

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: September 24, 2012

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3H

STAFF: Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager



REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** To recommend to the Board of Supervisors to support and sponsor the efforts of the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railway for the application for a Federal Transportation Administration Sarbanes Grant for approximately \$3 million.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Staff wishes to inform the Committee of the Parks and Recreation Department's efforts in conjunction with the V&T Railway Reconstruction Commission in order to apply for a Federal Transportation Administration Sarbanes Grant for approximately \$3,000,000. The grant, if awarded, will be used for the extension of track from the present terminus near the east boundary of the Bently property into the former Serpa property which is known as Phase 3B. Attached please find materials provided to the Board of Supervisors in order to support this nomination.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to support and sponsor the efforts of the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railway for the application for a Federal Transportation Administration Sarbanes Grant for approximately \$3 million.

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: September 11, 2012

Agenda Date Requested: September 20, 2012
Time Requested: Consent

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: Action to support and sponsor the efforts of the V&T Railway Reconstruction Commission by applying for a Federal Transportation Administration Sarbanes Grant for approximately \$3 million. (Juan F. Guzman / Ken Dorr, Manhard Consulting)

Staff Summary: If approved, the grant will be used to address a portion of Phase 3B railroad reconstruction work at the Carson River Canyon (Bently and formerly Serpa properties). There is no match money requirement for the project but Carson City and the Bureau of Land Management's concurrence must be obtained in support of the grant.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

- Resolution Ordinance
 Formal Action/Motion Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to support and sponsor the efforts of the V&T Railway Reconstruction Commission by applying for a Federal Transportation Administration Sarbanes Grant for approximately \$3 million.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: The adopted policy regarding grants requires the Board of Supervisors approval for requests over \$25,000. Applicants for a Sarbanes Grant must be a local government or federal agency. This grant opportunity was recommended by Susan Martinovich, Nevada Department of Transportation Director, in 2011. The grant requires that a federal agency (BLM) and local agency (Carson City) support the application. There is no match required.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:

- Sarbanes grant regulations - summary attached
- Carson City adopted grant coordination policy

Fiscal Impact: Staff time only

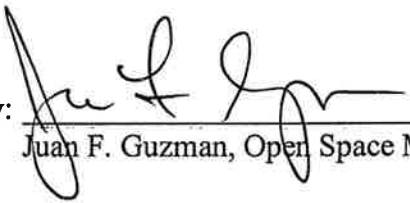
Explanation of Impact: There is a regular cost of staff's time for coordinating with Manhard Consulting and the V&T Commission. Manhard Consulting is responsible for the grant application. There is not a match requirement. No other grant request from Carson City will be negatively affected by this grant application.

Funding Source: N/A

Alternatives: Not to support.

Supporting Material:

