

medium-lift launches, including the construction of a launch pad and associated facilities. As part of the Proposed Action addressed in the EA, AAC would make improvements to the KLC to add both solid and liquid-propellant, medium-lift launch capability, and to operate the KLC in the future as a small-lift and medium-lift launch complex. Proposed construction at KLC includes six primary modifications: Construction of Launch Pad 3 (LP3), a vehicle processing facility, rocket staging facility, liquid fuel facility, mission control center and improvements to Pasagshak Point Road. Proposed launch operations would include up to six orbital small-lift launches and three medium-lift launches per year from the existing launch pads and from the proposed LP3; however, to be conservative in the analysis of potential environmental impacts, the EA assumes a maximum of nine medium-lift launches per year.

The EA addresses the potential environmental impacts of implementing the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the FAA would not modify AAC's Launch Site Operator License to include medium-lift launch capability and AAC would not proceed with the construction of medium-lift launch support infrastructure at KLC. Existing launch activities for up to nine orbital small-lift class launches per year from the existing launch pads would continue.

The impact categories considered in the EA include air quality; compatible land use; Department of Transportation Act: Section 4(f); fish, wildlife, and plants; hazardous materials, pollution prevention, and solid waste; historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources; light emissions and visual impacts; natural resources and energy supply; noise; socioeconomic, environmental justice, and children's environmental health and safety risk; water quality; and wetlands. The EA also considers potential cumulative environmental impacts.

The FAA has posted the Final EA and FONSI/ROD on the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation Web site: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ast/environmental/nepa\\_docs/review/operator/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/operator/).

The FAA published a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EA in the **Federal Register** on September 15, 2014. An electronic version was also made available on the FAA Web site. In addition, the FAA printed and mailed a copy of the Draft EA to local libraries. The FAA held an open house public

meeting on October 7, 2014. The public comment period for the Draft EA ended on November 1, 2014. After taking into consideration the nature of public comments received on the Draft EA, the FAA issued a Second Draft EA and provided the public with an opportunity to review and comment on updates and clarification information that had since been added to the EA in response to public comments. The FAA published a NOA of the Second Draft EA in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2015. Interested parties were invited to submit comments on the Second Draft EA by January 11, 2016. Public comments on the Second Draft EA resulted in minor changes to the EA.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

#### Sunshine Act Meetings; 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.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on May 12, 2016, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be open to the public via conference call. Any interested person may call 1-877-422-1931, passcode 2855443940, 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

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0036]

#### Guidelines for the Safe Deployment and Operation of Automated Vehicle Safety Technologies

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Announcement of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NHTSA is announcing a second public meeting to seek input on planned guidelines for the safe deployment and operation of automated vehicles. NHTSA held its first public meeting on this topic on April 8, 2016, in Washington, DC. The intent of the operational guidelines is to encourage innovative and safe deployment of automated vehicle technologies. At this meeting, NHTSA is seeking public input on those aspects of automated vehicle (AV) systems that would benefit from operational guidelines. For example, of high importance to the Agency is information on the roadway scenarios and operational environments highly automated vehicles will need to address and the associated design and evaluation processes and methods needed to ensure that AV systems can detect and appropriately react to these scenarios such that a high level of safety is assured when these systems are deployed on US roadways.

Also of interest to the Agency is input on aspects of automated vehicle technology that may not be suitable or ready for guidelines. For these areas, information would be useful on alternative approaches to assure safety.

**DATES:** NHTSA will hold the public meeting on April 27, 2016, in Stanford, CA. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m., local time. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m.

**Location:** The meeting will be held at the CARS Facility at Stanford University, 473 Oak Rd, Stanford, CA 94305. This facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. The meeting will also be webcast live, and a link to the actual webcast will be available through <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Research/Crash+Avoidance/Automated+Vehicles>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about the public meeting, please contact us at [av\\_info\\_nhtsa@dot.gov](mailto:av_info_nhtsa@dot.gov).

Registration is necessary for all attendees. Attendees should register at