



MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Meeting September 13-14, 2007

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) met on September 13-14, 2007, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC. In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the meeting was open to the public. Mr. Larry Minor served as the Designated Federal Official (DFO) and called the meeting to order on September 13, 2007, at 1:00 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

John Bauer, Director of Transportation, Kohl's Corporation
Michael Greene, General Manager, Columbia Machine Works, Incorporated
Clyde Hart, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, American Bus Association
Michael Irwin, Director, Michigan Center for Truck Safety
Terry Maple, Assistant Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol
David Osiecki, Vice President for Safety, Security and Operations, American Trucking Associations
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 Powers, Captain, Michigan State Police
Karen Sain, New Entrant Safety Auditor, North Carolina Highway Patrol
Lester Sokolowski, Director of Division Services, National Safety Council
J. Todd Spencer, Executive Vice President, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association
Judith Stone, President/Executive Director, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety
Roger Vanderpool, Director, Arizona Department of Public Safety

FMCSA REPRESENTATIVES:

Richard Clemente, Transportation Specialist, Driver and Carrier Operations Division
Michael Griffith, Director, Office of Research and Analysis
Amy Houser, General Engineer, Technology Division
David Hugel, Deputy Administrator
Eugene Johnson, Management and Program Analyst, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division
Jeffrey Loftus, Transportation Specialist, Technology Division
Karen Lynch, Management and Program Analyst, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division
Larry Minor, Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development
William Quade, Associate Administrator for Enforcement and Program Delivery
Robert Schultz, Transportation Specialist, Driver and Carrier Operations Division
Jeff Secrist, Chief, Technology Division
Terry Shelton, Associate Administrator for Research and Information Technology
Scott Valentine, Management and Program Analyst, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division
Martin Walker, Chief, Research Division
Tom Yager, Chief, Driver and Carrier Operations Division

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE MEETING WERE:

Reshan Beal, National Transportation Safety Board
Steven Blust, Institute of International Container Lessors
Warren Dunham, Warren B. Dunham Associates, LC
Deborah Hersman, National Transportation Safety Board



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Eric Ickes, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Rafael Marshall, National Transportation Safety Board
Bruce McMillan, Trac Lease, Incorporated
Michele McMurtry, National Transportation Safety Board
Julie Nixon, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center
Julie Perrot, National Transportation Safety Board
Courtney Stevenson, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

REVIEW OF AGENDA

The Committee reviewed the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the May 2007 Committee meeting.

FY 2008 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee agreed to meet on the following dates during fiscal year 2008:

- December 6-7, 2007 (Washington, DC)
- March 11-12, 2008 (Arizona – Tucson area)
- June 3-4, 2008 (Michigan – Ann Arbor area)
- September 9-10, 2008 (Washington, DC)

PRESENTATIONS

William Quade provided the Committee with a briefing on the status of the Mexican motor carrier demonstration project.

Jeff Loftus provided the Committee with an overview of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Roadside Technology Showcase, which was held August 2007, in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Deborah Hersman provided the Committee with an overview of open safety recommendations issued to FMCSA and highlighted the findings of high profile motor carrier crashes investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Robert Powers and Michael Irwin provided the Committee with an overview of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

WORKGROUP REPORTS

Workgroup 07-01 (NTSB Recommendation: FMCSA's Safety Fitness Methodology) presented the work completed to date to the Committee. The workgroup agreed to present its final report at the December 2007 meeting.

Workgroup 07-02 (Commercial Motor Vehicle Non-Regulatory Best Practices) presented the Committee with recommended commercial motor vehicle non-regulatory best practices, but agreed to further refine the best practice statements and present a final report at the December 2007 meeting.

TASKINGS

The committee accepted two tasks and created two workgroups to respond. The DFO approved the members to the workgroups.

Task 07-03: Safety Technologies

Task 07-04: Employer Notification Service



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Work Group

Task 07-03

Stephen Owings, *Chair*
John Bauer
Michael Greene
Robert Powers
Judith Stone

Work Group

Task 07-04

Robert Petrancosta, Chair
Clyde Hart
Michael Irwin
Terry Maple
David Osiecki
David Parker
Karen Sain
Lester Sokolowski
J. Todd Spencer
Roger Vanderpool

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the DFO at 4:00 pm on September 14, 2007.

CERTIFICATION

The minutes were approved by the MCSAC on December 6, 2007.

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

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Larry W. Minor
Designated Federal Official
Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee