

by an independent auditor in a previous reporting year; and

- That a 100% count of passenger mile data was conducted or that the sampling method used to collect passenger mile data for each mode/type of service meets the FTA requirements.

(b) Auditor Statement on Section 15 Financial Data Reporting Forms and Section 9 Data.

Reporting agencies must submit with their Section 15 report a statement signed by an independent public accountant or other responsible independent entity such as a state audit agency. This statement must express an opinion on whether the financial data reporting forms in the Section 15 report present fairly, in all material respects, the information required to be set forth therein in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts and Records. The statement shall also indicate whether any of the reporting forms or data elements do not conform to the section 15 requirements, and describe the discrepancies. The statement must consider both required and optional data entries.

Each agency is required to file an Auditor Statement unless it received a written waiver from the FTA. The criteria in either Condition I or Condition II for granting a financial data waiver are:

*Condition I.* The reporting agency (1) has adopted the Industry Uniform System of Accounts and Records (USOA) and (2) has previously submitted a Section 15 report that was compiled using the USOA and was reviewed by an independent auditor; or

*Condition II.* The reporting agency (1) uses an internal accounting system other than the accounting system prescribed by the USOA, (2) uses the accrual basis of accounting, (3) directly translates the system and accounting categories, using a clear audit trail, to the accounting treatment and categories specified by the USOA, and (4) has previously submitted a Section 15 report that was compiled using the same internal accounting system and translation to the USOA and was reviewed by an independent auditor.

For agencies that have received a waiver, the CEO annual Certification must verify that the financial data meet one of the above two conditions.

Additionally, all reporting agencies that are in or serve urbanized areas with populations of 200,000 or more and whose report covers 100 or more vehicles in annual maximum service across all modes and types of service must have an independent auditor review all section 15 data used in the section 9 formula allocation. The statement should discuss, by mode and type of service: directional route miles, vehicle revenue miles, passenger miles, and operating cost, and include both directly operated and purchased service. The independent, certified public ac-

countant shall perform the verification in accordance with the “Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements” issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The specific procedures to be reviewed are described in the most recent Section 15 Reporting Manual.

## PART 633—PROJECT MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT

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### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 633.1 Purpose.

This part implements section 324 of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100–17), which added section 23 to the FT Act. The part provides for a two-part program for major capital projects receiving assistance from the agency. First, subpart B discusses project management oversight, designed primarily to aid FTA in its role of ensuring successful implementation of federally-funded projects. Second, subpart C discusses the project management plan (PMP) required of all major capital projects. The PMP is designed to enhance the recipient’s planning and implementation efforts and to assist FTA’s grant application analysis efforts.