

December 18, 2013 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., e.t.

**ADDRESSES:** The National Academies' Transportation Research Board Committee for Review of the DOT Truck Size and Weight Limits Study—Public Meeting will be held at the Keck Center of the National Academies, 500 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC, Room 101. The DOT Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study—Second Public Outreach Session will be held as a Webinar. Additional Webinar details and registration information will be sent to individuals who have registered on the Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study email list and will also be posted on FHWA's Truck Size and Weight Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141) requires DOT to conduct a Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study (MAP-21 § 32801) addressing differences in safety risks, infrastructure impacts, and the effect on levels of enforcement between trucks operating at or within Federal truck size and weight (TSW) limits and trucks legally operating in excess of Federal limits; comparing and contrasting the potential safety and infrastructure impacts of alternative configurations (including configurations that exceed current Federal TSW limits) to the current Federal TSW law and regulations; and, estimating the effects of freight diversion due to these alternative configurations.

The FHWA has requested a National Research Council (NRC) committee to be convened by TRB to provide a peer review of the Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study. This will include two separate peer reviews. The first peer review will assess the Desk Scan Reports based on their thoroughness in reviewing the existing literature, analysis of existing models and data for conducting the comprehensive study, and an overall synthesis of the preceding body of work. The second peer review will be on the extent to which the technical analysis and findings address the issues

identified by Congress in Section 32801 of MAP-21.

**Public Meetings**

On December 5, 2013 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., e.t., the Transportation Research Board Committee for Review of the DOT Truck Size and Weight Limits Study will hold a public meeting at the Keck Center of the National Academies, 500 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC, Room 101. The program will include presentations from DOT on the Desk Scans produced by the DOT MAP-21 Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study. The Transportation Research Board will post the meeting agenda at: <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/projectview.aspx?key=49568>.

On December 18, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., DOT will hold the second public outreach session to provide an update on the MAP-21 Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study progress. This session will be held as a Webinar and will include a review of draft Desk Scans, project plans, selected truck configurations, and an updated project schedule. This Webinar will be recorded. Prior to the Webinar, DOT will post documents at: <http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/sw/map21tswstudy/index.htm>. The DOT will accept comments on these materials through January 3, 2014. Additional Webinar details and registration information will be sent to individuals who have registered on the Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study email list and posted on FHWA's Truck Size and Weight Web site.

The DOT invites participation in these meetings by all those interested in the MAP-21 Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

**Sunshine Act Meeting; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors Meeting.

**TIME AND DATE:** The meeting will be held on December 5, 2013, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be open to the public via conference call. Any interested person may call 1-877-820-7831, passcode, 908048 to listen and participate in this meeting.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the Board) will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement and to that end, may consider matters properly before the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Avelino Gutierrez, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors at (505) 827-4565.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA-2011-0026]

**Notification of Application for Approval of a Railroad Safety Program Plan**

In accordance with part 236 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a letter dated October 15, 2013, the Long Island Rail Road petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for approval of a Railroad Safety Program Plan (RSPP) revision dated September 18, 2013. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2011-0026.

The petition, the RSPP, and any related documents have been placed in Docket Number FRA-2011-0026 and are available for public inspection. FRA is not accepting comments on the RSPP revision.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review and download online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written