Minutes

Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

June 20 – 22, 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 Monday, June 20, 2011. 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 “R. C.” Powell, Master Trooper, Virginia State Police *(Monday only)*

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

Lester Sokolowski, Director of Business Development, SGS

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

Judith Stone, President/Executive Director, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety *(Monday only)*

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

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

Bill Bronrott, Deputy Administrator

Debbie Freund, Policy and Program Development

Larry Minor, Associate Administrator for Policy

Steve Parker, Enforcement and Program Delivery

Bivan Patnaik, Policy and Program Development

Alan Strasser, Attorney

Bill Varga, Attorney

Bill Quade, Associate Administrator for Enforcement

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

Peter Barber, DOT OIG

Luke Breman, DOT OIG

Alex Capelle, Continental Automotive

Charity Coleman, Macrosystems

Matt Cook, U.S. GAO

Paul Cullen, TCLF

Maura Fitzpatrick, Howard/Stein-Hudson

Jeannie Gordon, Landstar

Eric Miller, Transport Topics

Randy Mullett, Con-way Freight

Rod Nofziger, OOIDA

Liza Wallace, ICF International

Beth Thomas, FedEx Ground

Elizabeth Turner, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

All meeting attendees introduced themselves to the new MCSAC members.

Deputy Administrator Bronrott introduced himself to the new MCSAC members and welcomed them to the Committee.

**TASKS:**

The Committee finalized Task 11-01 “Patterns of Safety Violations by Motor Carrier Management” and voted unanimously to submit the report to the Administrator.

The Committee discussed Task 11-02 “Roadside Violation Severity Weightings in the Carrier Safety Measurement System. ” Discussions will continue at the August meeting.

The Committee created subcommittees for two outstanding tasks:

* Task 11-04 “Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBR) communications protocols, security, interfaces, and display of hours-of-service data during driver/vehicle inspections and safety investigations.” Subcommittee members will be R. C. Powell, Chairman, Janice Mulanix, Tom Jacques, Rob Abbott, Calvin Studivant, Jane Mathis, Steve Owings, and Todd Spencer. Also represented on the subcommittee will be EOBR manufacturers and CVSA.
* Task 11-03 “Oversight of the Long-Haul Cross Border Trucking Pilot Program.” Subcommittee members will be Paul Claunch, Chairman, Rob Abbott, Janice Mulanix, LaMont Byrd, Todd Spencer, Henry Jasny, and John Lannen.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Bill Quade, Associate Administrator for Enforcement, FMCSA presented a review of Task 11-03 “Oversight of the Long-Haul Cross Border Trucking Pilot Program”

Bryan Price, Senior Transportation Specialist, Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA), FMCSA presented a review of Task 11-02 “Roadside Violation Severity Weightings in the Carrier Safety Measurement System”

Michael Huntley, Chief, Vehicle and Roadside Operations, FMCSA presented a review of Task 11-04 “Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBR) communications protocols, security, interfaces, and display of hours-of-service data during driver/vehicle inspections and safety investigations.”

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Jeannie Gordon of Landstar spoke to the Committee regarding CSA concerns. Ms. Gordon applauds the Agency for implementing a better way to measure carrier safety but is concerned that the Behavioral Analysis Safety Improvement Categories (BASICs) measure a carrier’s compliance more than a carrier’s safety and are not related to crashes. She urges the Agency to review the severity weightings assigned to violations and ensure that the resulting changes relate to safety.

Beth Thomas, Senior Attorney of Regulatory Affairs, FedEx. Ms. Thomas spoke to the Committee regarding CSA and concerns that she has about the severity weights assigned to violations at roadside. Ms. Thomas applauds the Agency’s effort to better measure carrier safety but would like the severity weights reviewed. She pointed to the high weights assigned to non-safety violations (i.e. suspended licenses; often they are suspended by a state for non-safety reasons such as failure to pay child support). Ms. Thomas also called for more uniformity among states regarding DataQs challenges.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 22, 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

Chair

Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee

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Larry W. Minor

Designated Federal Official

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