



Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

# PHASED U.S.MEXICO CROSS-BORDER LONG-HAUL TRUCKING PILOT PROGRAM

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MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
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# Background

- FMCSA initiated a demonstration project in September 2007 to implement the truck access provisions of NAFTA
- FMCSA terminated this project in March 2009 after Congress prohibited funding for the project.
- FMCSA asked the MCSAC to provide advice on the essential elements in the Mexico Cross Border Program.

# U.S.-Mexico Long Haul Program Concept Document

- On January 6, 2011, Secretary LaHood released a Concept Document for a NEW U.S. Mexico long-haul pilot program
- The concept document outlines:
  - PRE-OPERATIONAL
  - OPERATIONAL
  - TRANSPARENCY



# U.S.-MX Long Haul Program Pre-Operational Elements

- Exclusion of hazardous material and passenger carriers from the pilot program
- DHS and DOJ Security screen of motor carriers and drivers
- Compliance with the other requirements such as FMVSS and environmental concerns
- Comparison of the U.S. and Mexican driver's licensing process
- U.S. insurance requirements

# U.S.-Mexico Long Haul Program Operational Elements

- EV-ET for an agreed period of time.
- EOBRs to monitor trucks, drivers and carriers
- Inspections at a normal rate after Satisfactory data follow-up review.
- Permanent operating authority after a Satisfactory Compliance Review.
- Continued monitoring of carrier's insurance filings
- Reviews of drug and alcohol collection and testing facilities used by participating carriers



# U.S.-Mexico Long Haul Program Transparency Elements

- Publish a Federal Register notice and allow a period for comment
- Public web site with information on participating carriers
- Establish a Federal Advisory Committee with representation from a diverse group of stakeholders
- Report to Congress as required by statute



# U.S.-Mexico Long Haul Program Discussions with Mexico

- FMCSA, the State Department, and U.S. Trade Representatives met with the Mexican government in January 2011
- FMCSA and Mexico Reps participate on-going meetings to discuss an agreement for the new pilot program
- President Obama and Presidente Calderon sign agreement. Mexico lifts tariffs imposed to NAFTA non-compliance

# Federal Advisory Committee

- FMCSA request the MCSAC form a subcommittee to serve as the monitoring Federal advisory committee for the program