |
| Southern Tier Stages, Inc.         | Endicott, NY         |                          | \$53,000  | \$53,000  | D2007-OTRB-016 |
| Swartout Coaches, Inc.             | Ithaca, NY           |                          | \$31,080  | \$31,080  | D2007-OTRB-017 |
| <b>Region III</b>                  |                      |                          |           |           |                |
| A P Xpress Bus Company             | Capital Heights, MD  |                          | \$85,980  | \$85,980  | D2007-OTRB-018 |
| Butler Motor Transit               | Butler, PA           |                          | \$89,100  | \$89,100  | D2007-OTRB-019 |
| Capitol Trailways                  | Harrisburg, PA       | \$110,565                |           | \$110,565 | D2007-OTRB-020 |
| Carl R. Bieber, Inc.               | Kutztown, PA         | \$121,624                |           | \$121,624 | D2007-OTRB-021 |
| David Thomas Tours, Inc.           | Philadelphia, PA     | \$27,200                 |           | \$27,200  | D2007-OTRB-022 |
| First Priority Tours, Inc.         | District Heights, MD |                          | \$89,550  | \$89,550  | D2007-OTRB-023 |
| Fullington Trailways               | Clearfield, PA       | \$201,800                |           | \$201,800 | D2007-OTRB-024 |
| Keller Transportation, Inc.        | Waldorf, MD          | \$470,496                |           | \$470,496 | D2007-OTRB-025 |
| Lenzer Coach Lines                 | Sewickley, PA        |                          | \$78,686  | \$78,686  | D2007-OTRB-026 |
| Martz Trailways                    | Wilkes-Barre, PA     | \$379,672                |           | \$379,672 | D2007-OTRB-027 |
| R & J Transportation, Inc.         | Pottsville, PA       |                          | \$29,999  | \$29,999  | D2007-OTRB-028 |
| Trans-Bridge Lines                 | Bethlehem, PA        | \$93,970                 |           | \$93,970  | D2007-OTRB-029 |
| <b>Region IV</b>                   |                      |                          |           |           |                |
| American Coach Lines of Miami      | Miami, FL            | \$156,200                |           | \$156,200 | D2007-OTRB-030 |
| Blue Grass Tours, Inc.             | Lexington, KY        |                          | \$24,680  | \$24,680  | D2007-OTRB-031 |
| Discovery Charters, Inc.           | Longwood, FL         |                          | \$27,063  | \$27,063  | D2007-OTRB-032 |
| Endeavor Bus Lines                 | Miami, FL            |                          | \$116,562 | \$116,562 | D2007-OTRB-033 |
| First Class Coach Company, Inc.    | St. Petersburg, FL   | \$120,800                |           | \$120,800 | D2007-OTRB-034 |
| Florida Cruise Connection, Inc.    | Sarasota, FL         | \$104,670                |           | \$104,670 | D2007-OTRB-035 |
| Majestic Tours                     | Rock Hill, SC        |                          | \$46,000  | \$46,000  | D2007-OTRB-036 |
| Midnight Sun Tours, Inc.           | Lake Worth, FL       |                          | \$78,600  | \$78,600  | D2007-OTRB-037 |
| Royal Tours & Trailways, Inc.      | Randleman, NC        |                          | \$40,000  | \$40,000  | D2007-OTRB-038 |
| <b>Region V</b>                    |                      |                          |           |           |                |
| Able Trek Tours, Inc.              | Reedsburg, WI        |                          | \$25,159  | \$25,159  | D2007-OTRB-039 |
| American Heritage Trails, LLC      | LaOtto, IN           |                          | \$30,070  | \$30,070  | D2007-OTRB-040 |
| Colonial Coach Lines, Inc.         | Mount Prospect, IL   | \$403,000                |           | \$403,000 | D2007-OTRB-041 |
| Compass Coach                      | Cedar Springs, MI    |                          | \$23,721  | \$23,721  | D2007-OTRB-042 |
| Dean Charters & Tours, Inc.        | Lansing, MI          |                          | \$139,000 | \$139,000 | D2007-OTRB-043 |
| Indian Trails, Inc.                | Owosso, MI           |                          | \$45,720  | \$45,720  | D2007-OTRB-044 |
| Jefferson Lines                    | Minneapolis, MN      | \$238,400                |           | \$238,400 | D2007-OTRB-045 |
| Keeshin Charter Service            | Chicago, IL          |                          | \$56,000  | \$56,000  | D2007-OTRB-046 |
| Kobussen Buses LTD.                | Kaukauna, WI         |                          | \$28,906  | \$28,906  | D2007-OTRB-047 |
| Lakefront Lines, Inc.              | Brook Park, OH       | \$97,353                 |           | \$97,353  | D2007-OTRB-048 |
| Lamers Bus Lines, Inc.             | Green Bay, WI        |                          | \$82,991  | \$82,991  | D2007-OTRB-049 |
| Megabus USA                        | Chicago, IL          | \$420,000                |           | \$420,000 | D2007-OTRB-050 |
| Miller Transportation              | Indianapolis, IN     |                          | \$41,000  | \$41,000  | D2007-OTRB-051 |
| Pioneer Coach Lines, Inc.          | Mount Prospect, IL   |                          | \$255,000 | \$255,000 | D2007-OTRB-052 |
| Riteway Bus Service, Inc.          | Richfield, WI        | \$86,482                 |           | \$86,482  | D2007-OTRB-053 |
| Thompson Motor Coach               | Indianapolis, IN     |                          | \$143,000 | \$143,000 | D2007-OTRB-054 |

