

focus further review of marine safety measures for the Puget Sound area.

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## National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

### Research and Development Programs Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

**DATES AND TIMES:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on March 11, 1997, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 4:15 p.m. on February 21, 1997. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by February 27, 1997, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the February 27 date will be answered at the meeting in the discussion period. The individual, group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by February 27 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Suites, Detroit Metro Airport, 8600 Wickham Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Suggestions for specific R&D topics as described below and questions for the March 11, 1997, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is 202-366-5930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NHTSA intends to provide detailed

presentations about its research and development programs in a series of public meetings. The series started in April 1993. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information regarding the agency's research and development programs. This sixteenth meeting in the series will be held on March 11, 1997.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on the specific agenda topics to be presented. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by close of business at 4:15 p.m. on February 21, 1997. Before the meeting, it will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the information numbers listed elsewhere in this notice. NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to six, in priority order, so that the presentations at the March 11 R&D meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific R&D topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other R&D topics of specific interest to their organizations.

Specific R&D topics are:

On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects, and Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN).

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are:

Status of air bag aggressiveness and advanced air bag research, Demonstration of CD ROM for child restraint/vehicle compatibility, Preparation of new dummies for assessment of advanced air bag technology, Status of research on restraint systems for rollover protection, Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing),

Advanced glazing research, Vehicle aggressivity and fleet compatibility, Upgrade side crash protection, Upgrade seat and occupant restraint systems, Child safety research (ISOFIX), Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing, Truck crashworthiness/occupant protection, National Transportation Biomechanics Research Center (NTBRC), Head and neck injury research, Lower extremity injury research, Thorax injury research, Human injury simulation and analysis, Refinements to the Hybrid III dummy, and Advanced frontal test dummy.

Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are:

Strategic plan for NHTSA's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) crash avoidance research, Status and plans for anti-lock brake system (ABS) research, Truck tire traction, Portable data acquisition system for crash avoidance research (DASCAR), Systems to enhance EMS response (automatic collision notification), Crash causal analysis, Human factors guidelines for crash avoidance warning devices, Longer combination vehicle safety, Drowsy driver monitoring, Driver workload assessment, Pedestrian detection devices for school bus safety, Preliminary rearend collision avoidance system guidelines, Preliminary road departure collision avoidance system guidelines, Preliminary intersection collision avoidance system guidelines, and Preliminary lane change/merge collision avoidance system guidelines.

National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) topic is:

Special crash investigation studies of air bag cases.

Separately, questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than close of business on February 27, 1997, will be answered. A transcript of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and copies of the suggestions offered by commenters will be available for public inspection in the NHTSA's Technical Reference Division, Room 5108, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Copies of the transcript will then be available at 10 cents a page, upon request to NHTSA's Technical Reference Division. The Technical Reference Division is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to participants as necessary, during the Research and Development Programs Meeting. Thus, any person desiring the assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers, taped texts, braille materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Rita Gibbons on 202-366-4862 by close of business March 5, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4862. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

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