

## FTA FISCAL YEAR 2015 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

### PREFACE

*Except as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA or We) determines otherwise in writing, before FTA may award Federal transit assistance (funding or funds) in the form of a Federal Grant, Cooperative Agreement, Loan, Line of credit, or Loan Guarantee to support a public transportation Project, an Authorized Representative (You) of the Project Sponsor (Applicant) must select certain Certifications and Assurances required by Federal law or regulation. Among other things, the Authorized Representative must be duly authorized by the Applicant to sign these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. You, as your Applicant's Authorized Representative, must select all Certifications and Assurances that your Applicant must provide to support its application(s) for FTA funding during Federal fiscal year (FY) 2015.*

*We request that you read each Certification and Assurance and select those that will apply to all Projects for which your Applicant might seek FTA funding. As required by Federal law and regulation, only if you select adequate Certifications and Assurances on your Applicant's behalf, may FTA award Federal funding for its Project.*

*We have consolidated our Certifications and Assurances into twenty-four (24) Groups. At a minimum, you must select the Assurances in Group 01 on your Applicant's behalf. If your Applicant requests more than \$100,000 in Federal funding, you must also select the "Lobbying" Certification in Group 02, unless your Applicant is an Indian tribe, Indian organization, or a tribal organization. Depending on the nature of your Applicant and its Project, you may also need to select some Certifications and Assurances in Groups 03 through 24. Instead of selecting individual Groups of Certifications and Assurances, however, you may make a single selection that will encompass all twenty-four (24) Groups of Certifications and Assurances that apply to all our programs.*

*FTA, your Applicant, and you, as your Applicant's Authorized Representative, understand and agree that not every provision of these twenty-four (24) Groups of Certifications and Assurances will apply to every Applicant or every Project FTA funds, even if you make a single selection encompassing all twenty-four (24) Groups. Nor will every provision of all Certifications and Assurances within a single Group apply if that provision does not apply to your Applicant or its Project. The type of Project and Applicant will determine which Certifications and Assurances apply.*

*Your Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with the Certifications and Assurances selected on its behalf that apply to its Project, itself, any Subrecipient, or any other Third Party Participant in its Project, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing. For this reason, we strongly encourage your Applicant to take appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, obtaining sufficient documentation from each Subrecipient and each Third Party Participant to assure the validity of the applicable Certifications and Assurances selected on behalf of your Applicant.*

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*Except as FTA determines otherwise in writing, if your Applicant is a team, consortium, joint venture, or partnership, it understands and agrees that you must identify the activities each member will perform and the extent to which each will be responsible for compliance with the Certifications and Assurances that you select on its behalf, and whether the member will serve as a Recipient, Subrecipient, or Third Party Contractor.*

*It is important that your Applicant and you also understand that these Certifications and Assurances are pre-award requirements, generally imposed by Federal law or regulation, and do not include all Federal requirements that may apply to it or its Project. Our FTA Master Agreement for Federal FY 2015, MA(21), is available at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>, and contains a list of most of those requirements.*

*We expect you to submit your Applicant's FY 2015 Certifications and Assurances and its applications for funding in TEAM-Web. You must be registered in TEAM-Web to submit the FTA FY 2015 Certifications and Assurances on its behalf. The TEAM-Web "Recipients" option at the "Cert's & Assurances" tab of the "View/Modify Recipients" page contains fields for selecting among the twenty-four (24) Groups of Certifications and Assurances and a designated field for selecting all twenty-four (24) Groups of Certifications and Assurances. If FTA agrees that you cannot submit your Applicant's FY 2015 Certifications and Assurances electronically, you must submit the Signature Pages at the end of this document, as FTA directs, marked to show the Groups of Certifications and Assurances that it is submitting.*

*Be aware that these Certifications and Assurances have been prepared in light of:*

- *FTA's latest authorization legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Pub. L. 112-141, June 6, 2012,*
- *FTA's authorizing legislation in effect in FY 2012 or a previous fiscal year, except as superseded by MAP-21 cross-cutting requirements that apply,*
- *The Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014, Pub. L. 113-159, August 8, 2014, and*
- *Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015, Pub. L. 113-164, September 19, 2014 and other Appropriations Acts or Continuing Resolutions funding the Department of Transportation during Fiscal Year 2015.*

*With certain exceptions, Projects financed in FY 2015 with funds appropriated or made available for FY 2012 or a previous fiscal year must be in compliance with the requirements for that type of Project in effect during the fiscal year for which the funding was derived, except as superseded by MAP-21 cross-cutting requirements that apply.*

