

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****Notice of Meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces a public meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS).

**DATES:** The TRACS meeting will be held on December 6, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and December 7, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time. This will be a hybrid meeting, taking place both in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Headquarters and virtually via Zoom for Government. Requests to attend the meeting in person or virtually must be received no later than November 29, 2023. Requests for disability accommodations must be received no later than November 29, 2023. Requests to verbally address the committee during the meeting must be submitted with a written copy of the remarks to DOT no later than November 29, 2023. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than November 29, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in person at DOT Headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, District of Columbia, 20590 and virtually via Zoom for Government. Any committee related requests should be sent by email to [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov). The virtual meeting's online access link and a detailed agenda will be provided upon registration. They will also be posted on the TRACS web page at: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs> one week in advance of the meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes and other TRACS related information will also be available on the TRACS web page.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph DeLorenzo, TRACS Designated Federal Officer, Associate Administrator, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, [Joseph.DeLorenzo@dot.gov](mailto:Joseph.DeLorenzo@dot.gov); or Bridget Zamperini, TRACS Program Manager, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, (202) 366-0306, or [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. app. 2). TRACS is composed of up to 25 members representing a broad base of perspectives on transit safety necessary to discharge its responsibilities. Please see the TRACS web page for additional information at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs>.

**I. Background**

The U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) established TRACS in accordance with FACA to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary and FTA Administrator on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems.

**II. Agenda**

- Welcome Remarks and Introductions
- Overview of Hybrid Meeting Platform Functions
- Review of Recommendations: Reducing Bus Collisions
- Review of Recommendations: Advancing Rider and Worker Safety
- Review of Recommendations: Cyber and Data Security Systems
- Public Comments
- Summary of Deliverables, Next Steps, and Concluding Remarks

**III. Public Participation**

The in-person attendance option will be open to the public on a first come, first served basis, as space is limited. Members of the public who wish to attend in-person are asked to register via email by submitting their name and affiliation to the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. The virtual attendance option does not have restrictions. Members of the public who wish to attend virtually also are asked to register via email by submitting their name and affiliation to the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

DOT is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

There will be a total of 60 minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public at the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each commenter may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, to include the individual's name, address, and

organizational affiliation to the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Written and oral comments for consideration by TRACS during the meeting must be submitted no later than the deadline listed in the **DATES** section to ensure transmission to TRACS members prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting.

**Joseph P. DeLorenzo,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-2023-0018]

**Beat the Street Interiors, Inc.—Grant of Petition for Temporary Exemption From Shoulder Belt Requirement for Side-Facing Seats on Motorcoaches**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of grant of petition for temporary exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This notice grants the petition of Beat the Street Interiors, Inc. (“BTS”) for a temporary exemption from a shoulder belt requirement of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208, “Occupant crash protection,” for side-facing seats on motorcoaches. This grant permits the petitioner to install Type 1 seat belts (lap belt only) at side-facing seating positions instead of the Type 2 seat belts (lap and shoulder belts) required by FMVSS No. 208. After reviewing the petition, the agency has determined that the requested exemption is warranted to enable the petitioner to sell a vehicle whose overall level of safety or impact protection is at least equal to that of a nonexempted vehicle.

**DATES:** This exemption applies to the petitioner's motorcoaches produced from November 14, 2023 until November 14, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Callie Roach, Office of the Chief Counsel, NCC-200, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590. Telephone: 202-366-2992; Fax: 202-366-3820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**