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RE: Relief for Remaining Federal Obligation on Skyway Vehicles

Dear Mr. Ford

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) received your letter dated March 13, 2019 requesting relief on the remaining Federal Obligation on ten Skyway vehicles, as the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) prepares to convert the Skyway to the Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C). Following subsequent discussions with JTA, it was determined that six of the Skyway vehicles currently in service will be meeting their useful life over the next few years based on current timeline estimates to convert the Skyway to U2C. This reduced JTA's request to four vehicles that were taken out of service before meeting their minimum useful life in 2009 (cars 105 & 107), 2010 (car 104) and 2013 (car 106). The remaining federal interest in these four vehicles is \$1,587,412.65. The FTA does not approve JTA's request to relieve the remaining FTA interest. However, JTA may disposition these vehicles using a like-kind exchange policy for other types of vehicles, which may include buses.

Per FTA Circular 5010.1E, when project property is disposed of before the end of its minimum useful life, the grantee may fulfill its obligations to remit the Federal interest by investing an amount equal to the remaining Federal interest in like-kind property eligible for assistance. The JTA may satisfy the remaining federal interest in these vehicles by investing an amount equaling \$1,587,412.65 in a new grant award reducing the gross project cost in the purchase of vehicles.

Please contact Patrick Winders of my staff, if you have any questions or comments at patrick.winders@dot.gov or (404) 865-5622.

Sincerely,

Yvette G. Taylor, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator