Minutes

February 10 - 11, 2014, Meeting

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) met February 10 - 11, 2014, 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 Officer (DFO), called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 10, 2014. The following individuals attended the meeting:

**MCSAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Rob Abbott, Vice President of Safety Policy, American Trucking Associations (*Tuesday Only*)

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

Gary Catapano, First Student, Inc.

Paul Claunch, Major, Arkansas Highway Police

Bill Dofflemyer, Captain, Maryland State Police

Bruce Hamilton, President, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1700 *(Tuesday Only)*

Scott Hernandez, Chief, Colorado State Patrol

Henry Jasny, General Counsel, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety *(Tuesday Only)*

John Lannen, Executive Director, Truck Safety Coalition

Jane Mathis, Parents Against Tired Truckers

Robert Mills, Officer, Fort Worth, TX, Police Department

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

Donald Osterberg, Senior Vice President, Schneider National, Inc.

Stephen Owings, MCSAC Chairman, President, Road Safe America

Peter Pantuso, American Bus Association (*Tuesday Only)*

David Parker, Senior Legal Counsel, Great West Casualty Company

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

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

Jennifer Tierney, Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways *(Tuesday Only)*

**FMCSA AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Earl Hardy, Senior Policy Advisor, FMCSA

Larry Minor, Associate Administrator for Policy, FMCSA

Sarah May, USDOT, Volpe Center

Julie Perrot, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)

Courtney Stevenson, FMCSA

Cynthia Shaffer, USDOT, Volpe Center

William Varga, FMCSA

Dee Williams, Division Chief, Compliance FMCSA

Shannon Watson, Senior Policy Advisor and Deputy DFO, FMCSA

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Patrick Ambrosio, Bloomberg BNA

Mary Jo Ammon, Ammon Consulting

Sheila Andrews, HDDA

Cindy Atwood, CVTA

Chris Burroughs, Transportation Intermediaries Assoc.

Steven Blust, IICL

Richard L. Cofer, EEI

Amy Daley, JJ Keller

Todd Dills, Overdrive

Fred Fakkema, Zonar Systems

Michael Fleischhauer, Greyhound Northeast Region

Theresa Forbes, National Association Chemical Distribution

P. Sean Garney, ATA – (for Robert Abbott)

Adrienne Gildea, CVSA

Lisa Gonnerman, Ruan Transportation

Steve Keppler, CVSA

Dan Lefeve, CVTA

Eric Miller, Transportation Topics

Doug Morris, OOIDA

Oliver Partton, Heavy Duty Trucking

Ken Presley, United Motorcoach Association

Sarah Powers, ICF International

Bob Schwartz, Greyhound

Al Smith, Greyhound

Rudy Supina, Dattco Bus Lines

Randy Thomas, JJ Keller

Bryan Vickers, IICL Pace

Ronna Webber, National School Transportation Association

Richard Wilson, Center Lane Show

**TASK**

The Committee finalized Task 14-01: Recommendations to the Agency to be included in the upcoming Reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Law, the moving ahead for progress in the 21st Century ACT (MAP-21, Pub. L. 112-141)

**REMARKS AND COMMITTEE ACTION**

**MINUTES**

The Committee unanimously accepted the minutes from the September 9 - 10, 2013, MCSAC meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Kirk Foster, Ethics Attorney, Office of General Law, FMCSA, presented Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and Ethics

Bill Varga, Regulatory Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, FMCSA, presented Reauthorization Priorities Presentation and Discussion

William Banister, Chief, Analysis Division, FMCSA, presented Truck Crashes by Weight Class

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

***Alan Smith, Greyhound***

Mr. Smith wanted to bring to attention and get on record that FMCSA has a hotline in which the traveling public can make comments regarding complaints on line haul carriers, and bus carriers. These complaints are addressed by FMCSA during Compliance Reviews. One area of concerns is the regulations by DOJ regarding wheelchair lifts. Mr. Smith stated that the Highway Advocacy Group should be concerned that passengers are literally stranded at bus stops and bus stations during peak holidays because, the extra busses they try to rent from carriers are not wheelchair equipped. Mr. Smith would like FMCSA to look at the reasonableness of this regulation to see if there is something that can be done.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

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

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Stephen Owings

Chairman, MCSAC

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Larry W. Minor

Designated Federal Officer, MCSAC