

U.S. export airworthiness approvals for aircraft tires manufactured and located at Goodyear's Bangkok, Thailand, facility. *Grant, 09/07/00, Exemption No. 6682D.*

*Docket No.:* 29509.

*Petitioner:* Michelin Aircraft Tire Corporation.

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 21.325(b)(3).

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit the issuance of U.S. export airworthiness approvals for aircraft tires manufactured and located at Michelin's Nong Khae, Thailand facility. *Grant, 09/07/00, Exemption No. 7099B.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Atlanta, GA

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for the "Northern Arc," a proposed west-east connector between U.S. 411 in Bartow County, Georgia and S.R. 400 in Forsyth County, Georgia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jennifer Giersch, Environmental Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Suite 17T100, Atlanta, GA 30303-3104, Telephone (404) 562-3653; or Mr. Harvey Keeper, State Environmental/Location Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336, Telephone (404) 699-4400; or Northern Arc Information Line, Telephone (770) 455-1946, Email info@northernarc.com.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the GDOT, will prepare an Environmental Impact

Statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct a four-lane, limited access highway located between U.S. 411 in Bartow County and S.R. 400 in Forsyth County, a distance of approximately 50 miles. The proposed project is necessary to provide a new facility to mitigate existing and projected traffic congestion for west-east traffic on S.R. 20 and other existing facilities in Bartow, Cherokee, and Forsyth Counties.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies. A public hearing will be held and a public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed project are addressed and all significant issues identified in the EIS, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. Georgia's approved clearinghouse review procedures apply to this program.)

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**Jennifer Giersch,**

*Environmental Coordinator, Atlanta, Georgia.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Program Announcement of Project Selection

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects to be funded under the Over-the-road Bus (OTRB) Accessibility Program, authorized by Section 3038 of the Transportation

Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The OTRB Accessibility Program makes funds available to private operators of over-the-road buses to help finance the incremental capital and training costs of complying with DOT's over-the-road bus accessibility rule, published in a **Federal Register** Notice on September 24, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The appropriate FTA Regional Administrator for grant-specific issues; or Sue Masselink, Office of Program Management, 202-366-2053 for general information about the OTRB Accessibility Program.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Projects Selected for Fiscal Year 2000 Funding

In fiscal year 2000, a total of \$7.6 million was requested by 57 applicants: \$5.9 million was requested for intercity fixed-route providers, and \$1.7 million was requested for other providers such as charter, tour, and commuter service providers. A total of \$3.7 million was available for providers of over-the-road services: \$2 million at 90 percent Federal share for providers of intercity fixed-route services and \$1.7 million at 50 percent Federal share for providers of other types of services, such as charter, tour, and commuter. See section 3038 of TEA-21, Pub. L. 105-178 and section 342 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriation Act 2000, Pub. L. 106-69. Project selections were made on a discretionary basis, based on each applicant's responsiveness to statutory project selection criteria, fleet size, and level of funding received last year. Because of the high demand for the funds available to providers of intercity fixed-route service, most applicants received less funding than they requested, although with the exception of some of the applicants that received funding last year, all qualified applicants received some funding. Each of the following 47 awardees, as well as the 10 applicants who were not selected for funding, will receive a letter which explains how funding decisions were made.

Operator	Award amounts		
	Intercity fixed-route	Other	Total
<b>REGION I</b>			
The Arrow Line, Inc, East Hartford, CT .....	\$123,400	\$0	\$123,400
Bonanza Bus Lines, Providence, RI .....	68,900	0	68,900
Concord Trailways, Concord, NH .....	31,300	0	31,300
Peter Pan Bus Lines, Springfield, MA .....	129,700	0	129,700
Edwin J. Pina, Sr. and Sons, Inc., Marstons Mill, PA .....	0	14,250	14,250