| AWARD AMOUNT                  |                      |                          |                    |                      |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Operator                      | City/State           | Intercity<br>Fixed-Route | Other              | Total                | Project ID     |
| Van Galder Bus Company        | Janesville, WI       | \$297,540                |                    | \$297,540            | D2007-OTRB-055 |
| Wisconsin Coach Lines         | Waukesha, WI         |                          | \$108,000          | \$108,000            | D2007-OTRB-056 |
| <b>Region VI</b>              |                      |                          |                    |                      |                |
| ACH Travel & Tours, Inc.      | Pharr, TX            |                          | \$75,000           | \$75,000             | D2007-OTRB-057 |
| All Aboard America            | Santa Fe, NM         |                          | \$212,800          | \$212,800            | D2007-OTRB-058 |
| Americanos USA, LLC           | Dallas, TX           |                          | \$264,600          | \$264,600            | D2007-OTRB-059 |
| Calco Travel, Inc.            | Geismar, LA          |                          | \$183,000          | \$183,000            | D2007-OTRB-060 |
| Crucero USA, LLC              | Dallas, TX           | \$8,856                  |                    | \$8,856              | D2007-OTRB-061 |
| Crucero USA, LLC              | Dallas, TX           | \$142,344                |                    | \$142,344            | D2008-OTRB-061 |
| Del Valle Grand Turismo, Inc. | Pharr, TX            |                          | \$74,000           | \$74,000             | D2008-OTRB-062 |
| Eagle Tours, Inc.             | Irving, TX           |                          | \$51,050           | \$51,050             | D2008-OTRB-063 |
| Greyhound Lines, Inc.         | Dallas, TX           | \$6,361,200              |                    | \$6,361,200          | D2008-OTRB-064 |
| Kerrville Bus Co.             | San Antonio, TX      | \$160,650                |                    | \$160,650            | D2008-OTRB-065 |
| Louisiana Coaches, Inc.       | Marrero, LA          |                          | \$41,000           | \$41,000             | D2008-OTRB-066 |
| Sun Travel Trailways          | Beaumont, TX         |                          | \$42,079           | \$42,079             | D2008-OTRB-067 |
| <b>Region VII</b>             |                      |                          |                    |                      |                |
| Arrow Stage Lines             | Norfolk, NE          |                          | \$92,250           | \$92,250             | D2008-OTRB-068 |
| Burlington Trailways          | W. Burlington, IA    | \$54,300                 |                    | \$54,300             | D2008-OTRB-069 |
| Heartland Trailways           | St. Joseph, MO       |                          | \$58,500           | \$58,500             | D2008-OTRB-070 |
| White Knight Limousine        | Columbia, MO         |                          | \$41,000           | \$41,000             | D2008-OTRB-071 |
| <b>Region VIII</b>            |                      |                          |                    |                      |                |
| Powder River Transportation   | Gillette, WY         | \$26,700                 |                    | \$26,700             | D2008-OTRB-072 |
| Ramblin Express, Inc.         | Colorado Springs, CO |                          | \$183,000          | \$183,000            | D2008-OTRB-073 |
| <b>Region IX</b>              |                      |                          |                    |                      |                |
| Amador Stage Lines            | Sacramento, CA       |                          | \$70,275           | \$70,275             | D2008-OTRB-074 |
| Marin Airporter               | San Rafael, CA       | \$122,000                |                    | \$122,000            | D2008-OTRB-075 |
| Preferred Charters, LLC       | Santa Rosa, CA       |                          | \$392,300          | \$392,300            | D2008-OTRB-076 |
| Silverado Stages, Inc.        | San Luis Obispo, CA  | \$279,360                |                    | \$279,360            | D2008-OTRB-077 |
| <b>Region X</b>               |                      |                          |                    |                      |                |
| Northwestern Stage Lines      | Spokane, WA          | \$63,022                 |                    | \$63,022             | D2008-OTRB-078 |
| Premier Alaska Tours, Inc.    | Anchorage, AK        |                          | \$44,970           | \$44,970             | D2008-OTRB-079 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |                      |                          |                    |                      |                |
|                               |                      | <b>\$11,925,000</b>      | <b>\$3,975,000</b> | <b>\$ 15,900,000</b> |                |

