DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2008–0032]

Insurance Cost Information Regulation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces publication by NHTSA of the 2008 text and data for the annual insurance cost information booklet that all car dealers must make available to prospective purchasers, pursuant to 49 CFR 582.4. This information is intended to assist prospective purchasers in comparing differences in passenger vehicle collision loss experience that could affect auto insurance costs.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may obtain a copy of this booklet or read background documents by going to http://regulations.dot.gov at any time or to Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 201(e) of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act, 15 U.S.C. 1941(e), on March 5, 1993, 58 FR 12545, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) amended 49 CFR Part 582, Insurance Cost Information Regulation, to require all dealers of automobiles to distribute to prospective customers information that compares differences in insurance costs of different makes and models of passenger cars based on differences in damage susceptibility.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 582.4, all automobile dealers are required to make available to prospective purchasers booklets that include this comparative information as well as certain mandatory explanatory text that is set out in section 582.5. Early each year, NHTSA produces a new version of this booklet to update the Highway Loss Data Institute’s (HLDI) December Insurance Collision Report.

NHTSA is mailing a copy of the 2008 booklet to each dealer that the Department of Energy uses to distribute the “Gas Mileage Guide.” Dealers will have the responsibility of reproducing a sufficient number of copies of the booklet to assure that they are available for retention by prospective purchasers by March 3, 2010. Dealers who do not receive a copy of the booklet within 15 days of the date of this notice should contact Ms. Ballard of NHTSA’s Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy, and Consumer Programs (202) 366–0846 to receive a copy of the booklet and to be added to the mailing list. Dealers may also obtain a copy of the booklet through the NHTSA Web page at: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/. From there, click on the Laws/Regulations tab on the far right side at the top of the page. On the Laws/Regulations page, the Comparison of Insurance Costs is located under the heading Articles & Information.

(49 U.S.C. 32302; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50(l).)

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Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

[Docket No. FHWA–2009–0123]

Listening Session Regarding Notice of Funding Availability for Applications for Credit Assistance Under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program; Clarification of TIFIA Selection Criteria; and Request for Comments on Potential Implementation of Pilot Program To Accept Upfront Payments for the Entire Subsidy Cost of TIFIA Credit Assistance and TIFIA Reauthorization

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Maritime Administration (MARAD), Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of listening session.

SUMMARY: The DOT’s TIFIA Joint Program Office (JPO) announces a listening session for the public to discuss the topics identified in the notice of funding availability (NOFA) published in the Federal Register at 74 FR 63497, that had an original deadline of December 31, 2009, and was later extended to March 1, 2010 (75 FR 506). This listening session will facilitate stakeholder feedback in a timely manner, consistent with the extension of the comment period and the March 1, 2010, deadline for comments to the docket.

DATES: The DOT will conduct a listening session on Friday, February 12, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. e.t.

ADDRESSES: The listening session will be held in the West Atrium of the U.S. Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Due to security procedures and space limitations, participants will need to register online in advance using the following URL: http://www.housmanandassociates.com/usdot/ to gain admittance to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding this notice please contact Oscar Bedolla via e-mail at TIFIACredit@dot.gov or via telephone at (202) 366–0368. A TDD is available at (202) 366–7687.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA–21), Public Law 105–178, 112 Stat.107, 241, [as amended by sections 1601–02 of Pub. L. 109–59] established the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998, authorizing the DOT to provide credit assistance in the form of secured (direct) loans, lines of credit, and loan guarantees to public and private applicants for eligible surface transportation projects. The TIFIA JPO, a component of the FHWA Office of Innovative Program Delivery, has responsibility for coordinating program implementation.

In 2005, Congress enacted the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU) (Pub. L. 109–59, 119 Stat. 1144), which made a number of amendments to TIFIA including lowering the thresholds and expanding eligibility for TIFIA credit assistance. Discussions regarding the pending reauthorization of the TIFIA program are anticipated in the coming months, and we are looking to stakeholders to provide feedback on potential program improvements for consideration during reauthorization discussions.