

comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by March 16, 2018 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

**Meeting Notice—U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a public meeting of the U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC) to discuss advice and recommendations for the U.S. Department of Transportation on issues related to the maritime transportation system.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Savings Time (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the DOT Conference Center at the U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey Flumignan, Designated Federal Officer, at [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov) or at (212) 668-2064. Please visit the MTSNAC website at <http://www.marad.dot.gov/ports/marine-transportation-system-mts/marine-transportation-system-national-advisory-committee-mtsnac/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MTSNAC is a Federal advisory committee that advises the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and the Maritime Administrator on issues related to the maritime transportation system. The MTSNAC was originally established in 1999 and mandated in 2007 by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The MTSNAC operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

**Agenda**

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome, opening remarks, and introductions; (2) brief remarks by the Maritime Administrator; (3) updates to the Committee on subcommittee work; (4) development of work plans and proposed recommendations; (5) administrative items; and (6) public comments.

**Public Participation**

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend in person must RSVP to

[MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov) with your name and affiliation no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on February 12, 2018, in order to facilitate entry. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

*Services for Individuals with Disabilities:* The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids are asked to notify Jeffrey Flumignan at (212) 668-2064 or [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov) five (5) business days before the meeting.

*Public Comments:* A public comment period will commence at approximately 4:00 p.m. on February 27, 2018 and 11:45 a.m. on February 28, 2018. To provide time for as many people to speak as possible, speaking time for each individual will be limited to three minutes. Members of the public who would like to speak are asked to contact the Designated Federal Officer via email: [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov). Commenters will be placed on the agenda in the order in which notifications are received. If time allows, additional comments will be permitted. Copies of oral comments must be submitted in writing at the meeting or preferably emailed to [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov). Additional written comments are welcome and must be filed as indicated below.

*Written comments:* Persons who wish to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee must email [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov), or send them to MTSNAC Designated Federal Officers via email: [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov), Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W21-307, Washington, DC 20590 no later than February 12, 2018 to provide sufficient time for review.

(Authority: 49 CFR part 1.93(a); 5 U.S.C. 552b; 41 CFR parts 102-3; 5 U.S.C. app. Sections 1-16)

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: January 25, 2018.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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