#### Appendix A—FTA Regional Offices

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| Richard H. Doyle, Regional Administrator, Region 1—Boston, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142–1093, Tel. 617 494–2055.<br>States served: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.                                      | Robert C. Patrick, Regional Administrator, Region 6—Ft. Worth, 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36, Ft. Worth, TX 76102, Tel. 817 978–0550.<br>States served: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.  |
| Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Regional Administrator, Region 2—New York, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004–1415, Tel. No. 212 668–2170.<br>States served: New Jersey, New York   | Mokhtee Ahmad, Regional Administrator, Region 7—Kansas City, MO, 901 Locust Street, Room 404, Kansas City, MO 64106, Tel. 816 329–3920.<br>States served: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.  |
| Letitia Thompson, Regional Administrator, Region 3—Philadelphia, 1760 Market Street, Suite 500, Philadelphia, PA 19103–4124, Tel. 215 656–7100.<br>States served: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia.                              | Terry Rosapep, Regional Administrator, Region 8—Denver, 12300 West Dakota Ave., Suite 310, Lakewood, CO 80228–2583, Tel. 720–963–3300.<br>States served: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.                                       |
| Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, Region 4—Atlanta, 230 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303, Tel. 404 865–5600.<br>States served: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virgin Islands. | Leslie T. Rogers, Regional Administrator, Region 9—San Francisco, 201 Mission Street, Room 1650, San Francisco, CA 94105–1926, Tel. 415 744–3133.<br>States served: American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Northern Mariana Islands. |
| Marisol Simon, Regional Administrator, Region 5—Chicago, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel. 312 353–2789.  | Rick Krochalis, Regional Administrator, Region 10—Seattle, Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142, Seattle, WA 98174–1002, Tel. 206 220–7954.   |

States served: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

States served: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Petition for Exemption From the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Ford Motor Company

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Grant of petition for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This document grants in full the petition of Ford Motor Company (Ford) in accordance with § 543.9(c)(2) of 49 CFR Part 543, *Exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard*, for the Ford Mercury Mariner vehicle line beginning with model year (MY) 2010. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

**DATES:** The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with model year (MY) 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Carlita Ballard, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Ballard's telephone number is (202) 366-0846. Her fax number is (202) 493-2290.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a petition dated September 18, 2008, Ford requested an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR Part 541) for the Mercury Mariner vehicle line beginning with MY 2010. The petition requested an exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR Part 543, *Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard*, based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for an entire vehicle line.

