

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared to address operational and safety issues on three sections of Trunk Highway (TH) 60.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Philip Forst, Environmental Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, 380 Jackson Street, Suite 500, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101, Telephone (651) 291-6110; or Peter Harff, Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation (District 7), 2151 Bassett Drive, Mankato, Minnesota 56001-6888, Telephone: (507) 304-6165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Minnesota Department of Transportation completed a Final Environmental Impact Statement for TH 60 from Worthington to St. James in 1983 (FHWA-MN-EIS-82-02-F). A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by the Federal Highway Administration in 1984. The preferred alternative outlined in the 1983 EIS and 1984 ROD consisted of constructing a four-lane facility on a mix of new and existing alignment for a distance of approximately 52 miles. Portions of the project have been constructed, however, there are three segments of the 1983 EIS preferred alternative that have not been constructed as a four-lane facility: (1) Just west of the City of St. James to the eastern edge of the City of Butterfield, (2) western edge of the City of Butterfield to just east of the city of Mountain Lake, and (3) just west of the City of Mountain Lake to the northeast edge of the City of Windom. These three segments are approximately 5.3 miles, 4.2 miles, and 7.5 miles long, respectively.

It has been more than three years since the last major Federal action on this project. Because the original NEPA process was completed in 1984, a Supplemental EIS will be prepared to address changes in the project area, proposed changes to the preferred alternative identified in the 1983 EIS, and changes to regulations and Minnesota Statutes since the ROD was issued in 1984.

The Supplemental EIS will evaluate the social, economic, transportation and environmental impacts of alternatives, including (1) No-build, and (2) constructing a four-lane expressway.

The draft Supplemental EIS is anticipated to be published in late 2011. A press release will be published to inform the public of the document's availability. Copies of the draft Supplemental EIS will be posted on a MnDOT web site as well as distributed to agencies, interested persons and libraries for review to aid in identifying issues and analyses to be contained in the EIS. A thirty-day comment period for review of the document will be provided to afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the proposed action. A public hearing will also be held during the comment period. Public notice will be given for the time and place of the hearing.

A final Supplemental EIS will be prepared based on the outcome of public and agency responses to the draft Supplemental EIS. The final Supplemental EIS will be available for agency and public review and comment. Coordination has been initiated and will continue with appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the proposed action.

The Federal Highway Administration is the lead Federal Agency for this NEPA effort. The United States Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service are Cooperating Agencies for this NEPA process.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning the proposed action and the Supplemental EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket Nos. FMCSA-2006-26367 and FMCSA-2011-0131]

Joint Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee and Medical Review Board Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Joint Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) and Medical Review Board (MRB) meeting.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that the Agency's MCSAC and MRB will hold a joint meeting on Monday, August 29, 2011. The MCSAC will continue to meet on Tuesday, August 30-Wednesday, August 31, with the afternoon of August 31 being used for a meeting of the Cross-Border Trucking Pilot Program subcommittee. All three days of the meeting will be open to the public for their duration.

TIME AND DATES: The MCSAC-MRB meeting will be held on Monday, August 29, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time (E.T.), and the MCSAC meeting will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30-31, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., E.T. The last hour of each day of the full committee meeting will be reserved for public comment. At 1:30 p.m., E.T., on Wednesday, August 31, the MCSAC Cross Border Trucking Pilot Program subcommittee will meet until 5 p.m., E.T., with a public comment period from 4:30-5 p.m., E.T. The 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.

Matters to be considered: The MCSAC and MRB will consider expert presentations on obstructive sleep apnea during the joint meeting on Monday. On Tuesday, the MCSAC will consider the report of its Electronic On-Board Recorder (EOBR) Implementation Subcommittee established in response to Task 11-04, with relevant expert presentations on the topic. On Wednesday, the MCSAC will return to its Task 11-02 regarding roadside violation severity weightings in the Carrier Safety Measurement System in FMCSA's Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) program. That afternoon, the MCSAC Subcommittee established in response to Task 11-03, regarding the Agency's Cross Border Trucking Pilot Program, will meet. Copies of all MCSAC Task Statements

are available at <http://mcsac.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

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.

Information on services for individuals with disabilities:

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Elizabeth Turner at 617-494-2068.

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 (FACA, 5 U.S.C. App 2).

MRB

Section 4116 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109-59) requires the Secretary of Transportation with the advice of the MRB to "establish, review, and revise medical standards for operators of Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) that will ensure that the physical condition of operators is adequate to enable them operate the vehicles safely." On November 2, 2010, the Secretary of Transportation announced the five medical experts who serve on the MRB. FMCSA is planning revisions to the physical qualification regulations of CMV drivers, and the MRB will provide the necessary science-based guidance to establish realistic and responsible medical standards. The MRB operates in accordance with FACA.

Sleep Apnea and Other Sleep Disorders

The MCSAC and the MRB will discuss ideas and concepts the Agency should consider for regulatory guidance or future rulemaking on obstructive sleep apnea.

EOBR Implementation Task

The MCSAC EOBR Implementation Subcommittee will report back to the full committee on its work on Task 11-04, to examine technical issues relating to the electronic transfer of hours-of-service information from trucks to law enforcement personnel at the roadside.

Roadside Violation Severity Weightings Task

The MCSAC will continue its deliberations on Task 11-02, concerning violation severity weightings under the Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) program.

Cross Border Trucking Pilot Program Task

The MCSAC Subcommittee will continue its work on Task 11-03 concerning the opening of the Southern Border to long-haul Mexican trucks.

II. Meeting Participation

Oral comments from the public will be heard during the last hour of each day of this meeting. Members of the public may submit written comments on this topic by Wednesday, August 24, 2011, to Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2006-26367 using any of the following methods:

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

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

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

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0142]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 17 individuals for exemption from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals to qualify as drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce without meeting the Federal vision standard.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 9, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0142 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line 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:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket numbers for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or 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. The FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an