with a very limited number serving in an individual capacity as subject matter experts. These members, known as special government employees or SGEs, are subject to conflict of interest rules and will have to complete a financial disclosure report.

III. Request for Nominations

USTR is soliciting nominations for membership on the IGPAC. To apply for membership, an applicant must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- 1. The applicant must be a U.S.
- 2. The applicant cannot be a full-time employee of a U.S. governmental entity.
- 3. The applicant cannot be registered with the U.S. Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration
- 4. The applicant must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance
- 5. For representative members, who will comprise the overwhelming majority of the IGPAC, the applicant must represent the executive and legislative branches of state, county, and municipal governments.
- 6. For members who will serve in an individual capacity, the applicant must possess subject matter expertise on issues involving trade and development that have a significant relationship to the affairs of U.S. state and local governments. If serving in an individual capacity, the applicant cannot be a federally registered lobbyist.

In order to be considered for IGPAC membership, interested persons should submit the following to Cameron Seward at Cameron.T.Seward@ustr.eop.gov:

- Name, title, affiliation, and contact information of the individual requesting consideration.
- If applicable, a letter on the organization's letterhead from the sponsoring executive or legislative branch of a state, county, or municipal government, containing a brief description of the manner in which international trade affects the state, county, or municipality and why USTR should consider the applicant for membership.
- The applicant's personal resume or comprehensive biography.
- An affirmative statement that the applicant and the organization he or she represents meet all eligibility requirements.

ÛSTR will consider applicants who meet the eligibility criteria based on the following factors: Ability to represent the sponsoring executive or legislative branch of a state, county, or municipal government; knowledge of and experience in trade matters relevant to the work of the IGPAC and USTR; and fostering balanced in terms of points of view and geography.

Gregory Walters,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2018-0016]

Public Meeting Regarding NHTSA's Research Portfolio

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). **ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NHTSA is announcing a public meeting where the agency's Vehicle Safety Research and Behavioral Safety Research offices will present information on activities related to priority research programs in vehicle and behavioral safety, including a focused overview session on NHTSA's research in Automated Driving Systems (ADSs). Representatives from multiple research offices will present the research program area activities, nearterm expected deliverables, and accept questions from the audience at the end. DATES: NHTSA will hold the public

DATES: NHTSA will hold the public meeting on March 16, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Check-in (through security) will begin at 7:30 a.m. Attendees should arrive early enough to enable them to go through security by 8:30 a.m. The public docket will remain open until April 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the DOT headquarters building located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 (Green Line Metro Station at Navy Yard) in the [West Building Atrium]. This facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. The meeting will also be webcast live, and a link to the webcast will be made available to registrants prior to the event.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about the public meeting, please contact Lisa Floyd at 202–366–4697, by email at *Lisa.Floyd@dot.gov*, or by U.S. Mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Registration is necessary for all attendees. Attendees should register at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHTSAPUBLICMEETING by March 9, 2018. Please provide name, affiliation, email, and indicate whether you will be attending in person and whether you require special accommodations. Space is limited, so advanced registration is highly encouraged.

NHTSA DOT is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need an accommodation because of a disability, please contact Lisa Floyd at 202–366–4697, or via email at Lisa.Floyd@dot.gov, with your request by close of business March 9, 2018. Should it be necessary to cancel or reschedule the meeting due to inclement weather or other emergency, NHTSA will take all available measures to notify registered participants.

NHTSA will conduct the public meeting informally, and technical rules of evidence will not apply. We will arrange for a written transcript of the meeting and keep the official record open for 30 days after the meeting to allow submission of supplemental information. You may make arrangements to obtain copies of the transcript directly with the court reporter, and the transcript will also be posted in the docket when it becomes available.

Written Comments: Written comments on the presented information can be submitted during the 30-day comment period. Please submit all written comments no later than April 2, 2018 by any of the following methods:

• Federal Rulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• Hand Delivery or Courier: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• Fax: 202–366–1767.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act discussion below.

Docket: For access to the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov at any time, or to 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Telephone: 202–366–9826.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form for comments published in the docket by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; pages 19477–78) or you may visit https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice.