Under § 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant exemptions for one vehicle line per model year. Ford has petitioned the agency to grant an exemption for its Mercury Mariner vehicle line beginning with MY 2010. In its petition, Ford provided a detailed

description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the Mercury Mariner vehicle line. Ford will install its passive transponder-based electronic immobilizer antitheft device as standard equipment on the vehicle line. Features of the antitheft device will include an electronic key, ignition lock, and a passive immobilizer. The system does not include an audible or visual alarm as standard equipment. Ford's submission is considered a complete petition as required by 49 CFR 543.7, in that it meets the general requirements contained in § 543.5 and the specific content requirements of § 543.6.

The antitheft device to be installed on the MY 2010 Mercury Mariner is the SecuriLock Passive Antitheft Electronic Engine Immobilizer System (SecuriLock). The Ford SecuriLock is a transponder-based electronic immobilizer system. Ford stated that the integration of the transponder into the normal operation of the ignition key assures activation of the system. When the ignition key is turned to the start position, the transceiver module reads the ignition key code and transmits an encrypted message to the cluster. Validation of the key is determined and start of the engine is authorized once a separate encrypted message is sent to the powertrain's control module (PCM). The powertrain will function only if the key code matches the unique identification key code previously programmed into the PCM. If the codes do not match, the powertrain engine starter, spark and fuel will be disabled. Ford also stated that the SecuriLock electronic engine immobilizer device makes conventional theft methods such as hot-wiring or attacking the ignition lock cylinder ineffective and virtually eliminates drive-away thefts. The cluster and PCM share security data when first installed during vehicle assembly from matched modules. Ford stated that as an additional measure of security, these matched modules will not function in other vehicles if they are separated from each other. Ford also stated that key duplication would virtually be impossible because its key is encrypted with many different codes (18 quintillion).

Ford stated that there were only two years of reported theft rates available for the Mercury Mariner, but its Escape vehicle line which is comparable in design, size and equipment to the Mariner is installed with the proposed

device. The Ford Escape vehicle line had an average theft rate using 5 MY's data (2001-2005) of 1.4215 and was granted an exemption from the parts marking standard (Part 541) beginning with the 2009 model year. Ford stated that the exceptionally low theft rate (0.6968) for MY 2006 Mariner vehicles is likely to continue or improve in future years. The theft rate using an average of two MY's data (2005-2006) for Mariner vehicles is 0.7913.

Additionally, Ford noted the reduction in the theft rate for other vehicle lines equipped with the SecuriLock device. Ford's SecuriLock device was first introduced as standard equipment on its MY 1996 Mustang GT and Cobra vehicle lines. The SecuriLock system was installed on the entire Mustang vehicle line as standard equipment in MY 1997. Ford stated that according to National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) theft statistics, the 1997 model year Mustang with SecuriLock showed a 70% reduction in theft compared to its MY 1995 Mustang vehicles. Comparatively, Ford stated that there were 149 thefts reported in 1997 and 500 thefts reported in 1995.

In addressing the specific content requirements of 543.6, Ford provided information on the reliability and durability of its proposed device. To ensure reliability and durability of the device, Ford conducted tests based on its own specified standards. Ford provided a detailed list of the tests conducted and believes that the device is reliable and durable since the device complied with its specified requirements for each test.

The agency also notes that the device will provide four of the five types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): promoting activation; preventing defeat or circumvention of the device by unauthorized persons; preventing operation of the vehicle by unauthorized entrants; and ensuring the reliability and durability of the device.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 33106 and 49 CFR 543.7(b), the agency grants a petition for exemption from the parts-marking requirements of Part 541 either in whole or in part, if it determines that, based upon substantial evidence, the standard equipment antitheft device is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of Part 541. The agency finds that Ford has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the antitheft device for the Mercury Mariner vehicle