### **GROUP 01. REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR EACH APPLICANT.**

*Before FTA may provide funding for your Applicant's Project, in addition to any other Certifications and Assurances that you must select on your Applicant's behalf, you must*

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*also select the Certifications and Assurances in Group 01, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.*

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*Any provision of the Certifications and Assurances in Group 01 that does not apply will not be enforced.*

### **01.A. Certification and Assurance of Authority of the Applicant and Its Authorized Representative.**

You certify and affirm that both you, as your Applicant's Authorized Representative, and your Applicant's attorney, who is authorized to represent your Applicant in legal matters, who sign these Certifications, Assurances, and Agreements, may undertake the following activities on its behalf, in compliance with applicable State, local, or Indian tribal laws and regulations, and its by-laws or internal rules:

1. Execute and file its application for Federal funds,
2. Execute and file its Certifications, Assurances, Charter Service Agreement, and School Bus Agreement, as applicable, binding its compliance,
3. Execute the Grant Agreement, Cooperative agreement, Loan, Loan Guarantee, or Line of Credit, for which the Applicant is seeking FTA funding,
4. Comply with applicable Federal laws and regulations, and
5. Follow applicable Federal guidance.

### **01.B. Standard Assurances.**

On behalf of your Applicant, you assure that it understands and agrees to the following:

1. It will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations to carry out any FTA-funded Project,
2. It is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of its Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement with FTA for its Project, including the FTA Master Agreement incorporated by reference and made part of the latest amendment to that Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement,
3. It recognizes that Federal laws and regulations may be amended from time to time and those amendments may affect Project implementation,
4. It understands that Presidential executive orders and Federal guidance, including Federal policies and program guidance, may be issued concerning matters affecting it or its Project,

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### 01.F. U.S. OMB Assurances in SF-424B and SF-424D.

*The assurances in Group 01.F are consistent with the U.S. OMB assurances required in the U.S. OMB SF-424B and SF-424D, and updated as necessary to reflect changes in Federal laws and regulations.*

1. *Administrative Activities.* On behalf of your Applicant, you assure that:
  - a. For every Project described in any application it submits for Federal funding, it has adequate resources to properly plan, manage, and complete its Project, including the:
    - (1) Legal authority to apply for Federal funding,
    - (2) Institutional capability,
    - (3) Managerial capability, and
    - (4) Financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of Project cost),
  - b. As required, it will give access and the right to examine Project-related materials to entities or individuals including, but not limited to the:
    - (1) FTA,
    - (2) The Comptroller General of the United States, and
    - (3) State, through an appropriate authorized representative,
  - c. It will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or FTA guidance, and
  - d. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that results in:
    - (1) A personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain, or
    - (2) The appearance of a personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain,
2. *Project Specifics.* On behalf of your Applicant, you assure that:
  - a. Following receipt of an FTA award, it will begin and complete Project work within the time periods that apply,
  - b. For FTA-funded construction Projects:
    - (1) It will comply with FTA provisions concerning the drafting, review, and approval of construction plans and specifications,
    - (2) It will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to assure that the completed work conforms with the approved plans and specifications,
    - (3) It will include a covenant to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of its Project in its title to federally-funded real property,
    - (4) To the extent FTA requires, it will record the Federal interest in the title to FTA-funded real property or interests in real property, and
    - (5) It will not alter the site of the FTA-funded construction Project or facilities without permission or instructions from FTA by:
      - (a) Disposing of the underlying real property or other interest in the site and facilities,

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- (j) It will incorporate these assurances by reference into and make them a part of any third party contract or subagreement, or any amendments thereto, relating to any FTA-funded Project involving relocation or land acquisition, and
  - (k) It will provide in any affected document that these relocation and land acquisition provisions must supersede any conflicting provisions,
- c. It will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, specifically 42 U.S.C. 4831(b), which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in the construction or rehabilitation of residence structures,
- d. It will, to the extent applicable, comply with the protections for human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by Federal funding of:
  - (1) The National Research Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 289 *et seq.*, and
  - (2) U.S. DOT regulations, "Protection of Human Subjects," 49 CFR part 11,
- e. It will, to the extent applicable, comply with the labor standards and protections for federally-funded Projects of:
  - (1) The Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3141 – 3144, 3146, and 3147,
  - (2) Sections 1 and 2 of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, as amended, 18 U.S.C. 874, and 40 U.S.C. 3145, respectively, and
  - (3) The Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*,
- f. It will comply with any applicable environmental standards prescribed to implement Federal laws and executive orders, including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Complying with the institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 – 4335 and following Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note,
  - (2) Following the notification of violating facilities provisions of Executive Order No. 11738, 42 U.S.C. 7606 note,
  - (3) Following the protection of wetlands provisions of Executive Order No. 11990, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note,
  - (4) Following the evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains provisions of Executive Order No. 11988, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note,
  - (5) Complying with the assurance of Project consistency with the approved State management program developed pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1451 – 1465,
  - (6) Complying with the Conformity of Federal Actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans requirements under section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 – 7671q,
  - (7) Complying with the protections for underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f – 300j-6,
  - (8) Complying with the protections for endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 – 1544,

