



## MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Minutes Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Meeting June 4, 2008

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) met on June 4, 2008, at the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, DC. In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the meeting was opened to the public. Mr. Larry Minor served as the FMCSA Designated Federal Official (DFO) and called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. The following individuals attended the meeting:

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

John Bauer, Director of International Transportation, Kohl's Corporation  
Clyde Hart, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, American Bus Association  
Michael Irwin, Director, Michigan Center for Truck Safety  
Terry Maple, 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

#### **FMCSA REPRESENTATIVES:**

Chris Flanagan, Technology Division  
Jesse Fonner, Program Specialist, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division  
Mike Griffith, Director, Office of Research and Information Technology  
Richard Gruberg, Statistition, Office of Research and Information Technology  
Amy Houser, Engineer, Technology Division  
Mokbul Khan, Analysis Division  
Karen Lynch, Management and Program Analyst, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division  
Gary Middleton, Management and Program Analyst, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division  
Jeffrey Miller, Chief, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division  
Larry Minor, Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development  
Tina Morgan, Analysis Division  
Pamela Pelcovits, Director, Office of Policy Plans and Regulation  
Jeff Secrist, Division Chief, Technology Division  
Scott Valentine, Management and Program Analyst, Analysis Division  
Shannon Watson, Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

#### **OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE MEETING WERE:**

Dan Blower, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute



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Charity Coleman, Chenega Advanced Solutions and Engineering  
Selden Fritschner, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators  
Phil Hanley, Consolidated Safety Services  
Andrew Kaufman, ICF International  
Robert Mulholland, ICF International  
Leah Naar, Truck Safety Coalition  
Steve Parker, Consolidated Safety Services  
Jim Sayer, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute  
Georgia Schull, ICF International  
Ryan Thompson, ICF International  
Joan Tilghman, ICF International  
Elizabeth Turner, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center  
Gary Yoshida, ICF International

### REVIEW OF AGENDA

The Committee reviewed the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the March 2008 Committee meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Daniel Blower provided the Committee with a presentation titled, "*Three Stories from the LTCCS: Using the LTCCS for Safety Research.*"

Dr. Jim Sayer provided the Committee with a presentation titled, "*Integrated Vehicle-Based Safety System (IVBSS) for Commercial Vehicles.*"

### WORKGROUP REPORTS

Workgroup 07-04 (Employer Notification Service): The workgroup presented a report to the Committee for approval. The Committee unanimously approved the report.

Workgroup 07-01 (Safety Fitness Methodology): The workgroup presented a report to the Committee for approval. The Committee unanimously approved the report.

Workgroup 07-03 (Safety Technologies): The workgroup presented a report to the Committee for approval. The Committee deliberated and approved the report with changes as follows:

1. Consider a "corrective tax" for non-users of proven safety technologies.

Committee unanimously rejected the recommendation and the recommendation was removed from the report.

2. The MCSAC strongly urges FMCSA to accelerate the adoption of electronic on-board recorders (EOBRs) for tracking hours of service and other purposes.



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The Committee voted 5 (concur), 2 (non-concur), and 3 (abstention) to modify the language of the recommendation. The recommendation was modified to "The MCSAC strongly supports the voluntary use of EOBRs for tracking hours of service and other purposes." The modified language passed with a vote of 9 (concur), 1 (non-concur), and 2 (abstention).

Workgroup 08-01 (Surface Transportation Reauthorization): The workgroup presented two reports to the Committee for approval. Report 1 addressed open recommendations from the Government Accountability Office, the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General, and the National Transportation Safety Board. Report 2 included recommendations for Agency consideration for surface transportation reauthorization planning. The Committee deliberated and approved the reports and recommendations with changes as follows:

1. Mandate sleep disorder screening for all CMV drivers.

The Committee tabled the recommendation until the September 2008 meeting and requested expert consultations on this issue.

2. Allow hair-follicle drug testing in combination with urine testing for CMV drivers.

The Committee tabled the recommendation until the September 2008 meeting and requested expert consultations on this issue.

3. Mandate EOBR use.

The Committee took no action on the issue.

4. Allow only adaptive cruise control systems on new CMVs.

The Committee tabled the recommendation until the September 2008 meeting pending further research and data on the issue.

The Committee agreed to consider a supplemental report at the September 2008 meeting, which may include new recommendations. The Committee asked FMCSA to provide additional data, research, and expert consultations in order to complete the supplemental report and address the issues that were tabled until September 2008.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The public comment period was scheduled for 3:00 pm; however, no member of the public provided comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the DFO at 3:50 pm on June 4, 2008.



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### CERTIFICATION

The minutes were approved by the MCSAC on September 9, 2008.

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  
Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee