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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER  
NEPA DETERMINATION**



(20402)

RECIPIENT: South Bend Public Transportation Corporation

STATE: IN

**PROJECT TITLE :** TRANSPO Bus Operations Center and Maintenance Center, South Bend

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
	DE-EE0001972	GFO-0001972-001	

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

**CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:**

Description:

**A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination** Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

**B5.22 Alternative fuel vehicle fueling stations** The installation, modification, operation, and removal of alternative fuel vehicle fueling stations (such as for compressed natural gas, hydrogen, ethanol and other commercially available biofuels) on the site of a current or former fueling station, or within a previously disturbed or developed area within the boundaries of a facility managed by the owners of a vehicle fleet. Covered actions would be in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.

**Rational for determination:**

The South Bend Public Transportation Corporation (TRANSPO) would utilize DOE and cost share funds for contractual/vendor costs associated with the construction of a public-private fast-fill Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station on the site of TRANSPO's existing Administration, Maintenance, and Operations (AMO) building, in partnership with the City of South Bend. The facility would fuel the City's municipal waste truck fleet and TRANSPO's bus fleet. The fueling station would also include public access. The remainder of project funds would be allocated to personnel for the management and oversight of the project.

TRANSPO's AMO building is located at 1401 S. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN on a former brownfields site, developed in 2009. The site was cleaned of contamination to meet environmental standards for new development. There is no additional previous contamination at the site that was unaccounted for in the initial construction/remediation of the site. The facility is used to house the TRANSPO bus fleet and to fuel and perform maintenance on the bus fleet. The new fueling station would be located at an existing diesel fueling station. No significant building modifications would be needed and no underground tanks would be installed or removed from the site. An existing pipeline provides natural gas to the site. The site is fully developed and permitted for vehicle fueling and light industrial/commercial usage. The site is not located on or near a wetland or within a floodplain.

The proposed CNG fueling station would be able to provide CNG fuel for the TRANSPO bus fleet at 250 gallons per hour. The facility would have two components, a private fleet fuel facility for TRANSPO's fleet and the City of South Bend's fleet, with a twin hose fast fill dispenser. The public access facility will include a credit card reader and one twin-hose fast fill dispenser. The project includes the installations of twin compressor skids and three high pressure storage vessels necessary to compress and store the natural gas for the facility. The proposed CNG fueling station would meet all best practices for environmental and public safety measures for CNG fueling stations.

Based on review of the project information, DOE has determined that the proposed project activities would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed project is consistent with actions contained in DOE categorical exclusions A9 "Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination," and B5.22 "Alternate fuel vehicle fueling stations," and is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award



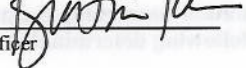
Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

Casey Strickland 3/25/13

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  Date: 3/25/2013  
NEPA Compliance Officer

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

Field Office Manager review required

**NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:**

- Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

**BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :**

Field Office Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Field Office Manager