Operator	Award amounts		
	Intercity fixed-route	Other	Total
VIP Tour and Charter Bus Co., Portland, ME .....	0	72,625	72,625
<b>REGION II</b>			
Travelways, Inc., Howell, NJ .....	71,600	132,500	204,100
Birnie Bus Service, Rome, NY .....	30,200	0	30,200
Shortline Hudson, Mahwah, NJ .....	6,100	0	6,100
Lakeland Bus Lines, Dover, NJ .....	0	108,000	108,000
<b>REGION III</b>			
Fullington Auto Bus Co., Clearfield, PA .....	30,910	0	30,910
Trans-Bridge Lines, Bethlehem, PA .....	31,720	70,412	102,132
Motor Transportation Company, Inc., Hazelton, PA .....	0	37,500	37,500
Krapf's Coaches, Westchester, PA .....	0	26,230	26,230
Keller Bus Service, Waldorf, MD .....	0	42,500	42,500
Butler Motor Company, Pittsburg, PA .....	0	36,000	36,000
Susquehanna Transit Company, Avis, PA .....	30,960	15,250	46,210
Werner Coach, Phoenixville, PA .....	32,800	18,210	51,010
Wisconsin Coach, Pittsburgh, PA .....	0	42,500	42,500
<b>REGION IV</b>			
P&S Transportation/Coach USA, Orlando, FL .....	0	59,957	59,957
Capital Motors/Colonial Trailways, Montgomery, AL .....	23,800	12,500	36,300
Colonial Trailways, Inc., Mobile, Alabama .....	23,400	12,500	35,900
Good Times Tours, Pensacola, FL .....	0	15,140	15,140
A.A. Crow Corp./Ingram Bus Lines, Tallassee, AL .....	0	15,000	15,000
Busco, Inc., Birmingham, AL .....	0	15,000	15,000
<b>REGION V</b>			
Eclipse Charter and Tours, Gary, IN .....	0	21,500	21,500
Peoria Charter Coach Co., Peoria, IL .....	3,000	0	3,000
Mid-America, Elk Grove Village, IL .....	0	79,280	79,280
Bosch Bus Co., Ft. Wayne, IN .....	0	25,872	25,872
Lakefront Lines, Brook Park, OH .....	31,460	0	31,460
Lamers Bus Company, Green Bay, WI .....	24,265	16,250	40,515
VanGalder Bus Company, Janesville, WI .....	0	107,500	107,500
<b>REGION VI</b>			
Americanos USA, El Paso, TX .....	94,600	0	94,600
Autobus Amigos, LLC, Brownsville, TX .....	31,500	0	31,500
Greyhound Lines, Inc., Dallas, TX .....	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
<b>REGION VII</b>			
Northwest Iowa Transportation, Inc., Ft. Dodge, IA .....	0	10,000	10,000
<b>REGION VIII</b>			
Powder River Transportation Svcs., Inc., Gillette, WY .....	19,965	9,983	29,948
Rimrock Stages, Billings, MT .....	29,200	12,500	41,700
<b>REGION IX</b>			
Pacific Coachways Charter Svcs., Inc., Garden Grove, CA .....	0	29,750	29,750
Golden State Coaches/Frontier Tours, Carson City, NV .....	0	361,122	361,122
Arrow Stage Lines, Phoenix, AZ .....	0	105,000	105,000
Gonzales Inc., Los Angeles, CA .....	126,100	0	126,100
Navi-Hopi Tours, Flagstaff, AZ .....	0	30,450	30,450
VIA Adventures, Tempe, AZ .....	15,120	11,750	26,870
<b>REGION X</b>			
Wheatland Express, Pullman, WA .....	0	12,735	12,735
Northwestern Stage, Spokane, WA .....	0	14,975	14,975
Commuter Bus, Caldwell, ID .....	0	12,435	12,435
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>*\$2,010,000</b>	<b>\$1,607,176</b>	<b>\$3,617,176</b>

\* \$10,000 was carried over from unobligated 1999 funds.

