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## **REGION 10 BULLETIN NO: 09-07**

Subject: Proposed Policy Statement for Eligible New Freedom Projects

Program Area: Notice

Date: January 27, 2009

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is proposing to expand the type of projects it considers to be “beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)” and thus increase the types of projects eligible for funding under the New Freedom program. Under the proposed interpretation, new and expanded fixed route and demand responsive transit service designed to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities would be eligible projects.

**FTA must receive all comments by February 23, 2009.** FTA will consider late-filed comments to the extent practicable. To ensure your comments are not entered more than once into the Docket, please identify your submissions with the following Docket No. FTA-2009-0003. Please make your submissions by only one of the following means:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

U.S. Post or Express Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590.

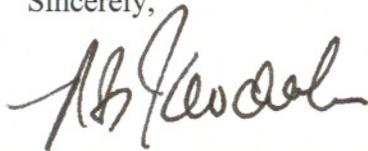
Hand Delivery: The West Building of the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

You must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and the Docket number (FTA-2009-0003) at the beginning of your comment. You should include two copies of your comment if you submit it by mail. If you wish to receive confirmation that FTA received your comment, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that FTA will post all comments that it receives, including any personal information provided therein, without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Due to security procedures in effect since October 2001 regarding mail deliveries, mail received through the U.S. Postal Service may be subject to delays. Anyone submitting a comment responsive to this notice should consider using an express mail firm to ensure the prompt filing of any submissions not filed electronically or by hand.

The full notice can be found at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-1412.pdf>. Additional information on the New Freedom program may be found at: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3549.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3549.html).

For further information, contact Region 10's John Witmer at (206) 220-7964 or email [john.witmer@dot.gov](mailto:john.witmer@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.F. Krochalis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

R.F. Krochalis  
Regional Administrator