

on clean energy, medical supplies and semiconductors;

- Inclusive Trade, including for women, Indigenous Peoples, and other underrepresented groups;
- Issues of particular relevance to small and medium-sized enterprises;
- Labor standards and worker rights;
- Environment, climate, and conservation;
- Transparency and good regulatory practices;
- Anti-corruption;
- Trade capacity building needs and priorities; and
- Other matters related to trade and investment in the Americas that are consistent with the mission and scope of the Partnership.

USTR requests small businesses (generally defined by the Small Business Administration as firms with fewer than 500 employees) or organizations representing small business members that submit comments to self-identify as such, so that we may be aware of issues of particular interest to small businesses.

### III. Requirements for Submissions

To be assured of consideration, submit your written comments by the July 22, 2024 11:59 EDT deadline. All submissions must be in English. USTR strongly encourages submissions via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), using Docket Number USTR–2024–0009. USTR will not accept hand-delivered submissions. To make a submission via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), enter docket number USTR–2024–0009 on the home page and click ‘search.’ The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting ‘notice’ under ‘document type’ and click in the ‘refine document results’ section on the left side of the screen and click on the link entitled ‘comment.’ [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) allows users to submit comments by filling in a ‘type comment’ field, or by attaching a document using an ‘upload file’ field. USTR prefers that you provide submissions in an in an attached document and note ‘see attached’ in the ‘comment’ field on the online submission form.

USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If you use an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the ‘type comment’ field.

On the first page of the submission, identify the subject matter of the comment as “Request for Comments on the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity—Trade Track”. File names should reflect the name of the person or

entity submitting the comments. Please do not attach separate cover letters, exhibits, annexes or other attachments to electronic submissions. Instead, to the extent possible, please include these in the same file as the submission itself. Submissions should not exceed 30 single-spaced, standard letter-size pages in 12-point type, including attachments.

You will receive a tracking number upon completion of the submission procedure at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). The tracking number is confirmation that [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) received your submission. Keep the confirmation for your records.

USTR is not able to provide technical assistance for [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). For further information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on ‘How to Use [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)’ on the bottom of the home page. USTR may not consider submissions that are not made in accordance with these instructions.

If you are unable to submit comments as requested, please contact Courtney Smothers, Deputy Assistant Trade Representative for Latin America, at [Courtney.Smothers@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Courtney.Smothers@ustr.eop.gov), or 202.395.7657, or Randall Oliver, Director for Canada, at [Randall.T.Oliver@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Randall.T.Oliver@ustr.eop.gov), 202.395.9449, before transmitting a comment and in advance of the deadline to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

General information concerning USTR is available at <https://www.ustr.gov>.

### IV. Business Confidential Information (BCI) Submissions

If you ask USTR to treat information you submit as BCI, you must certify that the information is business confidential and you would not customarily release it to the public. For any comments submitted electronically containing BCI, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters ‘BCI.’ You must clearly mark any page containing BCI with ‘BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL’ at the top of that page. Additionally, you must include ‘Business Confidential’ in the ‘type comment’ field. Filers of submissions containing BCI also must submit a public version of their submission that will be placed in the docket for public inspection. The file name of the public version should begin with the character ‘P.’ USTR will post the non-confidential version in the docket and it will be open to public inspection.

### V. Public Viewing of Review Submissions

USTR will post written submissions in the docket for public inspection, except properly designated BCI. You can view submissions at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by entering Docket Number USTR–2024–0009 in the search field on the home page.

**Laura Buffo,**

*Chair of the Trade Policy Staff Committee,  
Office of the United States Trade Representative.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2022–0003]

### Safety Fitness Determinations; Virtual Public Listening Sessions

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of virtual public listening sessions.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces that it will host two virtual public listening sessions pertaining to development of an updated methodology to determine when a motor carrier is not fit to operate commercial motor vehicles in or affecting interstate commerce. Specifically, the Agency would like to hear from members of the public on issues of concern relating to the current Safety Fitness Determination (SFD), including, for example, the three-tiered rating system (Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, Conditional) versus changing to a proposed single rating only when a carrier is found to be Unfit; utilizing inspection data and FMCSA’s Safety Measurement System (SMS); incorporating driver behavior into SFD ratings; and revising the list of safety violations used to calculate the rating, and adjusting the weights allocated to particular violations including increasing the weight for unsafe driving violations. In a separate notice, FMCSA announced and provided registration information for a related in-person listening session on the same topics to be held in June 2024.

