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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FMCSA was established as a separate administration within the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) on January 1, 2000, pursuant to the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-159), with the safety mandate to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs).

FMCSA hosted a listening session to solicit input for the development of its new draft Plan. Participants were asked to provide input on key challenges facing the motor carrier industry, issues facing stakeholders, and concerns that should be considered by the Agency in developing its next 5-year Strategic Plan. The meeting was held on September 8, 2010 (75 FR 53015, August 30, 2010).

The new draft strategic plan, *The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 2011-2016 Strategic Plan: Raising the Safety Bar*, is the Agency's second since its inception. The plan establishes a new strategic framework for how FMCSA will continue to carry out its mission, top priority, and mandate—Safety—and places a greater emphasis on the overall CMV transportation life-cycle.

The CMV transportation life-cycle concept encompasses the whole CMV transportation system, including all the entities that control or influence the operation of CMVs, and focuses on the specific responsibilities of each party involved in the transport and logistics supply chain in improving CMV safety factors. This is a holistic view of safety that includes factors such as CMV and passenger-vehicle driver behavior, compliance systems, quality of roads, and vehicle technologies. This life-cycle approach will directly address CMV transportation challenges affecting drivers, vehicles, infrastructure, and the management of operations. Individuals, organizations, agencies, and other entities that are part of the CMV transportation life-cycle need to be aware of their impact on CMV safety and take responsibility for that impact.

The Agency's goals and strategies developed under its new five-year Plan are grouped into four strategic focus areas:

CMV Safety 1st Culture: Deliver comprehensive safety programs and promote operating standards focused on fostering safety as the highest priority within the CMV transportation life-

cycle. Recognize that, while safety is FMCSA's highest priority, the Agency must also foster other important societal goals within the CMV transportation industry, including security, hazmat safety, consumer protection, and other DOT objectives.

Exponential Safety Power (Safety^X Power): Establish new partnerships and develop policies and programs promoting opportunities to collaborate with all stakeholders on CMV safety interventions. Build a coordinated network of safety partners and stakeholders to advance a common safety agenda.

Using Comprehensive Data & Leveraging Technology: Improve standards and systems to identify, collect, evaluate, and disseminate real-time performance data to all employees, customers, partners and stakeholders. Leverage research and emerging technologies to positively impact CMV transportation safety.

One FMCSA: Improve the strategic management of programs and human capital within FMCSA to build and sustain a diverse workforce and to develop innovative solutions to the CMV transportation challenges of today and tomorrow.

Request for Comments

FMCSA requests comments on its draft strategic plan, *The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 2011-2016 Strategic Plan: Raising the Safety Bar*, which has been placed in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice and is also available on the Agency's Web site at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations>; click on "Notices." The Agency will consider all comments received by close of business on July 29, 2011. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the "ADDRESSES" section of this notice. The Agency will consider to the extent practicable comments received in the public docket after the closing date of the comment period.

FMCSA IdeaScale Community

In addition to the **Federal Register** notice for public comment, FMCSA has set up an IdeaScale Community on its main Web site at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov>. IdeaScale is a Department of Transportation initiative providing an interactive, on-line, transparent space for people to engage in conversation about draft proposals and vote if they agree or disagree, which also allows FMCSA to ask clarifying questions to make sure the best comments/ideas are considered.

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Anne S. Ferro,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-26367]

Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Series of Public Subcommittee Meetings

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that the Agency's Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) will hold subcommittee meetings on Monday and Tuesday, July 11 and 12, 2011, and Monday and Tuesday, August 1 and 2, 2011. The meetings will be open to the public for their duration. The subcommittee will discuss how electronic on-board recorder (EOBR) manufacturers could comply with the Agency's communications standards for the transmittal of data files from EOBRs to enforcement officials and related technical issues. This meeting is not a forum for a discussion of broader non-technical EOBR issues. The subcommittee's objective is to prepare a letter report and recommendations on the same for consideration by the full MCSAC, which, in turn, will provide recommendations to the Agency.

TIME AND DATES: Both meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday, July 11-12, 2011, and Monday and Tuesday, August 1 and 2, 2011, from noon on Monday to 5 p.m., Eastern Time (E.T.), and on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T. The July 11 and 12, 2011, meeting will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, in the Washington and Jefferson Rooms on the 2nd floor. The August 1 and 2, 2011, meeting will be held at a location in the Washington, DC, area to be announced via posting on the MCSAC Web site (mcsac.fmcsa.dot.gov) in advance of the meeting.

Matters To Be Considered: The subcommittee will consider ideas and concepts that EOBR manufacturers could use to achieve compliance with the Agency's communications standards for the transmittal of data files from EOBRs to enforcement officials. The subcommittee will be comprised of several MCSAC members and certain

subject matter experts invited to provide technical assistance to the full MCSAC on ideas and concepts that EOBR manufacturers could use to achieve compliance with the Agency's communications standards for the transmittal of data files from EOBRs to enforcement officials and related technical issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shannon L. Watson, Senior Adviser to the Associate Administrator for Policy, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 385-2395, mcsac@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

MCSAC

Section 4144 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-59, 119 Stat. 1144, August 10, 2005) required the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee. The committee provides advice and recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator on motor carrier safety programs and regulations, and operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App 2). *EOBRs*

On April 5, 2010 (75 FR 17208), FMCSA published a final rule that revised the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to incorporate new performance standards for EOBRs used to capture electronically drivers' duty status or hours of service (HOS). These devices will take the place of automatic on-board recording devices (AOBRDs), the subject of a 1988 rule that established the technical requirements under 49 CFR 395.15.

MCSAC Subcommittee (EOBR Technical Issues)

FMCSA has approved a subcommittee dedicated to EOBR technical issues. Specifically, FMCSA believes it would be helpful to have a MCSAC subcommittee work with subject matter experts to identify ideas and concepts that EOBR manufacturers could use to achieve compliance with communications portion of the April 2010 final rule. In the time since the final rule was published, stakeholders in the CMV safety enforcement and EOBR supplier communities have expressed concern that certain provisions of the technical specifications are not clear and that additional information or guidance may be needed so that manufacturers can

deliver fully compliant devices to their motor carrier clients. The chairman of the MCSAC subcommittee is a member of the full MCSAC and has been duly appointed. As authorized by the MCSAC Charter and in order to bring a full range of expertise to the subcommittee, the subcommittee membership consists of both MCSAC members and non-MCSAC members. The subcommittee does not have independent authority and will submit all reports and recommendations to the full MCSAC, which, in turn, will provide recommendations to the Agency.

II. Meeting Participation

The meeting will be open to the public for its duration. Public comments may be heard at 4:30 p.m. on each meeting day.

You may submit written comments identified by Docket ID Number FMCSA-2006-26367 by July 12, 2011, for the July 11 meeting and by August 1, 2011, for the August 1 meeting using any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. E.T, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

Fax: 202-493-2251.

Do not submit the same comment by more than one method. To allow effective public participation before the comment period deadline, FMCSA encourages use of the Web site listed above (Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>).

III. Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For assistance with services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, please send your request to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice, or e-mail your request to shannon.watson@dot.gov by Thursday, June 30 for the July 11 meeting or Thursday, July 28 for the August 1 meeting.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2011 0084]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel LEI LANI.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2011-0084 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084, April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 29, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2011-0084. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version