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### FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

(Signature pages alternative to providing Certifications and Assurances in TEAM-Web)

Name of Applicant: Texas Department of Transportation

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of Groups 01 – 24. \_\_\_\_\_

OR

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Groups it has selected:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Description</u>	
01.	Required Certifications and Assurances for Each Applicant.	<u>X</u>
02.	Lobbying.	<u>X</u>
03.	Procurement and Procurement Systems.	<u>X</u>
04.	Private Sector Protections.	<u>X</u>
05.	Rolling Stock Reviews and Bus Testing.	<u>X</u>
06.	Demand Responsive Service.	<u>X</u>
07.	Intelligent Transportation Systems.	<u>X</u>
08.	Interest and Financing Costs and Acquisition of Capital Assets by Lease.	<u>X</u>
09.	Transit Asset Management Plan and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.	<u>X</u>
10.	Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing.	<u>X</u>
11.	Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants Program (New Starts, Small Starts, and Core Capacity) and Capital Investment Program in Effect before MAP-21 Became Effective.	<u>X</u>
12.	State of Good Repair Program.	<u>X</u>
13.	Fixed Guideway Modernization Grant Program.	<u>X</u>
14.	Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants Program and Bus and Bus-Related Equipment and Facilities Grant Program (Discretionary).	<u>X</u>
15.	Urbanized Area Formula Grants Programs/ Passenger Ferry Grants Program/Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Formula Grant Program.	<u>X</u>
16.	Seniors/Elderly/Individuals with Disabilities Programs/New Freedom Program.	<u>X</u>
17.	Rural/Other Than Urbanized Areas/Appalachian Development/Over-the-Road Bus Accessibility Programs.	<u>X</u>
18.	Tribal Transit Programs (Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Programs).	_____
19.	Low or No Emission/Clean Fuels Grant Programs.	<u>X</u>
20.	Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program.	_____
21.	State Safety Oversight Grant Program.	_____
22.	Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program.	<u>X</u>
23.	Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program.	<u>X</u>
24.	Infrastructure Finance Programs.	<u>X</u>

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### FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015 FTA CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE (Required of all Applicants for FTA funding and all FTA Grantees with an active Capital or Formula Project)

#### AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of the Applicant: Texas Department of Transportation

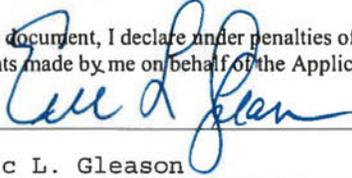
Name and Relationship of the Authorized Representative: Eric L. Gleason, Dir Public Trans Div

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that it has duly authorized me to make these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. Thus, it agrees to comply with all Federal statutes and regulations, and follow applicable Federal guidance, and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application its Authorized Representative makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Federal Fiscal Year 2015, irrespective of whether the individual that acted on his or her Applicant's behalf continues to represent it.

FTA intends that the Certifications and Assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document should apply to each Project for which it seeks now, or may later seek FTA funding during Federal Fiscal Year 2015.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the Certifications and Assurances it has selected in the statements submitted with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a Federal public transportation program authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing Certifications and Assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and accurate.

Signature 

Date: 11/20/2014

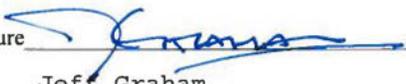
Name Eric L. Gleason  
Authorized Representative of Applicant

#### AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): Texas Department of Transportation

As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority under State, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the Certifications and Assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on it.

I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these Certifications and Assurances, or of the performance of its FTA Project or Projects.

Signature 

Date: 11/20/14

Name Jeff Graham  
Attorney for Applicant

Each Applicant for FTA funding and each FTA Grantee with an active Capital or Formula Project must provide an Affirmation of Applicant's Attorney pertaining to the Applicant's legal capacity. The Applicant may enter its signature in lieu of the Attorney's signature, provided the Applicant has on file this Affirmation, signed by the attorney and dated this Federal fiscal year.