- Maps of Phase 3B and surrounding area
- Sarbanes grant information

Prepared By: 
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

Date: 9/7/12

Reviewed By: _____
Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

Date: / /

Lawrence A. Werner, City Manager

Date: / /

District Attorney's Office

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Finance Department

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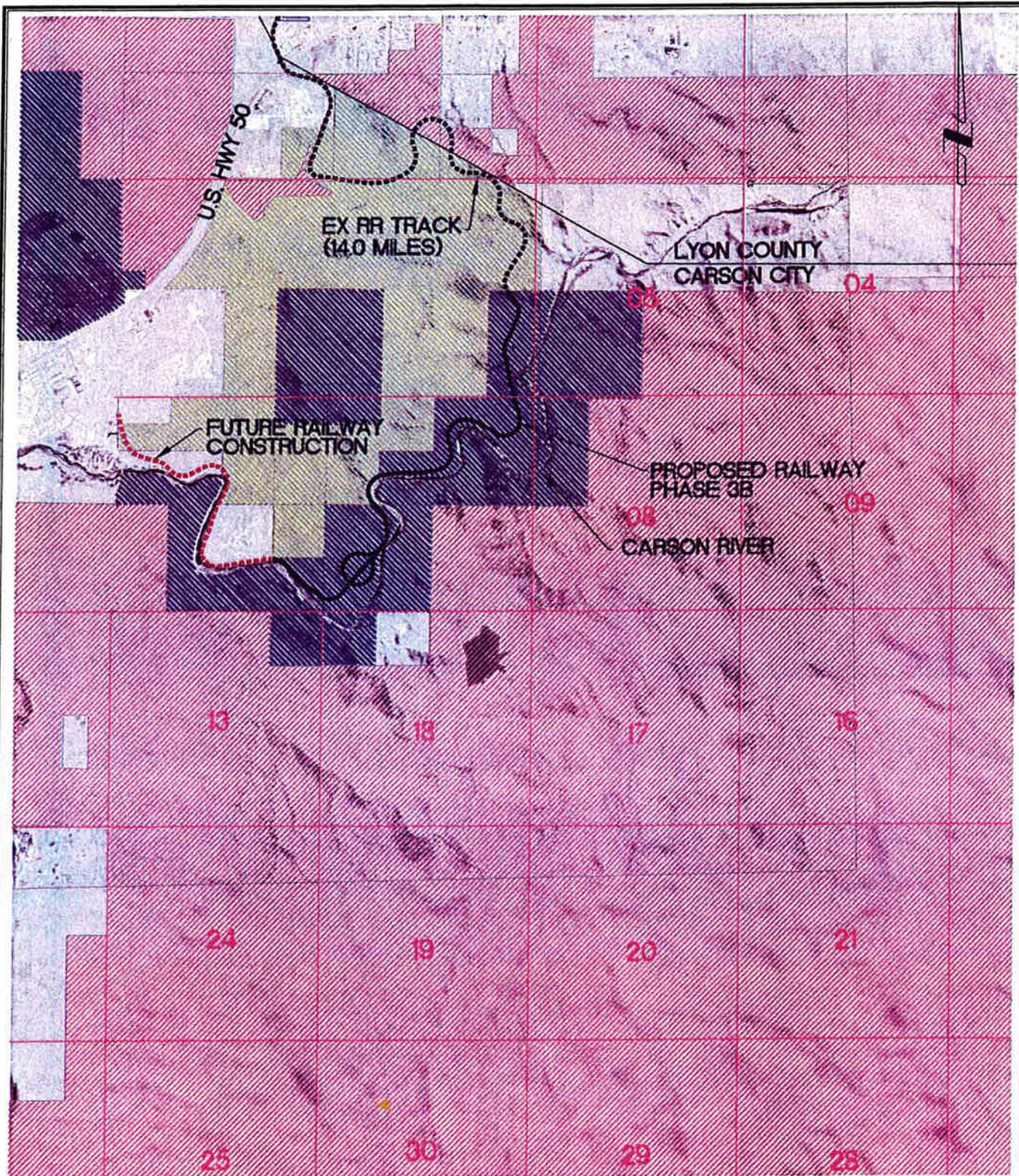
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Motion: _____








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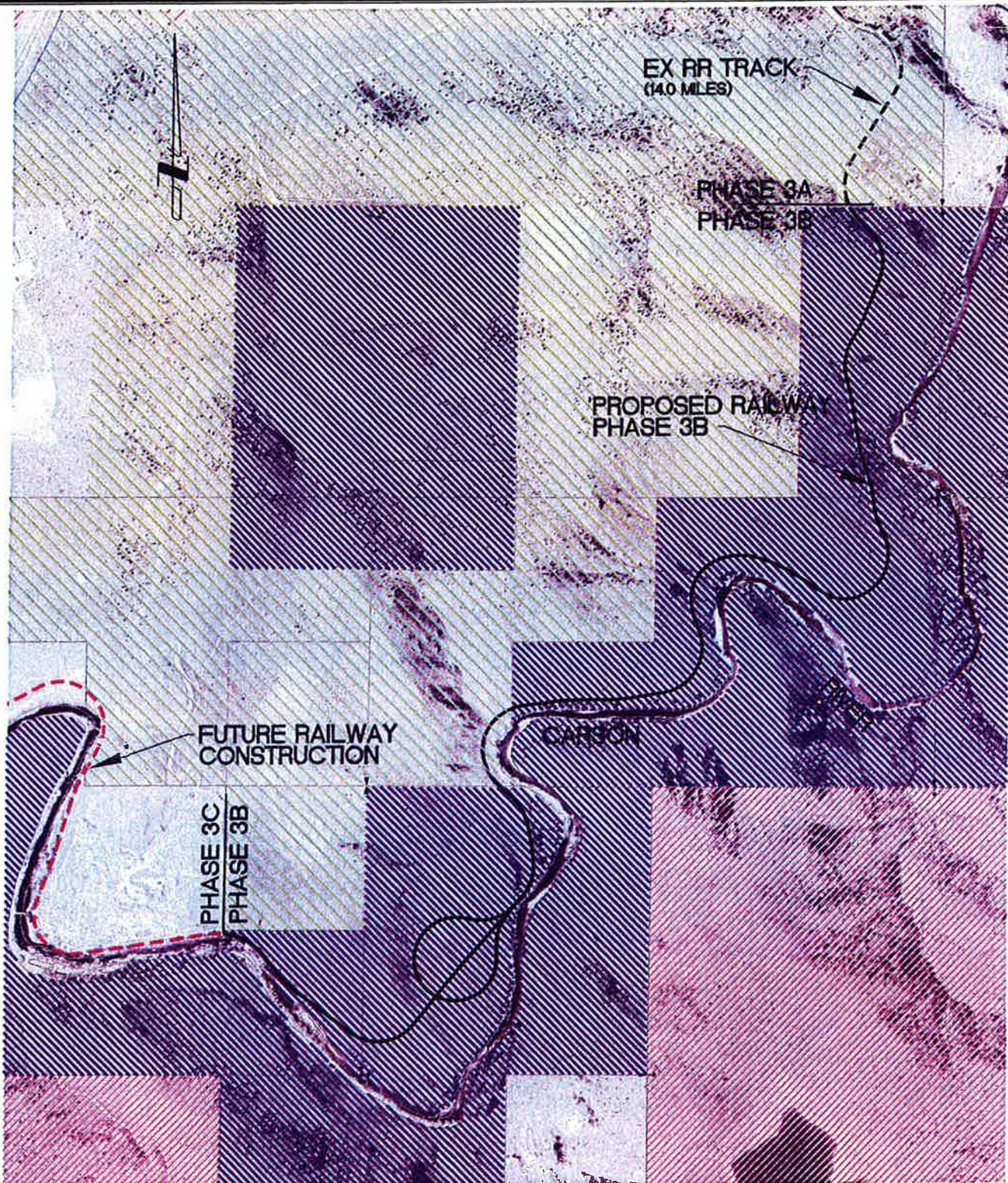
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**MAP TO SUPPORT THE V&T RAILWAY APPLICATION
FOR THE
PAUL S. SARBANES TRANSIT IN PARKS GRANT**

