

ITS Integration Program, elements to be considered include: traffic management, transit management, incident management, emergency management services, and regional multi-modal traveler information services. For applications under section 5209 of the TEA-21, the Commercial Vehicle ITS Deployment Program, elements to be considered include: improvements of the safety and productivity of commercial vehicles and drivers, the reduction of costs associated with commercial vehicle operations, and Federal and State commercial vehicle regulatory requirements.

3. TEA-21 Criteria. The application must address how it meets each of the pertinent TEA-21 criteria listed above in section IV, *Criteria for Participation in the ITS Deployment Program*.

4. Financial Summary. The Financial Summary must demonstrate that sufficient funding, including the required matching funds, is available to successfully complete all aspects of the proposed deployment or integration as described in the Technical Plan. The Financial Summary must provide the financial information described under section VIII, *Instructions to Applicants*.

Those preliminary applications that demonstrate an ability to meet the criteria will be considered as potential candidates for funding in FY 2003. The number of applicants funded, if any, will depend on the availability of funding in FY 2003. A more detailed technical proposal and financial plan will be requested prior to approval and receipt of funds.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315, secs. 5001(a)(6) and (c)(4), 5208, and 5209, Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, at 419-421 and 458-461 (1998); and 49 CFR 1.48.

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FHWA Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket NHTSA-99-5087]

Safety Performance Standards Program Meeting

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (DOT)

ACTION: Notice of NHTSA rulemaking status meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will

answer questions from the public and the automobile industry regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program.

DATES: The Agency's regular public meeting relating to its vehicle regulatory program will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2002, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at approximately 12 p.m. at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, 9191 Wickham, Romulus, Michigan. Questions relating to the vehicle regulatory program must be submitted in writing with a diskette (Microsoft Word) by Wednesday, February 20, 2002, to the address shown below or by e-mail. If sufficient time is available, questions received after February 20, may be answered at the meeting. The individual, group or company submitting a question(s) does not have to be present for the question(s) to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by February 20, 2002, and the issues to be discussed, will be posted on NHTSA's web site www.nhtsa.dot.gov by Monday, March 11, 2002, and also will be available at the meeting. The agency will hold a second public meeting on March 14, devoted exclusively to a presentation of research and development programs. This meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. This meeting is described more fully in a separate announcement. The next NHTSA Public Meeting will take place in the Washington, DC metropolitan area on Thursday, July 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Questions for the March 14, NHTSA Rulemaking Status Meeting, relating to the agency's vehicle regulatory program, should be submitted to Delia Lopez, NPS-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Fax Number 202-366-4329, E-mail dlopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. The meeting will be held at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, 9191 Wickham, Romulus, Michigan. The telephone number for the Gateway International Hotel is 734-728-2800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delia Lopez, (202) 366-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA holds regular public meetings to answer questions from the public and the regulated industries regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program. Questions on aspects of the agency's research and development activities that relate directly to ongoing regulatory actions should be submitted, as in the past, to the agency's Safety Performance Standards Office. Transcripts of these meetings will be available for public

inspection in the DOT Docket in Washington, DC, within four weeks after the meeting. Copies of the transcript will then be available at ten cents a page, (length has varied from 80 to 150 pages) upon request to DOT Docket, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The DOT Docket is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The transcript may also be accessed electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>, at docket NHTSA-99-5087. Questions to be answered at the public meeting should be organized by categories to help us process the questions into an agenda form more efficiently.

Sample format:

- I. RULEMAKING
 - A. Crash avoidance
 - B. Crashworthiness
 - C. Other Rulemakings
- II. CONSUMER INFORMATION
- III. MISCELLANEOUS

NHTSA will provide auxiliary aids to participants as necessary. Any person desiring assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g., sign-language interpreter, telecommunications devices for deaf persons (TDDs), readers, taped texts, brailled materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Delia Lopez on (202) 366-1810, by COB Monday, March 11, 2002.

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Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34162]

Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Co., Inc.—Change in Operators Exemption—Lackawanna County Railroad Authority

Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Co., Inc. (D-L), a Class III rail carrier,¹ has

¹ According to D-L, it presently operates a 58-mile line of railroad between Fell Township and Mount Pocono, PA; a 17-mile line of railroad between Mount Pocono and Analomink, PA; the Diamond Branch of the former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad (DL&W) extending 0.85 miles from MP 144.75 to MP 145.6 in Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA; the Laurel Line of the former DL&W extending 4.11 miles from LC 6253 MP 0.7 to MP 4.81 at Montage Road in the Borough of Moosic, Lackawanna County, PA; and 10 miles of rail line between MP 2.0, approximately old MP 74.4 (Slate) and MP 12.2, approximately old MP 84.6 (Gravel) in Monroe and Northampton Counties, PA.