

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed improvements along U.S. 63 between the U.S. 63 and U.S. 50 interchange in Osage County to a point in Phelps County, south of the Maries County Line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Mary Ridgeway, Environmental Review Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 3220 West Edgewood, Suite H, Jefferson City, MO 65109, Telephone: (573) 638-2620 or Mr. Dave Nichols, Director of Project Development, Missouri Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102, Telephone: (573) 751-4586.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), will prepare an EIS for a proposal for improvements along U.S. 63 between the U.S. 63 and U.S. 50 interchange in Osage County to a point in Phelps County, south of the Maries County line. A location study will run concurrently with the preparation of the EIS and will provide definitive reasonable alternatives for evaluation in the EIS. The proposed action will accomplish several goals: (1) Improve safety, (2) decrease congestion, and (3) support community regional development.

The proposed project will include improvements to be located within a study area defined by existing improvements just south of the U.S. 63 and U.S. 50 interchange on the north in Osage County and existing improved roadway facility in Phelps County, south of the Maries County line. The east and west boundaries will extend approximately 1 to 2 miles on either side of existing U.S. 63. The study area is approximately 1 to 2 miles on either side of existing U.S. 63. The study area is approximately 50 miles in length and 2 miles in width. Known potential impacts include residential and/or commercial relocations and access changes. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit and a floodplain development permit from the State Emergency Management Agency may be required.

Alternatives under consideration included (1) No build, (2) build alternatives, (3) transportation system management options.

To date, substantial preliminary coordination has occurred with local officials. As part of the scoping process, an interagency coordination meeting

will be held with all appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. In addition, public information meetings and further meetings with public officials will be held to solicit public and agency input on the reasonable range of alternatives. A location public hearing will be held to present the findings of the Draft EIS. Public notice will be given announcing the time and place of all public meetings and the public hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or MoDOT at the addresses previously provided.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-26274]

#### Medical Review Board Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces the next public meeting of its Medical Review Board (MRB). The MRB members will continue deliberations about current FMCSA medical standards, as well as consider recommendations for new science-based standards and guidelines to ensure that the physical condition of drivers is adequate to enable them to safely operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The MRB meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on January 10, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of

Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room 2230, Washington, DC 20590-0001. The public must enter through the Southwest Visitor Entrance and comply with building security procedures, including provision of appropriate identification prior to being accompanied by a Federal employee to the meeting rooms. You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Management System (DMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2006-26274 using any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading for further information.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the U.S. Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR

19477; Apr. 11, 2000). This information is also available at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Chief, Physical Qualifications Division, 202-366-4001, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**INFORMATION ON SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES:** For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Kaye Kirby at 202-366-4001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The preliminary agenda for the meeting includes:

0900-0905 Call to Order, Agenda Review.  
0905-0920 Medical Review Board (MRB) Actions.  
0920-0945 Schedule II Medications.  
0945-1015 Medications Expert Panel Recommendations.  
1015-1045 MRB questions on Schedule II Medications.  
1045-1145 Deliberations on Evidence Report & Panel Comments.  
1145-1230 Public Comment Period.  
1230 Adjourn.

\*Breaks will be announced on meeting day and may be adjusted according to schedule changes, other meeting requirements.

### Background

The U.S. Secretary of Transportation announced on March 7, 2006, the five medical experts who serve on FMCSA's Medical Review Board (MRB). Section 4116 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109-59) requires the Secretary of Transportation with the advice of the MRB to "establish, review, and revise medical standards for operators of Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) that will ensure that the physical condition of operators is adequate to enable them operate the vehicles safely." FMCSA is planning updates to the physical qualification regulations of CMV drivers, and the MRB will provide the necessary science-based guidance to

establish realistic and responsible medical standards.

The MRB operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as announced in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 57642, October 3, 2005). The MRB is charged initially with the review of all current FMCSA medical standards (49 CFR 391.41), as well as proposing new science-based standards and guidelines to ensure that drivers operating CMVs in interstate commerce, as defined in CFR 390.5, are physically capable of doing so.

### Meeting Participation

Attendance is open to all interested parties, including the general public, medical professionals, motor carriers, drivers and representatives of associations. Written comments for this MRB meeting are being accepted and will be accepted until January 25, 2007. Written comments should include the docket number that is listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. During the meeting, public oral comments are accepted for 45 minutes (11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Individual comments may be limited depending on the number of persons who wish to comment. Oral comments will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis as requestors register at the meeting. The comments must directly address relevant medical and scientific issues on the MRB meeting agenda. For more information, please view the following Web site: [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mrb](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mrb).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Petition for Approval

Although not required, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a petition for approval of a Railroad Safety Program Plan (RSPP) submitted

pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 236, subpart H. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking approval, the requisite docket number, and a brief summary of the petition.

### Union Pacific Railroad

[Docket Number FRA-2006-24002]

The Union Pacific Railroad submitted a petition for approval of its RSPP Version 4.2. This RSPP is Union Pacific Railroad's strategic safety planning document for the development and implementation of Safety-Critical Processor-Based Signal and Train Control Systems or Active Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Warning Systems subject to the provisions of 49 CFR section 234.275 or 49 CFR part 236, subpart H.

Interested parties are invited to review the petition and associated documents at the following:

- Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for a simple search on the DOT electronic docket site (docket number 24002).

- DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all the comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78). The Statement may also be found at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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