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|  | BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT |  | PROPOSED PHASE 3B RAILWAY |
|  | CARSON CITY |  | EXISTING PHASE 3A RAILWAY |
|  | PRIVATE PROPERTY |  | FUTURE PHASE 3C RAILWAY |
|  | BLM PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED TO CARSON CITY (OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2009) | | |



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Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program (5320)

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Program Overview

The Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program was established to address the challenge of increasing vehicle congestion in and around our national parks and other federal lands. America's national parks, wildlife refuges, and national forests were created to protect unique environmental and cultural treasures, but are now facing traffic, pollution and crowding that diminishes the visitor experience and threatens the environment. To address these concerns, this program provides funding for alternative transportation systems, such as shuttle buses, rail connections and even bicycle trails. The program seeks to conserve natural, historical, and cultural resources; reduce congestion and pollution; improve visitor mobility and accessibility; enhance visitor experience; and ensure access to all, including persons with disabilities. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, together with the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible funding recipients include federal land management agencies (FLMAs) that manage eligible areas, including, but not limited to:

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Bureau of Reclamation (BR)
- National Park Service (NPS)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS)

Eligible recipients also include state, tribal, or local governmental authorities with jurisdiction over land in the vicinity of an eligible area acting with the consent of the FLMA.

Eligible project areas include any federally owned or managed park, refuge or recreational area open to the general public, including: National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges; Bureau of Land Management recreational areas; Bureau of Reclamation recreational areas; and National Forests. Eligible projects may also include the communities and land surrounding these federal lands.

Eligible Activities

Program funds may support capital and planning expenses for new or existing alternative transportation systems in the vicinity of an eligible area. Alternative transportation includes transportation by bus, rail, or any other publicly available means of transportation and includes sightseeing service. It also includes non-motorized transportation systems such as pedestrian and bicycle trails. Operating costs, such as fuel and drivers' salaries, are not eligible expenses.

Statutory Reference

49 U.S.C. 5320

Funding Availability

Funds are available until expended.

Allocation of Funding

Funds are allocated on a discretionary basis.

Match

The Federal share may equal up to 100% of project capital or planning costs.

Guidance

[Sample Quarterly Report \[PDF\]](#) for Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Program (ATPPL) funding recipients who are Federal Land Management Agencies. Funding recipients who are State, local or tribal government entities will submit reports through FTA's electronic grants management system. This document describes the information to be included in quarterly reports and provides an example of a quarterly report.

Links to program partners

- [National Park Service](#)

[Planning Proposal Template](#)

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about the Section 5320 Program, contact the Office of Program Management (202) 366-2053

- [Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System](#)
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- [More information about the Federal Transit Administration](#)

