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Darrell,

A recurring comment about our ORV DEIS from several of the major conservation groups is that NPS should conduct an alternative transportation study to determine if something other than individual ORV use could be an effective means of transportation to resource sensitive areas such as Cape Point or South Point Ocracoke. Although we have not yet organized our thoughts and discussed what changes, if any, we may include in the FEIS, I anticipate that we will at least identify an "alternative transportation study" in the FEIS as additional plans or studies that should be conducted. The announcement below seems like a fortuitous opportunity to submit a funding request now for such a study.

Please assign someone to develop the request. Given a little time to look through some of the public comments, I can find some descriptions of what has been suggested which may be a good starting point for describing the project. I don't have an opinion about whether we should submit one request for one study that covers several sites, or several requests for studies that cover one site each. Either way, we have several key sites that should be addressed. I would say that such a study or studies are a relative priority, since alternative transportation (such as a regulated beach shuttle) may be a very useful way to provide managed access to some of the resource sensitive areas that may otherwise have reduced access during portions of the breeding season if the only option were to continue to rely on individual ORV use..

Thanks,

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Memorandum

To: All Superintendents, Southeast Region

From: Acting Deputy Regional Director, Park Operations, Southeast Region

Subject: Project Solicitation for Fiscal Year 2010 Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in
Parks Program – Call for Proposals

Reply Due By: June 28, 2010 COB

Negative Reply is Not Required

On August 10, 2005, the President signed the Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU- Public Law 109-59). Section 3021 of SAFETEA-LU, as amended, established the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks (TRIP) Program, authorizing \$24.5 million in FY 2010. Qualified alternative transportation project proposals from Federal land management agencies including the National Park Service (NPS), are now being solicited for consideration of FY 2010 funding. The TRIP program is administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in partnership with the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

In compliance with FTA processes, the call for TRIP projects was announced (attached) in the Federal Register on May 13, 2010, with information about the program, eligible applicants, eligible projects, project evaluation criteria, and legal requirements. Detailed information and project application materials can be found at the following website: <http://www.fta.dot.gov>.

Project proposals must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV web site and applicants must be properly registered. The required electronic project proposal template as well as guidance on completing a proposal template can be found on GRANTS.GOV and on the program web site at http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_6106.html.

There are a couple of requirements for all NPS project proposals that is not specifically mentioned in the Federal Register announcement. All NPS projects must be entered into the NPS Project Management Information System. Also, since all applications must be submitted through GRANTS.GOV, all applicants must have or obtain a Data Universal Number System - "DUNS" number. If your park does not have a DUNS number please take the necessary steps immediately to acquire one. It could take up to 30 days to acquire a DUNS number if you do not have one. The Web site to obtain a DUNS number is located at: <http://smallbusiness.dnb.com/establish/12137020-1.html>

With the anticipation that the NPS may be afforded the opportunity to prioritize projects, please submit a copy of all project application forms to Kent Cochran, Regional Transportation Program Manager. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kent Cochran, at (404) 507-5725 or Lee Edwards at (404) 507-5717.



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