Confidential Business Information: If you wish to submit any information under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information to the Chief Counsel, NHTSA, at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. In addition, you should submit two copies, from which you have deleted the claimed confidential business information, to Docket Management at the address given above. When you send a comment containing information claimed to be confidential business information, you should submit a cover letter setting forth the information specified in our confidential business information regulation (49 CFR part

Background: Each year, NHTSA executes a broad array of research programs in support of agency priorities. The agency's research portfolio covers program areas pertaining to vehicle safety, including safety countermeasures implemented through the vehicle, components, operation and use, among others, and behavioral safety, which includes safety countermeasures that pertain to the behavior and actions of the driver, occupant, and other road users.

The public meeting is intended to provide public outreach regarding the priority research activities at NHTSA for both vehicle and behavioral safety, including expected near-term deliverables. One of the key priority program areas for NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Research is Automated Driving Systems; thus, the public meeting will allocate dedicated time to discuss research in this program area.

For each of the areas of discussion at this public meeting, NHTSA will briefly discuss the work underway and allow time to answer questions from participants.

The agency invites comments on the information presented regarding research priorities, research goals, and additional research gaps/needs the public may believe NHTSA should be addressing. Slides presented at the public meeting will be posted to the docket subsequently. The webcast will also be made available for off-line viewing after the public meeting.

Draft Agenda

Friday, March 16, 2018

7:30 a.m.—8:45 p.m. Arrival/Check-In
8:45 a.m.—9 a.m. Housekeeping
9 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Overview
9:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m. Public Meeting
Session—Crash Avoidance and
Electronic Systems Safety Research
10:45 a.m.—11 a.m. Break
11 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Public Meeting
Session—Biomechanics and
Crashworthiness
12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m. Lunch Break
1:15 p.m.—2:15 p.m. Automated
Driving Systems Research
2:15 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Break
2:30 p.m.—4 p.m. Behavioral Safety
Research

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Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2018-0025]

Drugged Driving Call to Action Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NHTSA is announcing a public meeting as part of the Agency's initiative to combat drug-impaired driving on U.S. roads. NHTSA is holding this public meeting to facilitate a national dialogue on best practices, lessons learned, and to develop a call-to-action with short-, mid-, and long-term plans to address drug-impaired driving in the U.S. NHTSA is bringing together key stakeholders—including safety partners; state and local officials; data and policy experts; law enforcement and criminal justice

professionals; toxicologists; drug recognition experts; and others—to join the DOT in setting a course of action and taking measurable steps to address drug-impaired driving. Registration information for this event will be available at www.nhtsa.gov on March 1, 2018. Attendance at the meeting is limited because of space limitations of the DOT Conference Center; however, the meeting will be available for live public viewing on the NHTSA website (www.nhtsa.gov).

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 15, 2018, in Washington, DC. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m., EST. Check-in (through security) will begin at 8:30 a.m. Attendees should arrive early enough to enable them to go through security by no later than 8:50 a.m. to allow sufficient time to enter the building. **ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Atrium of the West Building of the U.S. Department of Transportation, located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 (Green Line Metro Station at Navy Yard). This facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. The meeting will also be webcast live, and a link to the actual webcast will be available on www.NHTSA.gov. NHTSA is committed to providing equal access to this event for all participants. Accessibility requests should be submitted to Caroline Cash at Caroline.Cash@dot.gov or 202-366-9712 by close of business on March 2, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caroline Cash at *caroline.cash@dot.gov* or 202–366–9712.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Driving under the influence of drugs (DUID) is against the law in all 50 States. Early data and anecdotal reports indicate that drug-impaired driving is on the rise, potentially responsible for thousands of driving-related fatalities. As a result, NHTSA and its partners are prioritizing the elimination of drug-impaired driving to ensure U.S. roads, communities, and families are safe. The event is open to the public. The invited speakers include representatives with backgrounds in traffic and highway safety, public health, and representatives from diverse organizations including state government, and other Federal Agencies. Written statements may be submitted to the public docket.

NHTSA will use this meeting to launch a call to action to develop plans to combat the growing problem of drug impaired driving. Saving lives by preventing traffic deaths is NHTSA's top priority. Please go to the NHTSA