**DATES:** The first virtual public listening session will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET. A copy of the agenda will be available in advance of the session at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/24fb5978-6282-4bc0-9edf->

606db60155aa@c4cd245b-44f0-4395-a1aa-3848d258f78b.

The second virtual public listening session will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET. A copy of the agenda will be available in advance of the session at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/6d8b1246-2138-4ba9-821c-e926441fd2e1@c4cd245b-44f0-4395-a1aa-3848d258f78b>.

Either session may end early if all participants wishing to express their views have done so.

**Public Comment:** The virtual sessions will allow members of the public to make brief statements to the panel. FMCSA will also accept written comments to the docket through August 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Both sessions will be held virtually. The link will be sent to participants after they register, which may be done at any time.

- Registration for the June 25, 2024, session must be completed at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/24fb5978-6282-4bc0-9edf-606db60155aa@c4cd245b-44f0-4395-a1aa-3848d258f78b>.

- Registration for the July 31, 2024, session must be completed at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/6d8b1246-2138-4ba9-821c-e926441fd2e1@c4cd245b-44f0-4395-a1aa-3848d258f78b>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stacy Ropp, (609) 661-2062, [SafetyFitnessDetermination@dot.gov](mailto:SafetyFitnessDetermination@dot.gov).

**Services for Individuals with Disabilities:** FMCSA is committed to providing equal access to the listening session. For accommodations for persons with disabilities, please email [FMCSA.OUTREACH@dot.gov](mailto:FMCSA.OUTREACH@dot.gov) at least 1 week in advance of the session you wish to attend to allow time to make appropriate arrangements.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Public Participation and Request for Comments**

FMCSA encourages participation in the sessions and providing of comments. Members of the public may submit written comments to the public docket using any of the following methods:

##### **A. Submitting Comments**

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2022-0003). You may submit your comments and material online or by mail or hand delivery, but please use only one of these methods. FMCSA recommends that you include your name, email address, or a phone number in the body of your document.

To submit your comment online, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Insert the docket number (FMCSA-2022-0003) in the keyword box and click "Search." Choose the document you want to comment on and click the "Comment" button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

FMCSA will consider all comments and materials received during the comment period for this notice, as described in the **DATES** section.

##### **B. Viewing Comments and Documents**

To view comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and insert the docket number (FMCSA-2022-0003) in the keyword box and click "Search." Choose this notice and click "Browse Comments." If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations at (202) 366-9826. Business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also submit or view docket entries in person or by mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

##### **C. Privacy Act**

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, 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/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edits and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

#### **II. Background**

FMCSA believes it is in the public interest to host two virtual public listening sessions to receive additional comments on possible updates to the Agency's SFD methodology and process. Accordingly, FMCSA is announcing these virtual listening sessions, being held on June 25 and July 31, 2024. FMCSA has also published another notice formally announcing, and providing separate registration information for, a related in-person listening session on the same topics to be held in Houston, TX in June 2024 (89 FR 48703, June 7, 2024).

FMCSA is currently contemplating changes to its SFD process. To that end,

the Agency published an ANPRM soliciting public input on the potential use of the SMS methodology to issue SFDs (88 FR 59489, Aug. 29, 2023). These virtual public listening sessions are intended to gain additional feedback on issues of concern relating to the current SFD, including, for example:

- Continuing the current SFD three-tiered rating system (Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, Conditional) versus changing to a proposed single rating, issued only when a carrier is found to be Unfit;
- Utilizing inspection data and FMCSA's SMS;
- Incorporating driver behavior into SFD ratings; and
- Revising the list of safety violations used to calculate the rating, and adjusting the weights allocated to particular violations, including increasing the weight for 49 CFR 392.2 (unsafe driving) violations.

#### **III. Meeting Participation**

The virtual listening sessions are open to the public. Speakers' remarks will be limited to 3 minutes each.

**Sue Lawless,**

*Acting Deputy Administrator.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0048]

#### **Southern California Regional Rail Authority's Request To Amend Its Positive Train Control System**

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public with notice that, on June 7, 2024, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) submitted a request for amendment (RFA) to its FRA-certified positive train control (PTC) system. FRA is publishing this notice and inviting public comment on the railroad's RFA to its PTC system.

**DATES:** FRA will consider comments received by July 10, 2024. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.