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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Advisory Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a meeting of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Advisory Council (Council). During the meeting, the USMMA leadership will provide an update on programs and priorities, including: governance, sexual assault and sexual harassment, academics, culture and diversity, and facilities and infrastructure.

DATES: March 7, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST.

Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than February 23, 2024. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by February 29, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held through a virtual forum. Virtual meeting access information will be available on the USMMA Advisory Council web page and social media channels no later than March 1, 2024. General information about the Council is available on the MARAD web page at www.maritime.dot.gov/outreach/united-states-merchant-marine-academy-advisory-council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Council's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact, Mary Grice, 202-366-4264 or via email to USMMAAdvisoryCouncil@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Council is established pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51323. The Council operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. app. 2.

The objective and scope of the Council is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) on matters relating to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) including

in the areas of curriculum development and training programs; diversity, equity, and inclusion; sexual assault prevention and response; infrastructure maintenance and redevelopment; midshipmen health and welfare; governance and administrative policies; and other matters.

II. Agenda

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Updates by Academy leadership on priority programs
3. Public comment
4. Administrative items

III. Public Participation

This meeting is open to the public and will be held through a virtual forum. The U.S. Department of Transportation 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 person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Council. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than February 23, 2024.

Only written statements will be considered by the Council; no member of the public will be allowed to present questions or speak during the meeting unless requested to do so by a member of the Council.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51323; 5 U.S.C. 552b; 5 U.S.C. App. 2; 41 CFR parts 102-3.140 through 102-3.165)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[DOCKET No.: DOT-OST-2024-0011]

Guidance for the Acceptance and Use of Geomatic Information Obtained From a Non-Federal Entity

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is issuing guidance for the acceptance and use of geomatic information obtained from a non-Federal entity. The Infrastructure

Investment and Jobs Act, H.R. 3684, Title I Federal-Aid Highways, Subtitle C, directs the Secretary to develop guidance for the acceptance and use of geomatic information obtained from a non-federal entity. DOT's Geospatial Management Office (GMO) recognizes the need for a geomatic information standard to meet this requirement.

DATES: Comments are due by March 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by DOT-OST-2024-0011, by any of the following methods:

- Follow the instructions for sending comments on the <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Include DOT-OST-2024-0011 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Room W12-140 on the ground level of DOT, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to www.regulations.gov at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of DOT, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on DOT-OST-2024-0011." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to possible delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (internet, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Nelson, Chief Geospatial Information Officer, OST, Department of Transportation at 202-366-9201 or by email at .

For specific inquiries on the Department's administration mechanisms for seeking correction of information covered by these guidelines, or for specific inquiries about the Department's statistical guidelines, please refer to the contacts listed in the guidelines.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58), H.R. 3684, Title I Federal-Aid Highways, Subtitle C which directs the Secretary to develop guidance for the acceptance and use of geomatic information obtained from a non-federal entity, the Department has identified a standard to serve as guidance. The Project Development and Design Manual for Federal Lands Highways, maintained by the Western Federal Lands Highway Division, provides policies and guidance for project development and design activities related to Federal Lands Highways and can serve as guidance for similar projects. The manual was created in 1988 and is updated regularly. Additionally, it contains background and reference material, including specific information about techniques, theory, and specifications.

DOT will adopt Chapter Five of the Project Development and Design Manual for Federal Lands Highways (https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/design/pddm/Chapter_05.pdf) as the standard for the acceptance and use of geomatic information obtained from a non-federal entity. In instances where the manual's guidance does not apply to geomatic information obtained by a DOT Operating Administration (OA), the OA will have the flexibility to develop and maintain modal-specific geomatic information guidance.

Examples of existing modal-specific geomatic information guidance include:

(1) FAA Advisory Circulars which contain detailed requirements and standards for airport surveys and flight procedures. (examples: AC16B, AC17C, AC18B)

(2) PHMSA's Pipeline Operator Standards Manual (https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/Documents/Operator_Standards.pdf), which defines positional accuracy requirements for gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines.

DOT is monitoring the development of candidates for geomatic guidance and will assess the need for updates to this policy statement.

The updated guidelines are available on the Department's website at https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/design/pddm/Chapter_05.pdf and in the docket. The Department seeks comment

on the guidelines and the proposed changes.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Cordell Schachter,

Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[DOT–OST–2023–0137]

Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity (ACTE); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: DOT OST announces a meeting of ACTE, which will take place via Zoom Webinar.

DATES: The meeting will be held Friday, March 1, 2024, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Requests for accommodations because of a disability must be received by Friday, February 23. Requests to submit questions must be received no later than Friday, February 23. The registration form will close on Thursday, February 29.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom. Those members of the public who would like to participate virtually should go to <https://www.transportation.gov/mission/civil-rights/advisory-committee-transportation-equity-meetings-materials> to access the meeting, a detailed agenda for the entire meeting, meeting minutes, and additional information on ACTE and its activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra D. Norman, Senior Advisor and Designated Federal Officer, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (804) 836–2893, ACTE@dot.gov. Any ACTE-related request or submissions should be sent via email to the point of contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Purpose of the Committee

ACTE was established to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation about comprehensive, interdisciplinary issues related to civil rights and transportation equity in the planning, design, research, policy, and

advocacy contexts from a variety of transportation equity practitioners and community leaders. Specifically, the Committee will provide advice and recommendations to inform the Department's efforts to:

Implement the Agency's Equity Action Plan and Strategic Plan, helping to institutionalize equity into Agency programs, policies, regulations, and activities;

Strengthen and establish partnerships with overburdened and underserved communities who have been historically underrepresented in the Department's outreach and engagement, including those in rural and urban areas;

Empower communities to have a meaningful voice in local and regional transportation decisions; and

Ensure the compliance of Federal funding recipients with civil rights laws and nondiscrimination programs, policies, regulations, and activities.

Meeting Agenda

The agenda for the meeting will consist of:

Welcome and Opening remarks
ACTE Community Check-In
U.S. Department of Transportation updates
ACTE Research Report Findings
Upcoming ACTE Meetings
Closing remarks and Next Steps

Meeting Participation

Advance registration is required. Please register at https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_UvxaMcB4QfWzvjChzd9yIQ by the deadline referenced in the **DATES** section. The meeting will be open to the public for its entirety. The U.S. Department of Transportation 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 point of contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Questions from the public will be answered during the public comment period only at the discretion of the ACTE chair, vice chair, and designated Federal officer. Members of the public may submit written comments and questions to the point of contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section on the topics to be considered during the meeting by the deadline referenced in the **DATES** section.

Dated: February 9, 2024.

Irene Marion,

Director, Departmental Office of Civil Rights.

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