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On October 24, 2014, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a notice of availability of the updated program guidance, Circular 9040.1G, for its Section 5311 – Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program.

Circular 9040.1G incorporates changes in the law subsequent to passage of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21, Pub. L. 112–141). The Section 5311 Program, as amended by MAP-21, provides for expanded eligible activities and set-asides that support rural transit programs including the Rural Transit Assistance Program and the Tribal Transit Program. It also permits activities authorized under the repealed Job Access and Reverse Commute Program to qualify as Section 5311 eligible activities.

Additionally, since MAP-21 changed the program’s name from the Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Area Program to the Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, the term “rural” replaces “non-urbanized area” or “other than urbanized area” throughout the circular.

Circular 9040.1G becomes effective on November 24, 2014 and will supersede FTA Circular 9040.1F.

The full Federal Register Notice may be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-24/pdf/2014-25309.pdf>. Circular 9040.1G may be found at http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/FTA_Circular_9040_1G_with_index_-_Final.pdf.

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