

invitation to become a participating or cooperating agency, with scoping materials appended, will be extended to other Federal and non-Federal agencies and Native American tribes that may have an interest in the proposed project. It is possible that FTA and LACMTA will not be able to identify all Federal and non-Federal agencies and Native American tribes that may have such an interest. Any Federal or non-Federal agency or Native American tribe interested in the proposed project that does not receive an invitation to become a participating agency should notify at the earliest opportunity the Project Manager identified above under

ADDRESSES.

A comprehensive public involvement program and a Coordination Plan for public and interagency involvement will be developed for the project and posted by LACMTA on the project Web page at <http://www.metro.net/westside>. The public involvement program includes a full range of activities including a public scoping process to define the issues of concern among all parties interested in the project: a project Web page on the LACMTA Web site, development and distribution of project newsletters, and other information pieces: outreach to local officials, community and civic groups, periodic meetings with various local agencies, organizations, and committees, the general public, and a public hearing on release of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). Specific activities or events for involvement will be detailed in the public involvement program.

LACMTA may seek New Starts funding for the proposed project under 49 United States Code 5309 and will, therefore, be subject to New Starts regulations (49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 611). The New Starts regulation requires a planning Alternatives Analysis that leads to the selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative and the inclusion of this alternative in the long-range transportation plan adopted by the LACMTA and Southern California Association of Governments. LACMTA has completed the planning Alternatives Analysis Study in January 2009. The New Starts regulations also require the submission of certain project-justification information to support a request to initiate preliminary engineering. This information is normally developed in conjunction with the NEPA process. Pertinent New Starts evaluation criteria will be included in the EIS.

The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National

Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and with the FTA/Federal Highway Administration regulations “Environmental Impact and Related Procedures” (23 CFR part 771). In accordance with 23 CFR 771.105(a) and 771.133, FTA will comply with all Federal environmental laws, regulations, and executive orders applicable to the proposed project during the environmental review process to the maximum extent practicable. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the environmental and public hearing provisions of Federal transit laws (49 U.S.C. 5301(e), 5323(b), and 5324); the project-level air quality conformity regulation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (40 CFR part 93); the section 404(b)(1) guidelines of EPA (40 CFR part 230); the regulation implementing section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR part 800); the regulation implementing section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (50 CFR part 402); section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (23 CFR 771.135); and Executive Orders 12898 on environmental justice, 11988 on floodplain management, and 11990 on wetlands.

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Leslie T. Rogers,

Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region IX.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Limitation on Claims Against a Proposed Public Transportation Project

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims.

SUMMARY: This notice announces final environmental action taken by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Mid-City/Exposition Transit Corridor Light Rail Transit Project in Los Angeles, California. The purpose of this notice is to announce the decision by FTA to not perform supplemental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on the subject project and to activate the limitation on any claims that may challenge this final agency action. This notice does not alter or extend the

limitation period of 180 days for challenge of project decisions subject to a previous notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 17, 2006.

DATES: By this notice, FTA is advising the public of final agency action subject to Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 139(l). A claim seeking judicial review of the FTA action announced herein for the listed public transportation project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before September 23, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Zelasko, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Planning and Environment, 202–366–0244, or Christopher Van Wyk, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Chief Counsel, 202–366–1733. FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FTA has taken final agency action by issuing certain approvals for the public transportation project listed below. This notice applies to all FTA decisions on the listed project since FTA published its notice concerning this project in the **Federal Register** on August 17, 2006, and all laws under which such actions were taken, including, but not limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4375], Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303], Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 470f], and the Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q]. This notice describes the discrete action taken for which the 180-day statute of limitations will apply. Nothing in this notice affects FTA’s previous decisions, or notice thereof, for this project.

The final agency environmental decision documents—the Record of Decision (ROD) and the ROD Addendum—for the listed project are available online at http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/environment/planning_environment_documents.html or may be obtained by contacting the FTA Regional Office for the metropolitan area where the project is located. Contact information for the FTA Regional Offices may be found at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

The project and action that are the subject of this notice are:

Project name and location: Mid-City/Exposition Transit Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project, Los Angeles, California. *Project sponsor:* Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). *Project*

description: The Mid-City/Exposition Corridor Project is an LRT project that will run 8.6 miles from 7th Street/Metro Center Station in downtown Los Angeles to the intersection of Venice and Robertson Boulevards in Culver City. The LRT will operate in a dual-track configuration mainly at-grade on existing streets or in a street-median right-of-way owned by LACMTA. The project includes nine new LRT stations and three grade separations: one below grade segment at Flower and Figueroa Streets; an aerial segment at La Brea Avenue; and an aerial segment at La Cienega Boulevard, extending over Jefferson Boulevard and the Ballona Creek to Fay Avenue in Culver City. *Final Agency Actions:* FTA has reviewed information provided by LACMTA on project enhancements proposed since the FTA issued the ROD on February 24, 2006. These project enhancements include the addition of the new University of Southern California (USC)/Expo Park station adjacent to the U.S.C. campus and Expo Park museums near downtown Los Angeles, the addition of the new aerial Venice/Robertson Station and Structure at the eastern terminus in Culver City to replace the interim at-grade Washington/National Station, and the addition of a Storage and Inspection facility. The Storage and Inspection facility will supplement the planned Mid-day Layover facility and replace the Operations and Maintenance facility that was originally planned to be located on property adjacent to the existing Metro Division 11 facility in Carson, California. The newly added USC/Expo Park station and the newly added aerial Venice/Robertson Station were fully evaluated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). The Storage and Inspection Facility was evaluated pursuant to 23 CFR Section 771.130(c), and approved in subsequent action whereby FTA determined that no new or changed significant impacts from those evaluated in the Final EIS/EIR would occur. *Supporting documentation:* ROD Addendum signed on March 10, 2009 and the Mid-City/Exposition Transit Corridor Light Rail Transit Project Final EIS/EIR.

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Susan Borinsky,

Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment, Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2009-0027]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel *Archangel*.

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. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2009-0027 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 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2009-0027. 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:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

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

Intended Use: "Occasional crewed charter."

Geographic Region: "RI, MA, MD".

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: March 23, 2009.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Christine Gurland,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2009 0025]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel *Mango*.

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. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2009-0025 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S.