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Many federal agencies, state and local governments, port authorities, and the private sector share responsibility for the marine transportation system. Recognizing that the economic, safety, and environmental implications of aging infrastructure, inadequate channels, and congested intermodal connections will become more critical as marine traffic volume increases, the Secretary of Transportation began a multi-agency MTS initiative in March 1998.

The MTS initiative began in the spring of 1998 with seven Regional Listening Sessions to gather stakeholder input on the current state and future needs of the MTS. The input received at the listening sessions became the basis for a National MTS Conference in November of 1998. After the conference, the Secretary established the Congressionally mandated MTS Task Force to conduct an assessment of the U.S. Marine Transportation System. The September 1999 MTS Task Force Report to Congress, *An Assessment of the Marine Transportation System*, recommended action in seven strategic areas. Regional coordination and implementation of the recommendations contained in Chapter 6 of the Report to Congress was the focus of the Regional Dialog Sessions. The docket (USCG-1998-3553) contains the MTS Report to Congress, summaries of the Regional Listening Sessions, the Proceedings of the National MTS Conference, and the Regional Dialog Sessions Summaries. You may access it electronically on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Next Steps

Comments received during the comment period will be considered by an Interagency Committee for the Marine Transportation System and Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council to assess the adequacy of the marine transportation system. They will continue examining the critical marine transportation issues, and recommending strategies and plans of action to ensure safety, advance national interest, including economic competitiveness and national security in the marine transportation arena.

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Director of Waterways Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 159; Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Airborne Navigation Equipment Using Global Positioning System (GPS)

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 159 meeting to be held October 24-27, 2000, starting at 9 a.m. each day. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include:

Specific Working Group Sessions

October 24

Working Group (WG-1), Third Civil Frequency and WG-2C, GPS/Inertial.

October 25

9:00-12:00

WG-4, Precision Landing Guidance (GPS/LAAS) and WG-6, GPS/Interference;

1:30-4:30

WG-2, GPS/WAAS

SC-159 AD Hoc, Recommendation and WG5, Surface Surveillance

October 26

WG-2, GPS/WAAS

WG-4, Precision Landing Guidance (GPS/LAAS) and WG-6, GPS/Interference

October 27: Plenary Session

- (1) Introductory Remarks;
- (2) Approve Summary of Previous Meeting;
- (3) Review Working Group (WG) Progress and Identify Issues for Resolution:
 - (a) GPS/3rd Civil Frequency (WG-1);
 - (b) GPS/WAAS (WG-2);
 - (c) GPS/GLONASS (WG-2A);
 - (d) GPS/Inertial (WG-2C);
 - (e) GPS/Precision Landing Guidance (WG-4);
 - (f) GPS/Airport Surface Surveillance (WG-5);
 - (g) GPS Interference (WG-6);
 - (h) SC-159 Ad Hoc;
- (4) Review of EUROCAE Activities;
- (5) Review/Approve Final Draft, SC-159, Response to the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory Recommendation Regarding Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring;
- (6) Assignment/Review of Future Work;
- (7) Other Business;

- (8) Date and Location of Next Meeting;
- (9) Closing.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, at (202) 833-9339 (phone), (202) 833-9434 (fax). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors on Sunday, November 5, 2000. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. The letter designations that follow each item mean the following: (I) Is an information item; (A) is an action item; (D) is a discussion item. The General Session includes the following items: (1) Introductions and ITS America Antitrust Policy and Conflict of Interest Statements (I); (2) Review & Approval of August 10, 1999 Board Meeting #31 Minutes; (3) Federal ITS Initiatives Report (I/D); (4) Coordinating Council Report (I/D); (5) State Chapters Council Report (I/D); (6) International Affairs Council & World Congresses Reports (I/D); (7) ITS America Trade Association Report (I); (8) President's Report (External Issues) (I/D); (9) Other Business;

Business Session (U.S. DOT participants excused; Board Members, ITS America Members and Staff Only.) (10) Report to the Executive Committee (I/D); (11) Report of the Nominating Committee (I); (12) President's Report (Internal Issues) (I/D); (13) Other Business. Adjournment until January 11, 2001, 2 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting #37 in Washington, D.C.

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