Resources, Studies, and Useful Links

- [Case Study on Alternative Transportation at Cape Cod National Seashore](#), by the Paul S. Sarbanes Technical Assistance Center
- [Transportation Research Board: Standing Committee on Transportation Needs of Parks and Public Lands](#)
- [Transit and Trail connections: Assessment of Visitor Access to National Wildlife Refuges](#)
This study profiles U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuges with existing transit and trail access, and examines remaining refuges for similar opportunities. (1/5/11).
- [Federal Lands Alternative Transportation Systems Study: Summary of National ATS Needs](#)
Section 3039 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) required the Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, to "undertake a comprehensive study of alternative transportation needs in national parks and related Federal Lands." This report study identified significant alternative transportation needs at sites managed by the National Park Service (NPS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).
- [Federal Lands Alternative Transportation Systems Study: Summary of Forest Service ATS Needs](#)
This supplement to the Section 3039 study identified significant alternative transportation needs in National Forests.
- [Innovative Transportation Planning Partnerships to Enhance National Parks and Gateway Communities](#)
Case studies of transportation solutions in National Parks and their surrounding communities conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute and Cambridge Systematics, Inc., October 2009, for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).
- [Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Technical Assistance Center](#)
- [The Volpe National Transportation Systems Center Public Lands Team](#)
- [Federal Lands Highways Program](#)
- [Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands, Transportation Research Board Task Force Report](#)

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will be held in DeKalb County. On the basis of the DEIS and the public and agency comments received, FTA will identify the locally preferred alternative in the FEIS. The FEIS will serve as the basis for Federal and State environmental findings and determinations needed to conclude the environmental review process.

Issued on: August 15, 2012.

Yvette G. Taylor,
Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

FY 2012 Discretionary Funding Opportunity: Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; Solicitation of Project Proposals

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$12 million in Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program (Transit in Parks Program) discretionary funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. FTA announced the allocation of \$13.5 million in FY 2012 Transit in Parks Program funds in the *Federal Register* on February 3, 2012. This notice solicits proposals to compete for program funds that have been appropriated since that date and may include additional funds made available after this notice is published.

The Transit in Parks Program was established by Section 3021 of SAFETEA-LU, as amended (49 U.S.C. 5320), and was repealed, effective October 1, 2012, by the most recent transportation authorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). This announcement solicits proposals for the final allocation of program funding, as defined above. The program is administered by FTA in partnership with the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

The Transit in Parks Program funds capital and planning expenses for alternative transportation systems such as buses, trams and non-motorized trails in federally managed parks and public lands. Federal land management agencies, as well as State, tribal and local governments, acting with the consent of a Federal land management agency, are eligible to apply. DOI, after consultation with and in cooperation

with FTA, will determine the final selection and funding of projects. Geographic diversity will be considered when allocating funds.

This announcement is available on the FTA Web site at: <http://www.fta.dot.gov>. FTA will announce final selections on the Web site and in the *Federal Register*. A synopsis of this funding opportunity will be posted in the FIND module of the government-wide electronic grants Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>.

DATES: Complete proposals must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 28, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Project proposals originating from State, Tribal or local government entities must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV Web site. Project proposals originating from units of Federal land management agencies must be submitted directly to their agency points of contact, as listed at the end of this notice, or to specific regional agency coordinators as directed by each agency. Federal land management agency units may propose projects in cooperation with other eligible funding recipients, including projects where an eligible partner is the intended funding recipient.

Applicants required to use GRANTS.GOV must be properly registered prior to submitting an application, and should initiate the process of registering on the GRANTS.GOV site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the deadline for submission. GRANTS.GOV applicants should receive two confirmation emails. The first will confirm that the application was received and a subsequent email will be sent within 24-48 hours indicating whether the application was validated or rejected by the system. If interested parties experience difficulties at any point during the registration or application process, please call the GRANTS.GOV Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726, Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST. The required electronic project proposal template as well as guidance on completing a proposal can be found on GRANTS.GOV or on the program Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/transitinparks>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The appropriate FTA Regional Office (http://fta.dot.gov/12317_1119.html) or the appropriate land management agency (Appendix A) for proposal-specific information. For general program information, contact Adam Schildge, Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in

Parks Program, at (202) 366-0778, Adam.Schildge@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS). For technical assistance or general inquiries regarding alternative transportation in federal lands, contact the Transit in Parks Technical Assistance Center at <http://www.triptac.org>, (877) 704-5292, or helpdesk@triptac.org.

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I. Overview

Section 3021 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU), as amended, established the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program (Transit in Parks Program) (49 U.S.C. 5320). On July 7, 2012, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) was enacted, repealing the Transit in Parks Program effective on October 1, 2012. This notice solicits project proposals for the allocation of approximately \$12 million in remaining program funding. The program is administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in partnership with the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

Congestion in and around our national parks and public lands causes traffic delays, creates pollution, and can detract from the visitor experience and the protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources. Since 2006, the Transit in Parks Program has allocated approximately \$160 million to competitively selected alternative transportation projects that provide improved mobility and accessibility within our public lands, reduce the environmental impacts of automobile traffic congestion, improve the safety and recreational experience of visitors, and provide sustainable and cost-efficient solutions for transportation challenges on our nation's parks, refuges, forests and other public lands. As with other types of transportation infrastructure, alternative transportation systems on public lands require continued capital investment. In addition, planning studies funded