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**Dealer Notice**

**NHTSA Recall # 07V-155**

**TCI Recall # 07V-155**

November 12, 2009

Attention Dealer TCI Dealer:

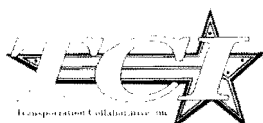
This notice is sent in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. No. 577.13, *Notification to dealers and distributors*.

Transportation Collaborative Inc. on Behalf of US Bus Corporation has decided to conduct this recall a noncompliance exist , which relates to motor vehicle safety, on all 2000-2006 Sturidbus HD School buses manufactured Freedman Family seats.

The non- compliance involves Federal Safety Standard No. 222 "*School Bus Seating and Crash Protection*" and Federal Safety Standard No. 210 "*Seat belt Assembly and Anchorage*". Specifically, this noncompliance was caused by the failure of the seat to remain attached securely to the wall and floor as required in the standard.

The concern with this issue is that, in the event of a crash a passenger seat could become dislodged from the wall or floor or both, resulting in personal injury or even fatality.

The remedy for this recall will require the addition of seat leg reinforcement plates and the installation of a seat mount bracket at the base rail and to replace the seat cover and foam pack in order to gain the proper spacing to comply with the standard. Part of the remedy will include seat spacing requirements, which will consist of a minimum spacing of 8 7/8-inch and a maximum and a maximum of 12-inch. The seat belts will be required to be relocated from from the seat-mounting stud to the seat base frame. The seat covers and cushions will need to be removed in order to access the seat bolts. Once the seat bolts are exposed, they will need to be removed in order to install the 11guage reinforcement seat mount bracket using self-drilling stainless steel screws and the seat bolt plates. Customer and dealers will be asked to remove the existing bolts and drill two new holes matching the seat bolt pattern through the seat mount plates provided and install two additional zinc plated bolts. The original hardware will be utilized to complete the repair.



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Upon receipt of the customer response card provided with each notice, we will immediately ship replacement pads and covers to you or directly to the customer. In the event that the repair has been preformed, TCI will reimburse the customer or the repair facility. Transportation Collaborative Inc. reimburses customers and dealers with in 30 days of the remedy being preformed.

In order to ensure that all vehicles that are subject to the recall are corrected, we will perform the following actions:

- Transportation Collaborative Inc. will notify the appropriate customers and advise them to inspect their vehicle(s) for the noncompliance.
- TCI will further request a reply from those customers indicating whether their vehicle is affected or not.

Transportation Collaborative Inc. has, in the interest of public safety and good will to the community, decided to conduct this recall on behalf of US Bus Corporation, the original manufacturer of your vehicle. All questions regarding this recall must be directed to Transportation Collaborative Inc., as noted in the body of this Recall Notice.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the information, which describes details of the recall condition and the recall correction.

Also enclosed with this letter are copies of the information that will be sent to each customer. Should you have any vehicles in your stock that require the recall service work, please make certain that these vehicles are corrected. As per Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 577.13 which states that is a, *violation of Federal Law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used ( including tire ) covered by the notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied.*

If you have any questions about this recall please call Transportation Collaborative Inc. Customer Service at 1-845-988-0419.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Vazquez", is written over a large, stylized signature graphic that resembles the TCI logo.

Jose Vazquez

Transportation Collaborative Inc.