Eligible project costs may be incurred by awardees prior to final grant approval. The incremental capital cost for adding wheelchair lift equipment to any new vehicles delivered on or after June 9, 1998, the effective date of TEA-21, is eligible for funding under the OTRB Accessibility Program.

Applicants selected for funding may be contacted by FTA regional offices if any additional information is needed before grants are made. The grant applications will be sent to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for certification under the labor protection requirements pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5333(b). After referring applications to affected employees represented by a labor organization, DOL will issue a certification to FTA. The terms and conditions of the certification will be incorporated in the FTA grant agreement under the new guidelines replacing those in 29 CFR part 215. Please see *Amendment to Section 5333(b), Guidelines to Carry Out New Programs Authorized by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)*; Final Rule (64 FR 40990, July 28, 1999).

Issued on September 12, 2000.

**Nuria I. Fernandez,**  
Acting Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4470]

#### Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; Meeting of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) gives notice of the continuation of a conference call meeting of the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) to consider the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), "Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Hazardous Liquid Operators with 500 or more Miles of Pipeline)." This meeting is being held

without the required 15-day notice (THLPSSC Charter; Section 7 (d)) because of the urgent need to complete advisory committee action on this rule.

**DATES:** OPS will continue the conference call meeting on Friday, September 22, 2000, at 3:30 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public may attend the meetings at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. The meeting will be held in room 6332. The public may participate by telephone by registering with Juan Carlos Martinez, (202) 366-1933, no later than Wednesday, September 20, 2000. The Office of Pipeline Safety will contact all registered individuals prior to the meeting to notify them of the conference call number.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance during the telephone conference calls, contact Juan Carlos Martinez at (202) 366-1933.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Whetsel, OPS, (202) 366-4431 or Richard Huriaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The THLPSSC is a statutorily mandated advisory committee that advises OPS on proposed safety standards and other safety policies for hazardous liquid pipelines. The committee consists of 15 members representing government, industry, and the public. The committee meets twice a year, usually in May and November. However, because the THLPSSC requested a delay in its formal review of the proposed rule at the May 2000 meeting, a special conference call meeting was held on September 11, 2000. Because the committee did not have time to complete its work, an additional conference call meeting will be held on September 22, 2000. The THLPSSC will provide comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), "Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Hazardous Liquid Operators with 500 or more Miles of Pipeline)" (65 FR 21695) and will vote on the adequacy of the rule and the accompanying risk assessment.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115.

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**Stacey L. Gerard,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33919]

#### IRW Railway, LLC—Acquisition Exemption—West Tennessee Railroad Line

IRW Railway, LLC (IRW), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire the West Tennessee Railroad line (WTR line) from the Gibson County Railroad Authority (Authority). The WTR line extends from milepost 394.5, north of Carol, TN, to milepost 431.31, at Kenton, TN, a distance of 36.8 miles.<sup>1</sup>

According to the verified notice of exemption, the parties intended to purchase title to the line after approval of this exemption. The earliest the exemption could have been consummated was August 30, 2000, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33918, *Henry G. Hohorst, Bruce Hohorst, Joan D. Hohorst, and Anthony M. Linn—Continuance in Control Exemption—IRW Railway, LLC*, wherein Henry G. Hohorst, Bruce Hohorst, Joan D. Hohorst, and Anthony M. Linn have filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of IRW after it acquires ownership of the title to the lands and track of the WTR line.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33919, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925

<sup>1</sup> The WTR line was acquired by Authority pursuant to the Board's decision in *Gibson County Railroad Authority and West Tennessee Railroad Corporation—Exemption—From 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV*, Finance Docket No. 30502 (ICC served 8/27/84). West Tennessee Railroad Corp. (WTRC) currently provides rail service over the line under an operating agreement with Authority. The rail operation obligations of Authority will be transferred to IRW and WTRC will continue to operate the line.