Minutes

Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

August 29 - 31, 2011

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) met June 20 – 22, 2011, in Alexandria, VA. In accordance with the provisions of

Public Law 92-463, the meeting was open to the public.

Mr. Larry Minor, the FMCSA Designated Federal Official (DFO), called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 (note: the joint meeting with the Medical Review Board scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2011, was cancelled due to Hurricane Irene). The following individuals attended the meeting:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Rob Abbott, Vice President for Safety Policy, American Trucking Associations

LaMont Byrd, Director, Health and Safety Department, International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Paul Claunch, Major, Arkansas Highway Police

Bill Dofflemyer, Captain, Maryland State Police

Thomas Jacques, Master Patrol Officer, Pittsburgh, PA, Police

Henry Jasny, General Counsel, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety

John Lannen, Executive Director, Truck Safety Coalition

Jane Mathis, Board of Directors, Parents Against Tired Truckers

Janice Mulanix, Assistant Chief of Enforcement and Planning Division, California Highway Patrol

Stephen Owings, President, Road Safe America

David Parker, Senior Legal Counsel, Great West Casualty Company

Robert Petrancosta, Vice President of Safety, Con-Way Freight

Robert “R. C.” Powell, Master Trooper, Virginia State Police

Danny Schnautz, Operations Manager, Clark Freight Lines, Inc.

Todd Spencer, Executive Vice President, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association

Calvin Studivant, Vice President, Bus Operations, United Transportation Union

**FMCSA REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING:**

Debbie Freund, Policy and Program Development

Mike Huntley, Division Chief, Vehicle and Roadside Operations

Larry Minor, Associate Administrator for Policy

Bill Quade, Associate Administrator for Enforcement

Elizabeth Varghese, Office of Information Technology

Shannon Watson, Senior Advisor to the AA for Policy

Toccaro Young, Office of Research and Information Technology

**OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING:**

Sarah Alves, ICF International

Bill Bland, Rand McNally

Alex Capelle, Continental Automotive

Tom Cuthbertson, Xata Corporation

Fred Franklin, Zonar Systems

Jerry Gabbard, Continental Automotive

Fred Gnuechter, Daimler

Mirna Gustave, Macrosystems

Bill Karnazes, Qualcomm

Brian McLaughlin, PeopleNet

O. Patton, Heavy Duty Trucking

Rick Schweitzer, National Private Truck Council

Larry Steinbecker, Eclipse Software Systems

Elizabeth Turner, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

Richard Wilson, Trans Services/Trans Products

**TASKS:**

The Committee discussed the EOBR Implementation Subcommittee draft report on Task 11-04. The EOBR Subcommittee will meet again in October. Further discussions of the subcommittee’s draft report will continue during the December 2011 MCSAC meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Chris Flanigan, Office of Analysis, Research and Technology, FMCSA presented “Wireless Roadside Inspection Pilot Tests

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Bill Bland, Rand McNally, corrected a statement he heard that “no inspections are being done on carriers with AOBRs.” Mr. Bland pointed out that hundreds are done every day and that the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) invited EOBR providers to the 2011 North American Inspector’s Championship (NAIC) to conduct a three-hour presentation regarding how to do inspections on trucks with GPS, AOBRs, etc.

Tom Cuthbertson, Xata Corporation, discussed how EOBR demonstrations exist to show their capabilities and show what they cannot do. Mr. Cuthbertson said that all of the information from and to EOBRs is updated automatically throughout the day.

Fred Franklin, Zonar Systems, pointed out that every month someone requires companies to print inspection reports and that the Agency should not leave the printing option to the discretion of implementers. He encouraged the Committee to consider USB as a viable option and mentioned that his company had developed a white paper detailing the possibilities.

Brian McLaughlin, PeopleNet, encouraged the Agency not to leave the printing feature of EOBRs to the discretion of implementers, pointing out that drivers call the company about once per month to request printouts. Mr. McLaughlin argued that the cost of putting printers in trucks would be prohibitive to motor carriers and argued that it would be more cost effective to add the printers and access to law enforcement vehicles instead.

Larry Steinbecker, Elicpse Software Systems, urged the Committee to consider Wi-Fi as a separate peer-to-peer exchange possibility from the USB option because there is less risk involved.

Fred Gnuechtel, Daimler, agreed that USB is a viable exchange option and that many of the concerns raised during the Committee meeting could be addressed by OEMs.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, August 31, 2011.

We hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

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David R. Parker

Chairman

Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee

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Larry W. Minor

Designated Federal Official

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