

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Transit Administration****[FTA Docket No. FTA-99-6417]****Intelligent Transportation System;  
Architecture and Standards****AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On May 25, 2000, FTA issued a notice requesting comments on the proposed National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Policy for project development, requesting comments to be submitted by August 23, 2000. This document extends this rulemaking's comment period for 30 days, until September 23, 2000, in response to requests for additional time to assess the impact of this rule on the nation's highway and transit systems and to provide meaningful comments.

**DATES:** Comments should be received no later than September 23, 2000. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** All, signed, written comments must refer to the docket number appearing at the top of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the docket located at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>

All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may also be viewed electronically via the Department of Transportation's online Document Management System (DMS) at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Viewers can download copies of this proposed rule and all comments 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. The notice is also posted in PDF and HTML on the FTA website at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/legal/fr00toc.htm>. Internet users may view this and other rulemaking documents via the Office of the Federal Register's homepage at <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> or through the U.S. Government Printing Office's homepage at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ronald Boenau, Chief, FTA Advanced

Public Transportation Systems Division (TRI-11) at (202) 366-0195, or Mr. Brian Cronin, Advanced Public Transportation Systems Division (TRI-11) at (202) 366-8841. For legal information, contact Ms. Linda Sorkin, FTA Office of Chief Counsel (TCC-20) at (202) 366-1936.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 25, 2000 (65 FR 34002), FTA published an NPRM proposing the establishment of regulations to implement a portion of Section 5206(e) of the TEA-21 which requires ITS projects funded from the highway trust fund to conform to the National ITS Architecture, applicable or provisional standards, and protocols.

Since that date, FTA has received requests from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the American Public Transportation Association, the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and several State Departments of Transportation to extend the comment period. These groups voiced concerns that the proposed rule was extremely complex and that 90 days was insufficient time to assess the impact of the proposed rules and provide meaningful comments. We agree that more time for an in-depth analysis of the NPRM would be beneficial to FTA in this rulemaking. For these reasons, FTA is extending the comment period by 30 days, until September 23, 2000.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 134 and 315; 42 U.S.C. 7410 et seq; 49 U.S.C. 5303-5309; 49 CFR 1.8 and 1.51.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

**Nuria I. Fernandez,**

*Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration****[Docket No. NHTSA-00-7756]****Notice of Receipt of Petition for  
Decision That Nonconforming 1995-  
2000 Mazda Xedos 9 Passenger Cars  
Are Eligible for Importation****AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1995-2000 Mazda Xedos 9 Passenger cars are eligible for importation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1995-2000 Mazda Xedos 9 passenger cars that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

**DATE:** The closing date for comments on the petition is September 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm]

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the **Federal Register**.

G&K Automotive Conversion, Inc. of Santa Ana, California ("G&K") (Registered Importer 90-007) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1995-2000 Mazda Xedos 9 passenger